

**Military and Veterans Affairs
FY19 - Increment Status**

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	FY19 CC Book Comment	GF Dec?	LFD Question	Agency Comments
1	Military and Veterans' Affairs/ Office of the Commissioner	Rural Engagement - Expand the Alaska State Defense Force	\$210.9 UGF	The legislature approved the Governor's request to expand rural engagement in the Alaska State Defense Force (ASDF). According to the department, the action will increase rural community emergency capacity and resiliency, and assist in meeting Alaska's needs in a changing Arctic.		What is the status of implementing the rural Alaska State Defense Force?	DMVA hired two LTNP Administrative Assistant I positions (one in Bethel and one in Kotzebue) to provide both administrative and organizational support to new ASDF attachments in Rural Alaska. Communications equipment, uniforms, and office supplies have been purchased in support of the mission.
2	Military and Veterans' Affairs/ Air Guard Facilities Maintenance	Funding to Support C-17 Facility Operations/ Maintenance	Total: \$884.0 \$663.0 Federal Receipts \$221.0 G/F Match (UGF) 5 PFT Positions	C-130 aircraft operations are being reduced throughout the United States Air Force, with older planes being retired and not replaced. Alaska lost eight C-130 aircraft that supported the 176th Wing and provided assistance with search and rescue missions. To offset the loss, the Active Duty Air Force transferred eight C-17 aircraft to the Alaska Air National Guard (AKANG) in May 2017. These newly gained aircraft remain federal property but will be maintained and operated by the AKANG. Furthermore, the State of Alaska accepted responsibility for Facilities Operations/Maintenance for three buildings, totaling 480,000 square feet, supporting C-17 operations. These buildings were previously federally funded and now will be partially paid for by the State. The legislature authorized 5 new full-time positions (6.1.19) in the		Have the 5 new PFT positions been hired? If hired, what were the hire dates for the positions? If not hired, when is it anticipated the positions will be filled?	Maint Spec Bfc Jrny II/Lead (09-0431) hired on 7.1.18, Maint Gen Journey (09-0434) hired on 11.16.18, Maint Spec Electronic Jrny II (09-0433) vacant, with intent to fill by 3.1.19 (recruitment is being reviewed for test questions). Maint Gen Sub Journey II (09-0435) vacant with intent to post position by 1.15.19 (interviews scheduled 1.4.19), Maint Spec BFC Jrny I HVAC (09-0432) vacant with intent to fill by 2.15.19 (plan to post position by 1.9.19).
3	Military and Veterans' Affairs/ Veterans' Services	Veterans' Service Officer	\$100.0 UGF IncOTI	The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs received a one-time increase to their federal/State Administrative Agency grant award to pay for a program manager position and its associated costs. The position was previously paid for with \$100.0 UGF and that funding was maintained in the Veterans' Services base budget. Per the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY19, Veterans' Services will utilize the available UGF to bring on an additional Veterans' Services Officer. The department also expressed concern that the federal/State Administrative Agency grant may be uncertain in future years. <p>The legislature removed \$100.0 UGF from the base budget and added it back as an one-time increment (IncOTI) so funding needs may be reviewed during the next legislative session.</p>		What is the status of the grant? Has there been any indication the funding will be available in FY20?	The SAA Grant was received for federal fiscal year 2019. The funding for FFY20 is not firm at this time. The Veterans' Administration has already dropped several states (Oregon and Virginia) from the program and there is no guarantee Alaska will be awarded the grant in FFY20. The 100.0K GF was used to contract with a Veterans Services Officer in Kodiak and a part time Veterans' Services Officer in Craig.
4	Military and Veterans' Affairs/ Office of the Commissioner	New Special Assistant Position	\$161.4 UGF 1 PFT Position	The legislature denied the addition of a new Special Assistant position. According to the department, this position would have been a part of a coherent engagement strategy with DOD and other key stakeholders (federal military senior officials, Congressional Delegation, local base retention groups, and members of the public) designed to protect and		Is this position still filled (originally hired December 2017)?	Yes.