

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Administration
Public Broadcasting - Radio
Component

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Component Mission

To ensure infrastructure for the dissemination of information statewide.

Component Services Provided

This component holds funding for grants to public radio stations. The Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission supports the delivery of public broadcasting programming by 27 public radio stations throughout Alaska. Public radio provides the most thorough, and in many cases the only, coverage of statewide news and information available to Alaskans, especially those in rural locations. Additionally, public radio serves as the local community center for local news and information and messaging to outlying areas.

Component Goals and Strategies

SUPPORT PUBLIC RADIO STATIONS IN THEIR DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

- Alaska Public Radio Stations will be coordinated by the Alaska Public Broadcasting Joint Venture office, a non-state agency working on behalf of the Commission and stations.
- The Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission requires that the grantees demonstrate their proposals' cost-effectiveness through a process reviewed by the Commission.
- Funding will be distributed on the basis of proposals that best meet the standards of regional cooperation, cost-efficient program sharing, and cost-beneficial consolidation of overhead.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

- Funding reductions over the past decade and a half have created diminished systems. Stations are threatened with the loss of federal operating funds as their state matching funds decrease. Staff and management turnover has increased creating extraordinary pressures on the system to maintain continuity of service.
- Funding has declined to a level where a number of stations are unable to provide staff to produce local news and information, their primary function. Many others are struggling to maintain those services for their communities.
- There is a significant possibility that the cost of satellite services will increase dramatically in comparison to the favorable rates the state has enjoyed over the past two decades making the satellite delivery of programming too expensive for system use.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

- Based on the revision and implementation of the Commission's strategic plan and the clear need for system-wide coordination and management oversight, the Commission implemented the Alaska Public Broadcasting Joint Venture (APBJV) office beginning July 1, 1999. In its first year, the APBJV saved the system over \$2 million dollars while assisting the grantees in generating an additional \$480,000 in federal funding.
- Public radio has increasingly brought cost efficiencies to their operations through regional cooperatives.
- Through a federal Public Telecommunications Facilities Program grant and state matching funds, the regional cooperatives have fully implemented the Satellite Interconnection Project including the delivery of public radio, public television and distance delivery television. Through digitization, public broadcasting has increased the delivery of service to Alaskans from one statewide service to five.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.21.256

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	2,599.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,599.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,599.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
Funding Totals	2,599.9	2,469.9	2,469.9

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

Public radio stations will continue efforts to share programming and administrative overhead.

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	2,469.9	0.0	0.0	2,469.9
FY2002 Governor	2,469.9	0.0	0.0	2,469.9