

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services General Relief Assistance Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief Assistance

Contribution to Department's Mission

The General Relief Assistance (GRA) program was developed as a safety net program for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance. It is used as a last resort program to meet emergency food, clothing, shelter, and burial needs of low income Alaskans who have no other resources available. It is the bottom tier in Alaska's welfare system.

Core Services

- This component primarily provides for indigent burials. A small portion is also used to meet emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,355,400	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Continue to serve individuals and families that represent one of Alaska's most needy and vulnerable populations. They are often marginal members of the community and may have a variety of significant barriers that preclude employment and successful participation in mainstream society.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

No major change in service is anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- Provided vendor payments for funeral and burial expenses for approximately 500 deceased indigents.
- Prevented the eviction and homelessness of approximately 90 individuals and families each month.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.25.120-300 General Relief Assistance
7 AAC 47.020-290

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**General Relief Assistance
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,261.1	1,355.4	1,355.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,261.1	1,355.4	1,355.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,261.1	1,355.4	1,355.4
Funding Totals	1,261.1	1,355.4	1,355.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	1,355.4	0.0	0.0	1,355.4
FY2008 Governor	1,355.4	0.0	0.0	1,355.4