

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Corrections
Transportation and Classification
Component

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Component Mission

To provide proper classification of all offenders entering into the correctional system and to coordinate the housing of all offenders. To operate a central transportation unit in a manner that efficiently and effectively addresses custody and supervision requirements. To minimize public risk when prisoners are outside the secure perimeter of a correctional facility through the use of sound correctional transportation practices. To provide quality training and certification to each officer assigned transportation responsibilities.

Component Services Provided

The Classification and Transportation Unit classifies all offenders who enter the correctional system, determining their appropriate security and custody levels. The Unit then coordinates the proper placement of the offenders, taking into consideration the space available in the various institutions. Preventing overcrowding frequently requires prisoner transports between institutions. The Unit schedules transportation staff and coordinates moves with the Department of Public Safety as well as with contract and commercial airline services. Prisoner Transportation Officers are specially trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety in the use of force and restraints and the use of firearms to promote the safe and secure escort of prisoners outside the confines of a correctional facility.

Component Goals and Strategies

- Ensure the safety of the public, correctional staff, and the prisoner population by classifying prisoners at their appropriate custody and security levels and then placing them at institutions that are appropriate for their custody and security levels.
- Maintain a sufficient numbers of properly trained prisoner transportation officers.
- Coordinate and schedule all transports in a cost-effective manner.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

- Continuing growth in the prisoner population affects both classification and transportation. Currently, over 800 Alaska prisoners are housed in the Central Arizona Detention Center and up to 718 are housed in community residential centers (Halfway Houses). Prisoner traffic to and from these contract in-state and out-of-state facilities will be up in FY2002. This will require additional time-sensitive assessments be made by this unit in order to maintain in-state institutions below their emergency capacities.
- Although the Unit makes great efforts to schedule prisoner moves in a cost-efficient manner, the increased cost of airfares will have a financial impact on this component. In addition, maintaining in-state institutions at capacity requires movement of both unsentenced and sentenced prisoners. Transporting unsentenced prisoners for population management purposes, although necessary, can be inherently inefficient since they must be returned for court dates, necessitating yet another round of movement.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

- The Classification and Transportation Unit evaluated each prisoner placement to maximize use of the Department's prisoner housing resources while at the same time attempting to prevent overcrowding at any of the institutions.

- The Unit coordinated and accomplished in excess of 9,000 prisoner moves between institutions, medical offices, and airports with no escapes, injuries, or significant damage to property.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) Probation, Prisons and Prisoners (AS 33)
- 2) Welfare, Social Services and Institutions (AS 47)
- 3) Health and Safety (AS 18)
- 4) Criminal Law (AS 11)
- 5) Public Finance (AS 37)
- 6) State Government (AS 44)
- 7) Create Corrections (EX.OR.55)
- 8) Corrections (22 AAC)

Transportation and Classification
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	846.8	758.2	928.4
72000 Travel	895.8	523.9	523.9
73000 Contractual	97.7	60.0	60.0
74000 Supplies	8.9	3.6	3.6
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,849.2	1,345.7	1,515.9
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	41.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,710.3	1,206.8	1,334.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	138.9	138.9	140.9
Funding Totals	1,849.2	1,345.7	1,515.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.0	41.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	138.9	138.9	138.9	140.9	140.9
Restricted Total		138.9	138.9	138.9	181.9	181.9
Total Estimated Revenues		138.9	138.9	138.9	181.9	181.9

Transportation and Classification**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

- Additional Federal Receipts of \$41.0 for housing federal inmates will provide funding to bring vacancy factor to within tolerance for this component.

Summary of Component Budget Changes**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	1,206.8	0.0	138.9	1,345.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	0.4	0.0	2.0	2.4
-Transfer Furlough Unit from Sixth Avenue C.C.	126.8	0.0	0.0	126.8
Proposed budget increases:				
-Federal Manday Cost of Care	0.0	41.0	0.0	41.0
FY2002 Governor	1,334.0	41.0	140.9	1,515.9

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	13	15	Annual Salaries	678,234
Part-time	0	0	COLA	14,199
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	13,299
			Annual Benefits	261,411
			<i>Less 4.01% Vacancy Factor</i>	(38,743)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	13	15	Total Personal Services	928,400

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Adult Probation Off II	2	0	0	0	2
Adult Probation Off III	1	0	0	0	1
Adult Probation Off IV	1	0	0	0	1
Adult Probation Off V	1	0	0	0	1
Correctional Officer II	6	0	0	0	6
Correctional Officer IV	1	0	0	0	1
Statistical Clerk	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	15	0	0	0	15