

State of Alaska FY2024 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health General Relief Assistance Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief Assistance

Contribution to Department's Mission

The General Relief Assistance component promotes and protects the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance.

Core Services

- Provide for indigent burials, emergency food, shelter, and clothing for low-income Alaskans who have no other resources available.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2022

- The General Relief Assistance program served 453 recipients during FY2022 with an average benefit amount of \$1,329.
 - The program paid for 158 burials; 109 rental payments; and 69 utilities.

Key Component Challenges

- Meeting the expectation to significantly reduce expenditures while continuing to help families who need assistance paying burial expenses for deceased family members.
- Policy level reviews for all funeral home invoices prior to payment issuance.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2024

- Regulation changes are being discussed to limit the allowable cost per burial and provide for more consistency in applying the benefits equitably.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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| AS 47.25.120-300 | General Relief Assistance |
| 7 AAC 47.020-290 | General Relief Assistance |
| Chapter No. 2, 4 | SSLA 2008 (SB4002) |

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Formula Component

| | FY2022 Actuals | FY2023 Conference Committee | FY2023 Authorized | FY2023 Management Plan | FY2024 Governor | FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 71000 Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 72000 Travel | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 73000 Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 74000 Commodities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 75000 Capital Outlay | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 77000 Grants, Benefits | 630.5 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Totals | 630.5 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Fund Sources: | | | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 630.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 630.5 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Designated General (DGF) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Other Funds | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Federal Funds | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Positions: | | | | | | | |
| Permanent Full Time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Permanent Part Time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Non Permanent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

| Scenario/Change Record Title | Trans Type | Totals | Personal Services | Travel | Services | Commodities | Capital Outlay | Grants, Benefits | Miscellaneous | Positions | | NP |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | PFT | PPT | |
| ***** Changes From FY2023 Conference Committee To FY2023 Authorized ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY2023 Conference Committee | ConfCom | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1004 Gen Fund | | 605.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***** Changes From FY2023 Management Plan To FY2024 Governor ***** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 605.4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health & Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)

| Line Number | Line Name | FY2022 Actuals | FY2023 Management Plan | FY2024 Governor |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 7000 | Grants, Benefits | 630.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2022 Actuals | FY2023 Management Plan | FY2024 Governor |
|--|------------------|---|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals | | | 630.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 7002 | Benefits | AS 41.15.120 provides vendor payments on behalf of eligible individuals for shelter, burial assistance, and other emergent needs. | 630.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| 7000 | Grants, Benefits | | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 |
| Object Class | Servicing Agency | Explanation | FY2022 Actuals | FY2023 Management Plan | FY2024 Governor |
| | | 7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 |
| 7002 | Benefits | AS 41.15.120 provides vendor payments on behalf of eligible individuals for shelter, burial assistance, and other emergent needs. | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 |

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)

| Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source | Component | Comment | FY2022 Actuals | FY2023 Management Plan | FY2024 Governor |
|--|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund) | | | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 |
| 6047 General Fund - Miscellaneous | | General fund | 0.0 | 605.4 | 605.4 |