

# **State of Alaska FY2008 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**

The Rural Trooper Housing component provides 65 employee housing units in rural Alaska locations where housing is traditionally scarce. There are 15 state-owned units and 50 leased units in the following communities: Aniak (3), Bethel (20), Cantwell (3), Coldfoot (1), Cooper Landing (1), Dillingham (4), Dutch Harbor (9), Emmonak (2), Galena (3), Healy (1), Iliamna (2), Kotzebue (7), McGrath (1), Nenana (1), Ninilchik (1), Northway (1), Selawik (1), Unalakleet (1), and St. Mary's (3). There is also a single housing unit in Bethel used by AST for regional meetings/training conferences, physical training/exercise, and temporary lodging purposes. Trooper tenants pay rent established at a rate set in collective bargaining agreements to cover an average of about forty percent of the total operating cost of the units.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
<b>FY2008 Component Budget: \$2,209,500</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

**Key Component Challenges**

In order to accomplish its mission, the Alaska State Troopers (AST) must be able to transfer troopers to rural areas of the state, often on short notice. Troopers and their families must have habitable housing in rural locations where traditional forms of real estate or rental markets are often non-existent. Affordable, decent, state-provided housing is essential for recruitment and retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. Experience shows that if housing is unavailable, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts.

The Department of Public Safety operates and maintains 15 state-owned housing units in eight locations in Western and Interior Alaska. These units are all 30 years of age or older and in many cases were transferred to the department from federal agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Health and Human Services, or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Nine of these housing units are off the road system, resulting in significant logistics and maintenance costs for contractors and materials.

Housing units need regular maintenance to assure all appliances and electrical, water, plumbing, and heating systems are operational. Regular maintenance also helps to provide a housing standard equivalent to that currently provided by other state and federal agencies that provide employee housing in rural Alaska.

The Rural Trooper Housing operating budget contains funds to make lease payments and pay utilities, with a minimal amount available for minor maintenance or emergency repairs for immediate health and safety concerns and renovations associated with short-notice or unplanned trooper relocations.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission is recommending closure of the United States Air Force Galena Air Station. This will affect the Department of Public Safety, as there are three state-owned housing units located in that community. Electricity, water, and sewer services for those units are connected to the Galena Air Station utility plants operated now by the City of Galena. With the closure of the air station to be completed within 2 to 6 years, Public Safety must plan to support its facilities with a septic system, a water well with purifications system, and routing of

electricity to the City of Galena's system. Public Safety's facility management and AST are now working with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, as well as the City of Galena, to resolve these housing issues.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

Affordable, quality, state-provided housing is essential for recruitment and retention of state troopers in rural Alaska. If housing is unavailable or is substandard, troopers are less willing to transfer to rural posts. In fact, there have been occasions when the department had to order troopers to be involuntarily transferred to rural locations. The department has embarked upon a phased expansion of its rural trooper housing program to improve recruitment and retention.

In FY2007, five additional housing units are planned for Aniak, one in Cooper Landing, two in Dutch Harbor, one in Gambell, two in King Salmon, one in McGrath, one in Northway, and one in Unalakleet. The FY2008 budget includes funds for Phase III of the rural trooper housing expansion in rural Alaska: one more unit in Dillingham and two more in King Salmon.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

In FY2006, the department activated a newly constructed housing complex in Bethel, consisting of twenty housing units and one multiple-use common facility leased from a Bethel area builder-developer under a 20-year state lease.

The department also activated several new smaller trooper housing leases: two units in Dutch Harbor and one each in Cooper Landing, Emmonak, Selawik, and Unalakleet. The department also upgraded the single leased housing unit in Ninilchik to a more modern energy-efficient house with a double car garage at lower overall cost.

Rural trooper housing maintenance projects completed in FY2006 included construction of new double car heated garage in Northway, complete kitchen remodel in Coldfoot, complete carpet install in unit #3 at Galena and the exterior painting of two Dillingham units. In addition, a major project in Cantwell to replace all electrical wiring and water supply lines that started in spring 2006 is scheduled for completion in late 2006.

## 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)  
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)  
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)  
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)  
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)  
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))  
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)  
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)  
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)  
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)  
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)  
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)  
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)  
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)  
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)  
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)  
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)  
Aeronautics (AS 02)  
Criminal (AS 11)  
Environment (AS 46)  
Fish & Game (AS 16)  
Fish & Game (5 AAC)  
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)  
Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)

Health & Safety (AS 18)  
Limited Entry (20 AAC)  
State Government (AS 44)

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### Rural Trooper Housing Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	84.4	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	6.1	6.4	6.4
73000 Services	1,359.4	2,108.1	2,198.1
74000 Commodities	23.8	5.0	5.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,473.7</b>	<b>2,119.5</b>	<b>2,209.5</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,003.6	1,228.9	1,279.3
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	470.1	890.6	930.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,473.7</b>	<b>2,119.5</b>	<b>2,209.5</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Manageme nt Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	470.1	890.6	930.2
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>470.1</b>	<b>890.6</b>	<b>930.2</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>470.1</b>	<b>890.6</b>	<b>930.2</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

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	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2007 Management Plan</b>	<b>1,228.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>890.6</b>	<b>2,119.5</b>
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Phase III - Enhance Rural Trooper Housing	50.4	0.0	39.6	90.0
<b>FY2008 Governor</b>	<b>1,279.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>930.2</b>	<b>2,209.5</b>