

**State of Alaska
FY2016 Governor Amended Operating
Budget**

**Department of Administration
Public Broadcasting - Radio
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Public Broadcasting - Radio

Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide quality programs and public telecommunication services that inform, educate, enlighten, and entertain radio listeners throughout Alaska; to ensure the infrastructure for the dissemination of non-commercial public radio and related services.

Core Services

- This component contains funding for basic operating grants to public radio stations whose collective mission is to provide un-served and underserved audiences with free over the air programming available to all Alaskans regardless of their ability to pay. Public broadcasting focuses on the delivery of 'local' programming services with an emphasis on news and information programming, including education, health and safety programming; including participation in the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission (APBC) grants to eligible entities to support the delivery of public broadcasting programming by 30 public radio stations throughout Alaska. In addition to the main radio stations Alaska public radio operates some 60 signal translators throughout the state reaching 95% of all Alaskans. These stations and their widespread network of translators are a key component of Alaska's telecommunications and information dissemination infrastructure.
- Public radio provides thorough and in many cases the only coverage of local, regional and statewide news and information available to Alaskans, especially in bush and rural service areas. Additionally, public radio serves as a local center for community information and messaging to outlying areas. In many instances, public radio stations are providers of the state and federal Emergency Alert System (EAS) and other critical health and safety information programming.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2014

- Stations provided another year of service to un-served and underserved audiences across the state with free over the air programming and online services available to all Alaskans regardless of their ability to pay.
- Negotiated with national network program providers for deeply discounted, affordable annual rates for all stations.
- Produced affordable in state training and professional development opportunities for station managers, news personnel, and development/fundraising staff.
- Continuation of the daily statewide news services from the Alaska Public Radio Network (APRN).
- Native stations in Alaska participated in the national strategy on how to improve public broadcasting services for natives in Alaska and the lower 48.
- State funded satellite communications services continued to deliver content produced by and/or for Alaskan non-commercial public radio stations throughout Alaska.
- Encouraged partnerships, collaborations, strategic restructuring between licensees as a means to further consolidate common services and functions in order to maintain program delivery while reducing expenses.

Key Component Challenges

Engineering Support for Underserved Areas - State funding appropriated in FY2012 helped establish a centrally managed engineering service which actively serves the system with emphasis on bush and rural stations with the greatest need. A third engineer would make the statewide work scope manageable and ensure that the critical service is sustainable; even more critical given losses in federal funding through sequestration.

Expansion of Local News Content - In the digital age, public media must increase production of local, regional and statewide content for distribution across digital platforms. This challenge requires new expertise and new financial resources. Over time the improved service level will deepen community engagement and translate into increased private sector support. Public media is a key component of Alaska's communications infrastructure with year round dissemination of news and community information including emergency services, health and safety, education, weather and marine conditions. Sustaining these services at the community and statewide level is further challenged

by rising fixed costs and federal funding cuts due to sequestration.

Strategic Restructuring - Public radio stations in Alaska are recognized nationally for restructuring and resource realignment initiatives implemented to attain cost effective scale while improving service. This is difficult, time and resource consuming work. In FY2015 Alaska stations must continue to pursue strategic restructuring with each other and forge new partnerships as a means to sustain and improve local service.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2016

No significant changes anticipated for FY2016.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.21.256-290 Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission
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**Public Broadcasting - Radio
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
Non-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	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9
Funding Totals	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Governor Amended**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2015 Management Plan	3,319.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,319.9
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Reduce Public Radio Grants	-613.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-613.0
FY2016 Governor Amended	2,706.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,706.9

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Administration

Component: Public Broadcasting - Radio (AR11830) (2044)
RDU: Public Communications Services (30)

	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Conference Committee	FY2015 Authorized	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended	FY2015 Management Plan vs FY2016 Governor Amended	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9	-613.0	-18.5%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9	-613.0	-18.5%
Fund Sources:							
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9	-613.0	-18.5%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9	-613.0	-18.5%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Administration

Component: Public Broadcasting - Radio (2044)
RDU: Public Communications Services (30)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2015 Conference Committee To FY2015 Authorized *****												
FY2015 Conference Committee												
1004 Gen Fund	ConfCom	3,319.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,319.9	0.0	0	0	0
		3,319.9										
Subtotal		3,319.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,319.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2015 Authorized To FY2015 Management Plan *****												
Subtotal		3,319.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,319.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2015 Management Plan To FY2016 Governor Amended *****												
Reduce Public Radio Grants												
1004 Gen Fund	Dec	-613.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-613.0	0.0	0	0	0
		-613.0										
Totals		2,706.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,706.9	0.0	0	0	0

This component holds funding for state general fund grants to approximately 30 public radio stations. Public radio stations provide un-served and underserved audiences with free over the air programming available to all Alaskans regardless of their ability to pay.

Public radio provides community information and messaging to outlying areas. In some instances, these stations are the providers of the state and federal Emergency Alert System (EAS). A general fund reduction will result in fewer funds being available to public radio stations for these grants.

Line Item Detail
Department of Administration
Grants, Benefits

Component: Public Broadcasting - Radio (2044)
RDU: Public Communications Services (30)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
77000	Grants, Benefits		3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9
Expenditure Account			FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9
77437	General Government	Alaska Public Broadcasting radio station grants.	3,319.9	3,319.9	2,706.9