

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

**Department of Health and Social Services  
General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living  
Component Budget Summary**

**Component: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide temporary assisted living to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.

**Core Services**

- Provide temporary assisted living for vulnerable adults over the age of 18, as referred by Adult Protective Services investigators or community health professionals.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2014**

- The General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living program served approximately 1,000 clients in FY2014. The division worked closely with care coordinators, hospital discharge planners, assisted living homes, family members and local law enforcement and court systems to determine eligibility for the General Relief Program, manage Assisted Living Home invoice and match vulnerable adults with assisted living homes.
- Established increased adherence to the General Relief Regulations
- Revamped Assisted Living Home invoicing process to decrease turnaround time from a month or more to two weeks or less.

**Key Component Challenges**

- Housing and service provision capacity development is a key need for many Alaskan communities. The Alaska Commission on Aging predicts that the senior population in Alaska will increase from 55,237 in 2010 to 76,502 by the year 2015. The fraction of this population that requires significant assistance from the state will grow proportionately to the overall senior population.
- Current state resources for adult protective services are limited. Community resources such as local police and medical personnel are one source of reporting suspected elder abuse or neglect.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2016**

No changes in results delivered.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.65	Service Programs for Older Alaskans and Other Adults
PL 98-459	Public Law, Title III Older Americans Act, as Amended
AS 47.24	Protection of Vulnerable Adults
AS 47.33	Assisted Living Homes
45 CFR, Part 1321	Code of Federal Regulations
7 AAC 47.300	General Relief Assisted Living Home Care
7 AAC 43.170	Conditions for Payment
42 CFR, Part 440	Code of Federal Regulations, Services: General Provisions
7 AAC 43	Medical Assistance
AS 44.29.020	Department of Health and Social Services (Duties of department)

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**General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<b>FY2014 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2015 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2016 Governor Amended</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
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	7,969.3	8,113.7	7,323.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	7,229.0	7,373.4	6,583.6
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	740.3	740.3	740.3
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>

**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>
<b>FY2015 Management Plan</b>	8,113.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	8,113.7
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Reduce Individual Benefits under the General Relief Assistance Program	-789.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-789.8
<b>FY2016 Governor Amended</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>

**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (AR23560) (2875)  
**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

	<b>FY2014 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2015 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2015 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2015 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2016 Governor Amended</b>	<b>FY2015 Management Plan vs FY2016 Governor Amended</b>	
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	7,969.3	8,113.7	8,113.7	8,113.7	7,323.9	-789.8	-9.7%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>	<b>-789.8</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	7,229.0	7,373.4	7,373.4	7,373.4	6,583.6	-789.8	-10.7%
1037GF/MH (UGF)	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	740.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>	<b>-789.8</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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 Health and Social Services**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)

**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

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 *****												
<b>FY2015 Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	8,113.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8,113.7	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		7,373.4										
1037 GF/MH		740.3										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2015 Authorized To FY2015 Management Plan *****												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2015 Management Plan To FY2016 Governor Amended *****												
<b>Reduce Individual Benefits under the General Relief Assistance Program</b>												
	Dec	-789.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-789.8	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-789.8										
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,323.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

General Relief Assistance (GRA) provides for the most basic needs of many Alaskans without the personal resources to meet emergent needs and ineligible for assistance from other programs. GRA is design to meet the immediate, basic needs of Alaskans facing extreme financial crisis and is a temporary funding source for assistive living home placement. A reduction to this component will result in a decline to clients served.

Currently, 565 Alaskans are receiving general relief services. Individuals who were receiving Home & Community Based Waiver Services (residential supportive living) in an assistive living home (ALH) environment that no longer meet level of care (waiver eligibility) have been referred to general relief. If on a waiver, ALHs can receive approximately \$5.0 a month. It is important to know that GRA offers residential services in an ALH environment, but on a short-term basis and at a rate set in statute at AS 47.25.120(d) of \$70/day. This service is meant to be a safety net for vulnerable adults, and while it cannot replace the waiver service, it is an interim measure available until longer-term care can be found.

A long-term solution is to explore through Medicaid reform the 1915 l option of in Home & Community Based Services. By targeting specific populations, establishing needs-based criteria and Medicaid eligibility requirements, and laying out the benefits to these populations, the state would need to submit a state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for review and approval. With this comes a fifty percent federal match. GRA annual expenditures right now come to approximately \$8,113.7 of general fund dollars.

**Line Item Detail**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Grants, Benefits**

**Component:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living (2875)  
**RDU:** Senior and Disabilities Services (487)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
77000	Grants, Benefits		7,969.3	8,113.7	7,323.9
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Governor Amended
<b>77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>8,113.7</b>	<b>7,323.9</b>
77670	Benefits	General relief payments for assisted living housing and other supported costs for protecting and/or moving vulnerable adults from harm.	7,969.3	8,113.7	7,323.9