

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2024 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health**  
**General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living**  
**Component Budget Summary**

**Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living****Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide temporary assisted living funding to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.

**Core Services**

- Provide temporary assisted living funding for vulnerable adults over the age of 18, as referred by Adult Protective Services investigators or community health professionals.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2022**

- The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served 586 clients in FY2022. The division worked closely with care coordinators, hospital discharge planners, assisted living homes, family members, and Adult Protective Services to determine eligibility for the program and to process payments to assisted living homes who provided services to vulnerable adults under the General Relief program.
- Senior and Disabilities Services implemented a waitlist for the program in March 2019. This was necessary as the demand for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living was outpacing the available funding. The division has worked with the provider community to provide education on alternate programs including the Housing and Urban Development 811 program, home and community based waiver programs and Community First Choice, and services that may be available through the Division of Behavioral Health 1115 Demonstration Waiver. The implementation of the waitlist increased education about alternative programs.
- Despite the waitlist being in effect in FY2022, the General Relief program was able to draw 579 applicants from the waitlist with an average waiting time of eight days between the application submission date and the date of program eligibility. The General Relief program worked to ensure prompt eligibility determinations for initial applicants and worked closely with the medical provider community to ensure that program funding was available for safe and swift discharges from hospitals and long-term care settings experiencing COVID-19 related hardships.
- Senior and Disabilities Services continued to use the Harmony system to track and process documentation for General Relief in FY2022. Refinement of the Harmony system brought new ways to track program encumbrances and more accurately project costs. New reports provided increased oversight and program management opportunities leading to efficiencies and streamlined workflows. This has resulted in accurate and expedient provider payments and a quicker process for reviewing and tracking applications. In FY2022, the Harmony system allowed the division to track additional data about the population utilizing General Relief such as: most common diagnoses, guardianship status with the Office of Public Advocacy, and the attrition of General Relief recipients.

**Key Component Challenges**

- Housing and service provision capacity development is a key need for many Alaskan communities. Alaska's senior population is projected to reach more than 100,000 by 2025, and the senior population that requires assistance from this program is anticipated to grow proportionately.
- The need for assisted living home care exists throughout the state of Alaska, but the majority of General Relief Assisted Living Homes are clustered in Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska. General Relief applicants living outside of Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska often have to choose between the services they need and leaving their home community due to the lack of assisted living home options elsewhere in the state.
- The General Relief Program does not provide case management services. Therefore, the division has limited ability to transition individuals from General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program to alternative housing options or programs.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2024

- No significant changes in results to be delivered in FY2024.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.29.020	State Government; Department of Health
AS 47.24	Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions; Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions; Assisted Living Homes
AS 47.65	Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions; Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
7 AAC 47.300-525	General Relief and General Relief Medical; General Relief Assisted Living Home Care
PL 98-459	Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended
42 CFR, Part 440	Public Health; Medical Assistance Programs
45 CFR, Part 1321	Public Welfare; Grants to State and Community Programs on Aging

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)  
**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

Non-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	5,762.3	10,395.0	10,395.0	10,395.0	10,395.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,762.3</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	5,022.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	740.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	9,654.7	9,654.7	9,654.7	9,654.7	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH (UGF)	0.0	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>5,762.3</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)  
**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

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 *****												
<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfCom	10,395.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10,395.0	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH		9,654.7										
		740.3										
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2023 Management Plan To FY2024 Governor *****												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Line Number	Line Name	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits	5,762.3	0.0	0.0

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>5,762.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
7001	Grants		2,265.1	0.0	0.0
7002	Benefits	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	3,497.2	0.0	0.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**

**Department of Health  
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<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	10,395.0	10,395.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
		<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>	<b>10,395.0</b>
7002	Benefits	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	0.0	10,395.0	10,395.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Health & Social Services**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)</b>			<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			4.7	0.0	0.0