

# **State of Alaska FY2017 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 component promotes and protects the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance.

**Core Services**

- Provide for indigent burials, emergency food, shelter, and clothing, for low income Alaskans who have no other resources available.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2015**

- The General Relief Assistance program provides for rent, food, utilities, and burial assistance.
- Burial Assistance makes up 51.71 percent of the total caseload for this program and 93.91 percent of the total expenditures. In SFY2015, this program provided assistance payments for approximately 996 burials and prevented eviction and subsequent homelessness for approximately 930 individuals.

**Key Component Challenges**

- Accommodating the continued increase in costs and number of families requesting help to pay for burial expenses for deceased family members.
- Meeting the emergent needs of individuals and families that represent one of Alaska's most needy and vulnerable populations. Recipients are often marginal members of the community and may have a variety of significant barriers that preclude employment and successful participation in mainstream society.
- The General Relief Burials are a significant portion of the expenditures for this component. The division is looking at regulation changes that will provide for a more consistent payment level for burial costs. Burial assistance caseloads have increased by 14.91 percent over the past five years.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2017**

The General Relief Assistance (GRA) program will continue to experience an increasing number of families applying for assistance to pay for the costs of burials for deceased relatives that lack the means to pay for such services.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.25.120-300      General Relief Assistance  
7 AAC 47.020-290      General Relief Assistance  
Chapter No. 2, 4      SSLA 2008 (SB4002)

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

**Component:** General Relief Assistance (221)  
**RDU:** Public Assistance (73)

Formula Component

	<b>FY2015 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2016 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2016 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2016 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2017 Governor</b>	<b>FY2016 Management Plan vs FY2017 Governor</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	3,135.2	2,905.4	2,905.4	2,905.4	2,905.4	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,135.2</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1003G/F Match (UGF)	255.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	2,880.2	2,905.4	2,905.4	2,905.4	2,905.4	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>3,135.2</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</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**

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2016 Conference Committee To FY2016 Authorized *****												
FY2016 Conference Committee	ConfCom	2,905.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,905.4	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		2,905.4										
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2016 Management Plan To FY2017 Governor *****												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		3,135.2	2,905.4	2,905.4
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
<b>77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>			<b>3,135.2</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>	<b>2,905.4</b>
77670	Benefits		3,135.2	2,905.4	0.0
77670	Benefits	AS 41.15.120 provides GRA formula program vendor payments on behalf of individuals for shelter, indigent burial, and other emergent needs.	0.0	0.0	2,905.4