

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Administration Public Broadcasting - T.V. Component Budget Summary

Component: Public Broadcasting - T.V.

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Component Mission

To ensure infrastructure for the dissemination of public television.

Component Services Provided

- This component contains funding for grants to public television stations.
- The Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission grants support the delivery of public broadcasting programming by four public television stations through Alaska One reaching 80 per cent of Alaska's population.
- Public television provides the only source of children's educational broadcast programming, non-commercial cultural and news and information programming, including Alaska programming and coverage of campaigns, elections, and Alaskan events.

Component Goals and Strategies

MAXIMIZE THE BENEFIT OF GRANT FUNDING TO PUBLIC TELEVISION COOPERATIVE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE BROADCAST OF CHILD EDUCATION, NEWS AND INFORMATION, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

- Require the public television stations to demonstrate their cost-efficiencies, reduce overhead and attract additional federal funding.
- Alaska public television 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

- Increased responsibility for developing alternative funding.
- Funding reductions over the past decade and a half have created much-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.
- Stations will be called upon to provide increasingly more efficient delivery of news and information, weather coverage, emergency alerts, and cultural and entertainment programming.
- 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

- Through their participation in the Satellite Interconnection Project, the public television stations continue to provide important public television programs to Alaskan viewers. These include Gavel to Gavel coverage of the Legislature, televised coverage of selected arguments before the Alaska Supreme Court, presentations before the Alaska Legislature by the Congressional Delegation, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Governor.
- The University of Alaska is now technically prepared to add a second channel of distance education over the Satellite Interconnection Project.
- Working in partnership with Alaska's commercial broadcasters, public television continues to provide significant leadership in the technical and operational conversion to digital/high definition television. The conversion is required by the Federal Communication Commission and has a fixed timetable for conversion. Without public television's participation this mandated conversion would not be possible.

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	754.3	754.3	754.3
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	754.3	754.3	754.3
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	754.3	754.3	754.3
Funding Totals	754.3	754.3	754.3

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

None.

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	754.3	0.0	0.0	754.3
FY2003 Governor	754.3	0.0	0.0	754.3