

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Administration Public Broadcasting - Radio Component Budget Summary

Component: Public Broadcasting - Radio

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Component Mission

To ensure infrastructure for the dissemination of public radio programming information statewide.

Component Services Provided

- This component contains funding for grants to public radio stations.
- The Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission grants support 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

- Require the grantees to demonstrate their proposals' cost-effectiveness through a process reviewed by the Commission.
- Distribute grant funding on the basis of proposals that best meet the standards of regional cooperation, cost-efficient program sharing, and cost-beneficial consolidation of overhead.
- Alaska public radio stations will continue to be coordinated by the Alaska Public Broadcasting Joint Venture (APBJV) a non-state agency working on behalf of the Commission and the stations.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

- 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.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

- 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.
- The Joint Venture developed and received funding for a proposal to examine the opportunities for public broadcasters in the Anchorage area to cooperate in a number of basic areas, and also worked with a consortium of ten remote rural public radio stations to secure outside consulting services for planning.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 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	2,469.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,469.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,469.9	2,469.9	2,469.9
Funding Totals	2,469.9	2,469.9	2,469.9

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

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

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	2,469.9	0.0	0.0	2,469.9
FY2003 Governor	2,469.9	0.0	0.0	2,469.9