

# **State of Alaska FY2026 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 2024**

Phase 1 of the construction on a new trooper housing complex in Nome is near completion, which will avail seven units. The department continues to implement a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development targeted for the acquisition and repair of rural trooper housing. Properties to acquire have been identified and the department is working with the Department of Natural Resources Realty Services Section to perform required assessments and purchase the properties.

**Key Component Challenges**

Accessibility to housing options remains a major 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 critical to addressing this challenge. Adequate housing is often scarce in remote regions because construction materials are difficult and expensive to transport, local resources are usually insufficient to build and maintain comfortable housing. In communities where the state leases housing, it often becomes the only option, resulting in high costs due to limited bargaining power with lessors.

In communities with state-owned housing, finding contractors willing to travel for maintenance is challenging and costly. This includes shipping all necessary materials, which requires time, money, and favorable weather conditions, making even simple maintenance projects logistically complex. Rising transportation costs for people and goods have further impacted the department's ability to address these issues promptly.

Affordable and decent housing is essential for retaining 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 in these locations tends to be shorter. This results in frequent relocations and increased costs, as well as retention issues with trained troopers leaving state service rather than moving to areas without adequate housing.

Maintaining a rural trooper housing program that ensures adequate housing is an ongoing challenge. Examples include:

- One rural trooper housing unit in Kotzebue is currently in lease holdover due to a frozen city water line, displacing a sergeant. Temporary quarters have been identified but are not sufficient.
- Units in Dillingham have water quality issues.
- Lack of amenities, such as garages, deters troopers from bidding for rural posts.

The department currently has 71 housing units across 21 rural Alaskan communities, including 13 state-owned units and 52 leased units. These communities, (with the number of housing units) include: Aniak (2), Bethel (26), Cantwell (3), Coldfoot (1), Cordova (2), Dillingham (8), Dutch Harbor (1), Emmonak (1), Galena (3), Hoonah (1), Hooper Bay (1), King Salmon (4), Kotzebue (10), McGrath (1), Nenana (1), Nome (18) Selawik (1), St. Mary's (3), Togiak (1), and Unalakleet (1).

Another significant challenge is maintaining relationships with lessors across the state while managing trooper rotations through the units. The department facilities section, based in Anchorage, cannot travel for every trooper check-in and check-out, which often leads to maintenance requests when a trooper moves in. These requests would typically be identified by lessors or facilities staff, but they are often not present in the same community as the housing.

Healthy, safe, and well-maintained housing is crucial for retaining state troopers in rural Alaska. Current housing management is largely reactive in nature, resulting in costs that could have been avoided through preventative maintenance.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2026

Deferred maintenance funding and the implementation of the Rural Trooper Housing rehabilitation program will enable the department to proactively manage and maintain housing, ensuring that troopers stationed at rural posts will have safe and habitable housing.

The department will continue to seek and acquire affordable, comfortable housing in rural areas. Repair needs will be identified, prioritized, and addressed as funding allows. Ongoing coordination with the Department of Transportation/Public Facilities (DOT/PF) and contractors traveling to rural areas will be essential to maximize cost-sharing opportunities.

The department plans to acquire housing units in Dillingham, Aniak, and St Mary's with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. These units will require grant-funded light construction and repairs before they can be occupied.

### 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

	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Enrolled	FY2025 Authorized	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2026 Governor	FY2025 Management Plan vs FY2026 Governor	
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
3000 Services	2,549.0	5,101.0	5,101.0	5,101.0	3,498.2	3,498.2	-1,602.8	-31.4%
4000 Commodities	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	2,400.0	0.0	0.0%
7000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	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>2,553.1</b>	<b>7,506.0</b>	<b>7,506.0</b>	<b>7,506.0</b>	<b>5,903.2</b>	<b>5,903.2</b>	<b>-1,602.8</b>	<b>-21.4%</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)	1,622.7	2,472.4	2,472.4	2,472.4	869.6	869.6	-1,602.8	-64.8%
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	921.9	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	1,997.6	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	8.5	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>1,622.7</b>	<b>2,472.4</b>	<b>2,472.4</b>	<b>2,472.4</b>	<b>869.6</b>	<b>869.6</b>	<b>-1,602.8</b>	<b>-64.8%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>921.9</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>8.5</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 FY2025 Enrolled To FY2025 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2025 Enrolled</b>	Enrolled	7,506.0	0.0	0.0	5,101.0	5.0	2,400.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		3,000.0										
1004 Gen Fund		2,472.4										
1005 GF/Prgm		1,997.6										
1007 I/A Rcpts		36.0										
<b>Subtotal</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>
***** Changes From FY2025 Management Plan To FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base *****												
<b>Transfer Authority to Alaska State Troopers (AST) Facility Maintenance and Operations to Adhere to AS 37.07.020(e)</b>	Trout	-1,602.8	0.0	0.0	-1,602.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-1,602.8										
Transfer services authority to Alaska State Troopers Facility Maintenance and Operations to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5,903.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,498.2</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 FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2026 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,903.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,498.2</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		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
3000	Services		2,549.0	5,101.0	3,498.2
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>2,549.0</b>	<b>5,101.0</b>	<b>3,498.2</b>
3000	Education Services	Online training from Association of Communications Officials (APCO)	0.2	4.8	100.0
3001	Financial Services	Interest, penalties, and fines.	0.2	0.3	5.0
3004	Telecommunications	Long distance, local, cellular, and basic telephone equipment purchases.	0.1	0.1	1.0
3006	Delivery Services	Delivery services	0.1	1.0	1.0
3008	Utilities	Gas, electric, water and sewer, and other utility costs for rural trooper housing units.	682.3	1,500.0	0.0
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Rural Trooper Housing unit lease costs.	1,749.0	2,600.0	0.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Rural Trooper Housing unit equipment repair and maintenance services.	5.0	130.0	250.0
3011	Other Services	Other:Adjustments to compensate for GFPR=Revenue and other services, contract as required for maintenance and support of housing and facilities.	0.0	510.7	2,911.2
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide Facilities maintenance costs including law maintenance, snow removal and janitorial services for state owned buildings.	103.9	200.0	0.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide State-owned building leases.	1.1	1.1	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide Department of Law legal services (I/A transfer to DOL).	0.0	2.0	10.0

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**Department of Public Safety**  
**Services**

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

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>2,549.0</b>	<b>5,101.0</b>	<b>3,498.2</b>
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	7.1	13.0	20.0
3035	Inter-Agency Other Equipment/Machinery	Labor - Department-wide	0.0	138.0	200.0

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

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

Line Number	Line Name		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
4000	Commodities		4.1	5.0	5.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
4000	Business	Small equipment/tools for housing unit repairs.	0.0	3.0	3.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Supplies for maintenance, cleaning and upkeep of rural trooper housing.	1.3	0.5	0.5
4011	Electrical	Electrical repairs for housing unit.	0.0	0.5	0.5
4015	Parts and Supplies	Small equipment, tools, plumbing parts, building material, and misc. supplies for housing unit repairs and maintenance.	2.8	1.0	1.0



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

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

Line Number	Line Name		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
5000	Capital Outlay		0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
<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)	0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
		Federal congressionally directed spending to support the acquisition of facilities, including housing, to establish Alaska State Trooper posts in rural Alaska locations.			

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

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

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 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>921.9</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.	921.9	1,997.6	1,997.6
<b>5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)</b>			<b>8.5</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	PubSaf - Rural Trooper Housing (515)	Sublease of Bethel rural trooper housing unit to DOTPF M&O.	0.0	27.5	27.5
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Trans - Department-wide	MOA for DOT housing in Cold Bay.	8.5	8.5	8.5

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

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

				FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
<b>Component Totals</b>				<b>112.1</b>	<b>2,754.1</b>	<b>2,630.0</b>
With Department of Transportation and Public Facilities				105.0	201.1	0.0
With Department of Law				0.0	2.0	10.0
With Department of Administration				7.1	13.0	20.0
With Department of Labor and Workforce Development				0.0	138.0	200.0
With Department of Public Safety				0.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	Facilities maintenance costs including law maintenance, snow removal and janitorial services for state owned buildings.	103.9	200.0	0.0
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Trans - Department-wide	State-owned building leases.	1.1	1.1	0.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Law - Department-wide	Department of Law legal services (I/A transfer to DOL).	0.0	2.0	10.0
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	Risk management for property and overhead insurance.	7.1	13.0	20.0
3035	Inter-Agency Other Equipment/Machinery	Labor - Department-wide	Equipment expenses.	0.0	138.0	200.0
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