

# **State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Family and Community Services Alaska Pioneer Homes Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

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### Contribution to Department's Mission

The Department of Family and Community Services' mission is, "To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans." Alaska Pioneer Homes has been helping to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans since the first home was established in 1913 by the First Territorial Legislature. The current Division's mission summarizes this century-old commitment as, "providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath."

### Core Services

- Memory Care
- Personal Care and Assistance
- Activities
- Food Service
- Provide a Home

### Major RDU Accomplishments in 2023

- Served 614 elders in FY2023. 50 percent required levels 4 or 5 care.
- Installed secured Wi-Fi for staff use to chart resident care and services.
- Expanded the Assisted Living License to include both types of licenses offered in the State of Alaska: Senior Services and Developmental Disability/Mental Health.
- Expanded the scope of Medicaid Services to include providing Residential Supported Living to older adults through the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver.
- Streamlined the annual waitlist eligibility verification process to eliminate the need to send out eligibility letters to each waitlist applicant.

### Key RDU Challenges

- An increasing number of elders on the Division's waitlist are requiring services at a higher level of care for assistance with activities of daily living related to their dementia diagnosis or chronic health care needs. Memory care and higher levels of service require a higher staffing ratio as well as accessible rooms and bathrooms. Staff are currently evaluating low-cost opportunities to add additional memory care or higher-level care beds.
- Continuously identifying areas of efficiencies for the five Pioneer Homes, the Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home, and the centralized Pioneer Homes pharmacy.
- Developing ways to provide care for residents that have complex behaviors beyond the scope of what the Pioneer Homes have previously provided, including the 9-bed complex behavioral neighborhood in the Anchorage Home.
- Recruiting and retaining skilled direct care personnel with competencies in best practices for aging and dementia care and developing training to improve the ability to meet the needs of more complex residents.
- Aging and older infrastructure of each of the homes needs to be addressed before more severe issues arise.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

- Exploring options for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliant communication systems that will allow staff to communicate with outside providers and within the Division more efficiently.
- Implementing a new electronic health record system for the homes.
- Exploring options to improve the homes' security and call light notification systems to improve resident safety.
- Implementing an online application process for the Alaska Pioneer Homes waitlist.

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**Alaska Pioneer Homes  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2023 Actuals				FY2024 Management Plan				FY2025 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
APH Payment Assistance	29,598.8	0.0	0.0	29,598.8	33,964.3	0.0	0.0	33,964.3	33,964.3	0.0	0.0	33,964.3
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	1,719.7	0.0	0.0	1,719.7	1,773.1	0.0	0.0	1,773.1	1,839.7	0.0	0.0	1,839.7
Pioneer Homes	23,756.9	40,623.2	2,053.5	66,433.6	26,007.7	44,314.7	2,590.2	72,912.6	27,192.3	45,616.8	2,703.6	75,512.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55,075.4</b>	<b>40,623.2</b>	<b>2,053.5</b>	<b>97,752.1</b>	<b>61,745.1</b>	<b>44,314.7</b>	<b>2,590.2</b>	<b>108,650.0</b>	<b>62,996.3</b>	<b>45,616.8</b>	<b>2,703.6</b>	<b>111,316.7</b>

**Alaska Pioneer Homes  
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component  
From FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor**

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	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2024 Management Plan</b>	<b>38,434.9</b>	<b>23,310.2</b>	<b>44,314.7</b>	<b>2,590.2</b>	<b>108,650.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	66.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.6
-Pioneer Homes	122.9	1,061.7	802.1	113.4	2,100.1
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Pioneer Homes	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	500.0
<b>FY2025 Governor</b>	<b>38,624.4</b>	<b>24,371.9</b>	<b>45,616.8</b>	<b>2,703.6</b>	<b>111,316.7</b>