

# **State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Labor and Workforce Development Independent Living Rehabilitation Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Independent Living Rehabilitation**

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### **Component Mission**

Promote a philosophy of independent living through peer support, self help, self determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy in order to maximize the empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and their integration and full inclusion into mainstream society.

### **Component Services Provided**

The Independent Living component addresses the needs of those persons who experience significant disabilities. These individuals are often unable to work; they are often institutionalized at taxpayer expense in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. A major focus of the independent living program is the development of support and transition systems to allow persons with severe disabilities to move from institutions into community living environments at considerably less cost to the public. Examples of services supporting transition include the development of barrier-free housing, accessible transportation, training of personal care attendants, self-advocacy skills training, adaptive equipment and aids, consultation, personal care management training and referral services to other programs and benefits for which the individual may be eligible. In addition, the provision of independent living services may result in the individual acquiring the skills and resources necessary to secure employment.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ENABLE ALASKANS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

- \* Ensure that high quality independent living services are available statewide;
- \* Require annual work plans by grantees and conduct triennial (every 3 years) site reviews of independent living grants to ensure grantees are adhering to the terms of their grant agreements and are in compliance with the State Plan for Independent Living and all applicable state and federal laws on independent living;
- \* Provide statewide independent living services through grant agreements with Centers for Independent Living;
- \* Provide statewide independent living services for individuals who are blind and age 55 or older through grant agreements with Centers for Independent Living and/or Specialized Service Providers.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) will continue major efforts to improve and expand transportation services for people with disabilities statewide, develop opportunities for home ownership, and expand efforts to get Medicaid funded persons with disabilities living in nursing homes or in danger of having to be institutionalized, living independently in the community of their choice.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

Direct services were provided to over 2,000 individuals with significant disabilities through grants to non-profit centers for Independent Living in five regions: Anchorage/Matsu, Southeast, Northwest (Kotzebue), Northern/Interior, and Gulf Coast.

The SILC organized a statewide transportation summit, and is helping with the formation of the Alaska Mobility Coalition whose goal is to improve and expand transportation services to Alaskans with disabilities and mobility impaired seniors.

The SILC Successfully advocated for new federal housing supports for low-income Alaskans with disabilities.

## **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

PL 150-220, Title IV  
AS 23.15, Article 1  
8 AAC 98  
34 CFR Parts 364,365,366 & 367  
AS 47.80.300

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**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	87.9	80.6	0.0
72000 Travel	42.9	36.8	11.6
73000 Contractual	54.6	89.0	54.0
74000 Supplies	4.9	5.8	1.5
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	1,269.2	1,380.6	761.8
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,459.5</b>	<b>1,592.8</b>	<b>828.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	584.5	770.8	770.8
1003 General Fund Match	57.8	57.8	58.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	619.1	619.1	0.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	198.1	145.1	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,459.5</b>	<b>1,592.8</b>	<b>828.9</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004**

The \$618.8 general fund reduction the component received eliminates the state supplement to the federal Independent Living program while maintaining full match funding to obtain all available Title VII, Part B federal funds. This will result in reductions to Independent Living Center staff, expenditures and services to clients with disabilities. It is estimated that the program will be able to serve 1,370 clients. There will be a reduced presence in Anchorage and Juneau, and other Centers may have to reduce operating hours or close. The Centers will need to seek funding from their other funding sources including the Mental Health Trust Fund, National Science Foundation, United Way and federal.

The Project Coordinator (PCN 05-2200) position that supported the State Independent Living Council (SILC) is being deleted. Support to the SILC will continue to be provided by existing staff. Efficiencies gained from the coordination of programs through the establishment of the new Division of Business Partnerships will allow a reassignment of duties so that the support of the SILC can be absorbed.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>676.9</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>1,592.8</b>
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Decrease Interagency Receipt Authorization and Delete PCN 05-2200 Project Coordinator	0.0	0.0	-145.1	-145.1
-Reduce General Funds for Independent Living Rehabilitation Program	-618.8	0.0	0.0	-618.8
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>828.9</b>

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**Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>		
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	1	0	Annual Salaries	0
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	0
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>0</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
No personal services.					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>