

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

## **Department of Public Safety Rural Trooper Housing Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Rural Trooper Housing**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

**Core Services**

- Provide leased and state-owned housing for state troopers in rural communities, which is essential for recruitment and retention in rural Alaska.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2023**

The Department of Public Safety continued converting existing housing into two-on/two-off housing options. This provided cost savings to the State for moving expenses and leasing. The department also implemented a work order request system for troopers to communicate issues directly with the facilities section and have them tracked. This allows the Facilities Section to respond to needs more efficiently and provides troopers with prompt and more frequent responses to their requests. It has also allowed the department to reduce the frequency of emergency-fix requests, which is a cost savings and has improved trooper morale.

The department began construction on a new trooper housing complex in Nome. The department continues to project-manage many maintenance requests and construction projects, including small and large procurements.

The department was awarded a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development associated with its Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. The award was \$2,982.3 and is targeted for use to acquire and repair trooper housing in outlying areas of Alaska and improve trooper posts.

**Key Component Challenges**

Accessibility to housing options is a key challenge to the Alaska State Troopers (AST), Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT), Court Service Officers (CSO), and Fire and Life Safety (FLS). Housing in rural hub locations is a necessary component to mitigate this challenge. Adequate housing is often scarce in the remote regions of the state because construction materials are difficult and expensive to transport and there are usually not enough resources in each community to easily build and maintain comfortable housing. In communities where the state leases housing, that housing is often the only option, and therefore, it becomes very expensive because the state lacks bargaining power with lessors. In communities where the state owns housing, there is often great difficulty finding contractors available and willing to travel to maintain the buildings, which increases expense. This includes shipping all necessary materials, which takes time, money, and the right weather conditions, making a simple maintenance project a logistical puzzle. The rising cost of transportation for people and goods has impacted on the department's ability to respond to these requests.

Affordable, decent housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Experience has shown that if housing is unavailable, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts and their tenure at those locations is shorter. This results in increased and more frequent trooper moves to and from rural areas with substantial associated costs, as well as retention issues with trained troopers leaving employment rather than moving to areas with no or sub-standard housing.

The department currently has 65 housing units located in rural Alaska where housing is traditionally scarce. There are 13 state-owned units and 52 leased units in the following 21 communities: Aniak (2), Bethel (20), Cantwell (3), Coldfoot (1), Cordova (2), Dillingham (6), Dutch Harbor (1), Emmonak (1), Galena (3), Healy (1), Hoonah (1), Hooper Bay (1), King Salmon (4), Kotzebue (8), McGrath (1), Nenana (1), Nome (3), Selawik (1), St. Mary's (3), Togiak (1), and Unalakleet (1).

Another primary challenge is maintaining relationships and upholding expectations for lessors across the state,

coupled with troopers rotating through units. The department facilities section is located in Anchorage and unable to travel for every trooper check-in and check-out, which often leads to immediate renovation or maintenance requests when a trooper moves in. Such requests would typically be identified by lessors or facilities staff, but often neither are in the same community as the housing.

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

The department is expanding its facilities section, which is the primary section responsible for maintaining rural trooper housing maintenance and leasing. This will provide more proactive care for rural trooper housing across the state, including quicker responses to maintenance requests, implementation of standard care expectations, and closer accountability for lessors to maintain housing at the contracted caliber.

Healthy, safe, and well-maintained housing is essential for retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Current housing management is largely reactive in nature, resulting in costs that could have been avoided through preventative maintenance. Deferred maintenance funding and implementation of the Rural Trooper Housing rehabilitation program will allow the department to proactively manage and administer the program to ensure that troopers stationed at rural posts will have safe and habitable housing.

The department will continue to search for affordable, comfortable housing in rural areas. Repair needs will be identified, prioritized, and accomplished to the extent funding permits. Ongoing coordination between Department of Transportation/Public Facilities (DOT/PF) and contractors traveling to rural areas is important to maximize efforts to share travel costs and other expenses when possible.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)

State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)

Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)

Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)  
**RDU:** Alaska State Troopers (160)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor	
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
2000 Travel	0.0	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
3000 Services	2,440.3	4,107.5	4,107.5	4,711.0	4,711.0	5,101.0	390.0	8.3%
4000 Commodities	8.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	0.0	0.0%
7000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,448.9</b>	<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>7,506.0</b>	<b>390.0</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>								
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	0.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,324.6	2,082.4	2,082.4	2,082.4	2,082.4	2,472.4	390.0	18.7%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	1,124.3	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	0.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>1,324.6</b>	<b>2,082.4</b>	<b>2,082.4</b>	<b>2,082.4</b>	<b>2,082.4</b>	<b>2,472.4</b>	<b>390.0</b>	<b>18.7%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>1,124.3</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>								
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)  
**RDU:** Alaska State Troopers (160)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2024 Enrolled</b>	Enrolled	7,116.0	0.0	3.5	4,107.5	5.0	0.0	3,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		3,000.0										
1004 Gen Fund		2,082.4										
1005 GF/Prgm		1,997.6										
1007 I/A Rcpts		36.0										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4,107.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2024 Authorized To FY2024 Management Plan *****												
<b>Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures</b>	LIT	0.0	0.0	-3.5	603.5	0.0	2,400.0	-3,000.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from travel and grants and benefits for anticipated expenditures related to a federal Congressionally Directed Spending grant to support housing needs for troopers stationed in rural Alaska.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,116.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4,711.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2,400.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
<b>Address Increasing Lease and Utility Costs for Rural Trooper Housing</b>	Inc	390.0	0.0	0.0	390.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		390.0										
The department is facing inflationary cost increases for its rural trooper housing units for utilities and rent. Between FY2021 and FY2023 overall electricity costs rose from \$166.0 to \$237.1, water and sewage costs rose from \$80.6 to \$88.4, and heating oil costs rose from \$184.8 to \$324.8. Lease costs increased by \$168.7.												
An FY2023 appropriation for rural trooper housing leases will cover new lease cost for a 14-plex building in Nome and rising costs for an emergency lease extension for a 10-unit complex in Kotzebue but did not address rising costs of rent and utilities throughout the state.												
Adding \$390.0 to the base budget will align the department's budget with actual costs for electricity, water, sewage, heating oil, and leases for posts throughout Alaska.												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,506.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,101.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2,400.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Services**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
3000	Services		2,440.3	4,711.0	5,101.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>2,440.3</b>	<b>4,711.0</b>	<b>5,101.0</b>
3000	Education Services	Online training from Association of Communications Officials (APCO)	1.0	5.0	5.0
3001	Financial Services	Interest, penalties, and fines.	0.6	1.3	1.3
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery services	0.4	1.0	1.0
3008	Utilities	Gas, electric, water and sewer, and other utility costs for rural trooper housing units.	687.3	1,355.0	1,500.0
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Rural Trooper Housing unit lease costs.	1,611.8	2,455.0	2,600.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Rural Trooper Housing unit equipment repair and maintenance services.	0.6	130.0	130.0
3011	Other Services	Other Adjustments to compensate for GFPR=Revenue for FY23	-47.7	510.7	510.7
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide Facilities maintenance costs including lawn maintenance, snow removal and janitorial services for state owned buildings.	174.5	200.0	200.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide Department of Law legal services (I/A transfer to DOL).	0.7	2.0	2.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide Risk management for property and overhead insurance.	11.1	13.0	13.0
3035	Inter-Agency Other Equipment/Machinery	Labor - Department-wide Equipment expenses.	0.0	38.0	138.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Commodities**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
4000	Commodities		8.6	5.0	5.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>8.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
4000	Business	Small equipment/tools for housing unit repairs.	7.4	4.0	4.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Washing machine.	0.8	0.0	0.0
4011	Electrical	Electrical repairs for housing unit.	0.3	0.5	0.5
4015	Parts and Supplies	Small equipment, tools, plumbing parts, building material, and misc. supplies for housing unit repairs and maintenance.	0.1	0.5	0.5

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Capital Outlay**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>			<b>FY2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2024 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2025 Governor</b>
5000	Capital Outlay			0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>		<b>FY2023 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2024 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2025 Governor</b>
<b>5000 Capital Outlay Detail Totals</b>				<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,400.0</b>	<b>2,400.0</b>
5002	Structures and Infrastructure	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Federal congressionally directed spending to support the acquisition of facilities, including housing, to establish Alaska State Trooper posts in rural Alaska locations.	0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0



**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
<b>5002 Fed Rcpts (1002 Fed Rcpts)</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>	<b>3,000.0</b>
5014 Federal Public Protection - Miscellaneous Grants		Federal congressionally directed spending to support the acquisition of facilities, including housing, to establish Alaska State Trooper posts in rural Alaska locations.	0.0	3,000.0	3,000.0
<b>5005 GF/Prgm (1005 GF/Prgm)</b>			<b>1,124.3</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>	<b>1,997.6</b>
5118 Program Receipts Public Protection - Rent and Royalties		Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) contract negotiated housing, rent paid by employees serving in rural posts throughout Alaska. These rents are deducted from the employees' payroll and deposited into the Rural Trooper Housing component.	1,124.3	1,997.6	1,997.6
<b>5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Sublease #12-06-006 of Bethel rural trooper housing unit to DOTPF M&O.	0.0	36.0	36.0

**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Rural Trooper Housing (515)

				FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
<b>Component Totals</b>				<b>186.3</b>	<b>2,653.0</b>	<b>2,753.0</b>
With Department of Transportation and Public Facilities				174.5	200.0	200.0
With Department of Law				0.7	2.0	2.0
With Department of Administration				11.1	13.0	13.0
With Department of Labor and Workforce Development				0.0	38.0	138.0
With Department of Public Safety				0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	Facilities maintenance costs including lawn maintenance, snow removal and janitorial services for state owned buildings.	174.5	200.0	200.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Department of Law legal services (I/A transfer to DOL).	0.7	2.0	2.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Risk management for property and overhead insurance.	11.1	13.0	13.0
3035	Inter-Agency Other Equipment/Machinery	Labor - Department-wide	Equipment expenses.	0.0	38.0	138.0
5002	Structures and Infrastructure	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Federal congressionally directed spending to support the acquisition of facilities, including housing, to establish Alaska State Trooper posts in rural Alaska locations.	0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0