

# State of Alaska Department of Health

FY2026 Budget Overview  
House Health & Social Services  
Finance Subcommittee

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# Department of Health

## Commissioner Heidi Hedberg

### Deputy Commissioner Emily Ricci

Medicaid State Plan  
Medicaid Program Integrity

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Director Tracy Dompeling

Treatment & Recovery Grants  
Alcohol Safety Action Program  
Behavioral Health Administration  
Prevention, Early Intervention  
Residential Child Care  
Advisory Boards and Councils

### SENIOR & DISABILITIES SERVICES

#### Director Tony Newman

Community-Based Grants  
Early Intervention & Infant Learning Program  
Senior & Disabilities Services Administration  
General Relief & Temp Assisted Living

Office of Health Savings  
Office of Rate Review

### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

#### Interim Director Lynne Keilman-Cruz

Health Facilities & Certification  
Residential Licensing  
Medical Assistance Administration  
Health Care Services Facility  
Operations & Maintenance

### Chief Medical Officer Dr. Robert Lawrence

### PUBLIC HEALTH

#### Director Lindsay Kato

Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion  
Epidemiology  
Health Analytics & Vital Records  
Public Health Nursing  
Emergency Programs  
State Medical Examiner's Office  
State Public Health Labs  
Women, Children & Family Health

### Assistant Commissioner Pam Halloran

### FINANCE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES

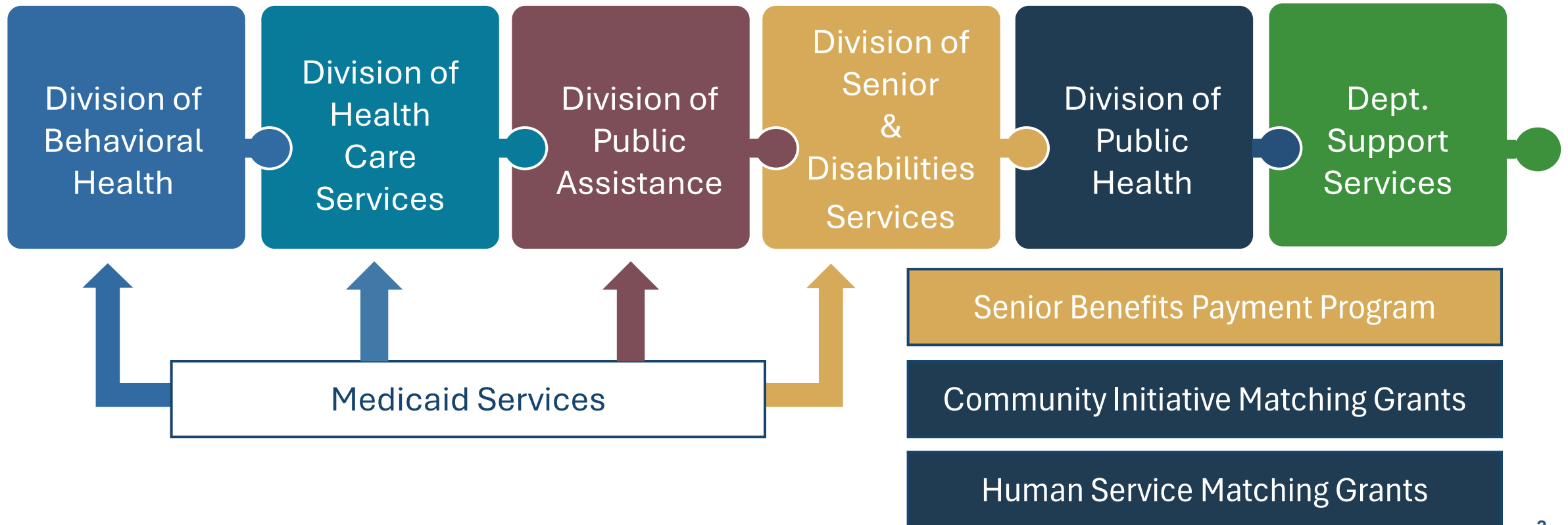
Information Technology Service  
Medicaid Allocation & Audit  
Budget  
Revenue & Finance  
Human Resources  
Grants & Contracts

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE Director Deb Etheridge

Medicaid  
SNAP  
Woman, Infants & Children  
Child Care Benefits  
Work Services  
Senior Benefits Payment Program  
Quality Control  
Fraud Investigation  
Field Services  
Adult, Energy, General Relief, Temporary  
& Tribal Assistance Programs



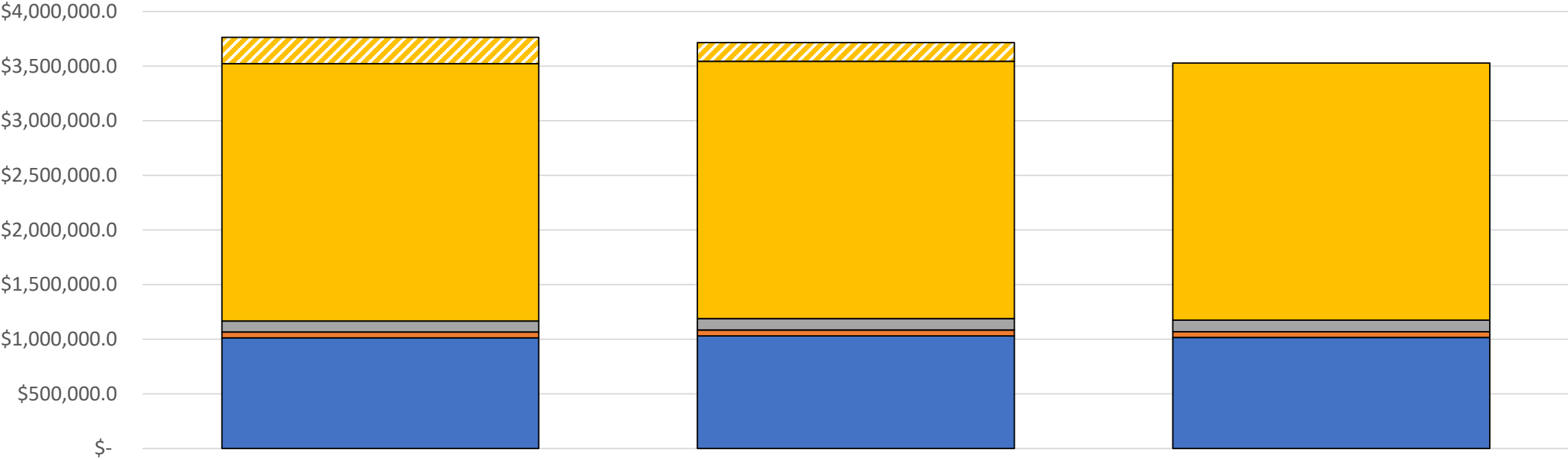
**Mission:** To promote and protect the health & well-being of Alaskans





## Department of Health Funding Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



FY2024  
Final Authorized

FY2025  
Management Plan

FY2026  
Governor

UGF	\$	1,012,490.6
DGF	\$	54,276.3
Other	\$	100,158.0
Federal	\$	2,356,317.1
Federal (COVID-19)	\$	241,492.1
Total	\$	3,764,734.1

	\$	1,029,592.9
	\$	54,815.7
	\$	104,609.8
	\$	2,356,509.7
	\$	170,943.7
	\$	3,716,471.8

	\$	1,017,178.0
	\$	51,118.5
	\$	106,475.2
	\$	2,354,363.4
	\$	-
	\$	3,529,135.1

# Medicaid Services



**Mission:** To provide health coverage to Alaskans in need

## Medicaid Services

Medicaid is joint federal formula grant program:

- spending controlled by eligibility & benefit criteria outlined in state regs & federally approved State Medicaid Plan

Health coverage for 1 in 3 Alaskans

Over \$2.8B for over 8.5 million claims

\$52M in average weekly claims payment

Enrollees as of December 2024: 246,395

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage: 74-75%

## FY26 Budget Changes

Reversal of multi-year appropriation (FY24-FY26) for modernizing assessments for Home & Community-Based Service Waivers (InterRai)

- FY25 Carryforward \$2,273.3
  - (\$2,046.0 Fed / \$227.3 General Fund Match)
- FY26 Carryforward balance

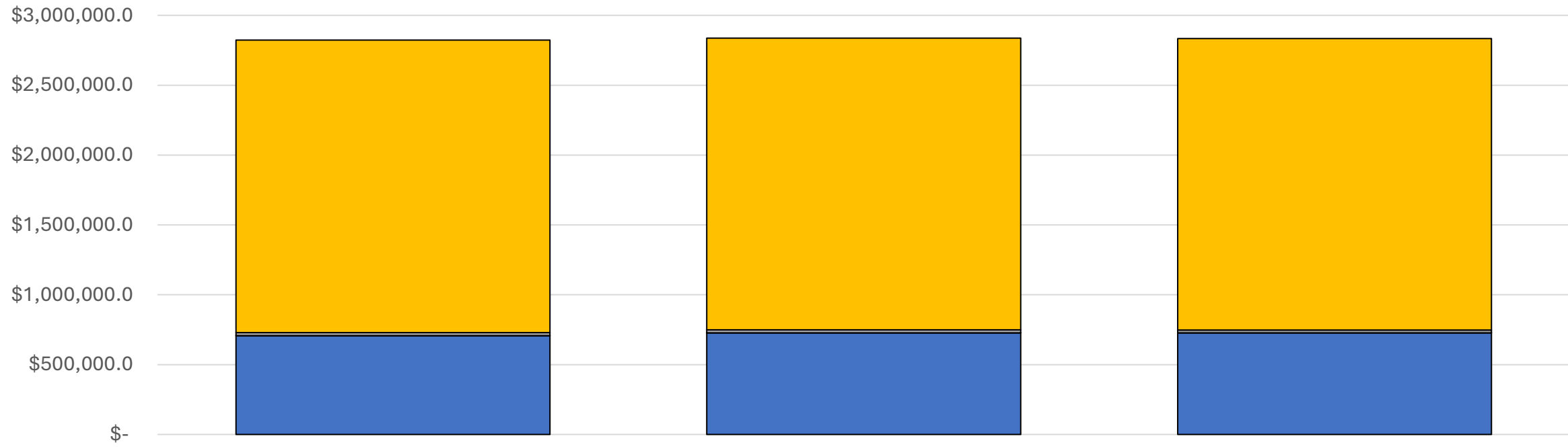
Note: Medicaid projections will be updated and submitted to the Legislature by February 19, 2025

# Medicaid Services



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 707,574.2	\$ 727,308.0	\$ 727,080.7
DGF	\$ 429.8	\$ 429.8	\$ 429.8
Other	\$ 20,714.1	\$ 20,714.1	\$ 20,714.1
Federal	\$ 2,093,759.3	\$ 2,087,995.4	\$ 2,085,949.4
Total	\$ 2,822,477.4	\$ 2,836,447.3	\$ 2,834,174.0



# Health Care Services | 133 perm full time



**Mission:** To provide to all eligible Alaskans access and oversight to the full range of appropriate Medicaid services. We also protect Alaska's most vulnerable populations through our certification and licensing sections

## Budget Allocations

Health Facility Licensing & Certification

Residential Licensing

Medical Assistance Administration

Health Care Services Facility Operations & Maintenance

## FY26 Budget Changes

Federal Funding Shift for Health Facility Inspections

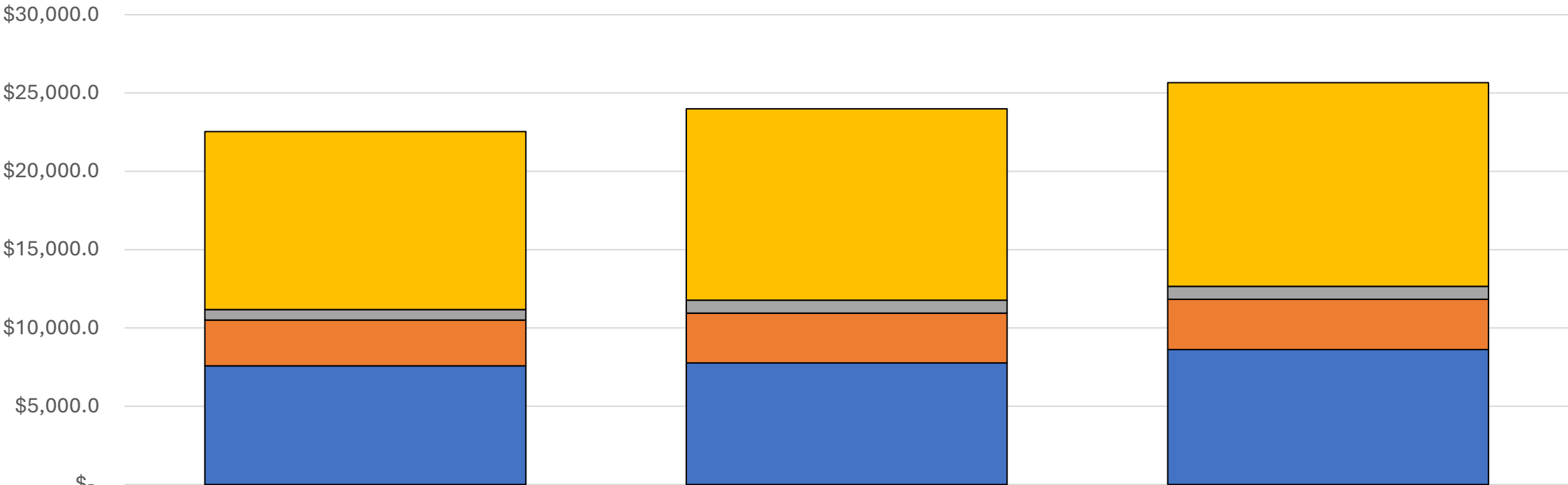
- Align authority to current expenditures for inspections of long-term care facilities \$962.5
  - (\$295.0 Fed / \$667.5 General Fund Match)

# Health Care Services



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 7,574.2	\$ 7,766.9	\$ 8,626.7
DGF	\$ 2,934.6	\$ 3,183.8	\$ 3,205.9
Other	\$ 658.1	\$ 823.9	\$ 827.5
Federal	\$ 11,374.3	\$ 12,216.2	\$ 13,005.6
Total	\$ 22,541.2	\$ 23,990.8	\$ 25,665.7



# Behavioral Health | 100 perm full time positions



**Mission:** To promote an integrated and comprehensive behavioral health system based on sound policy, effective practices and open partnerships

## Budget Allocations

Behavioral Health Treatment & Recovery Grants  
Alcohol Safety Action Program  
Behavioral Health Administration  
Behavioral Health Prevention & Early Intervention Grants  
Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Suicide Prevention Council  
Residential Child Care  
Behavioral Health Facility Operations & Maintenance

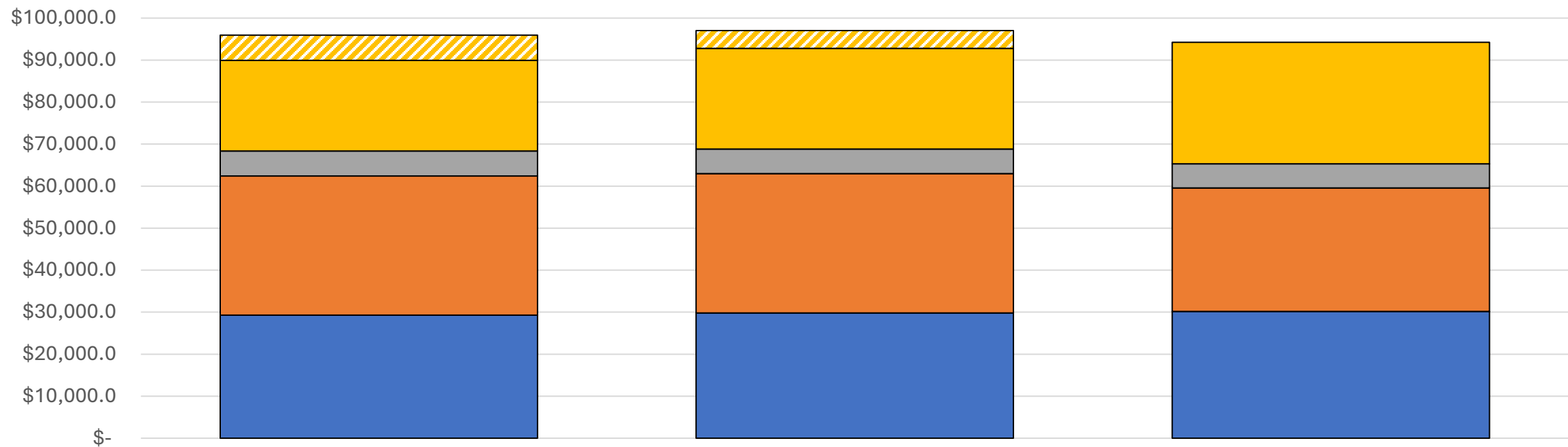
## FY26 Budget Changes

Crisis Call Center  
Reduce designated general funds based on Department of Revenue projections  
Increase federal receipt authority  
Reversal of multi-year appropriation (FY23-FY26) ARPA Substance Abuse Block Grant & Mental Health Treatment Funding



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 29,293.3	\$ 29,827.0	\$ 30,154.2
DGF	\$ 33,111.9	\$ 33,145.5	\$ 29,422.2
Other	\$ 5,941.5	\$ 5,862.8	\$ 5,714.4
Federal	\$ 21,601.9	\$ 23,963.2	\$ 28,950.5
Federal (COVID-19)	\$ 6,002.8	\$ 4,219.0	\$ -
Total	\$ 95,951.4	\$ 97,017.5	\$ 94,241.3

# Senior & Disabilities Services | 182 perm full time



**Mission:** To promote health, well-being, and safety for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and vulnerable adults by facilitating access to quality services and supports that foster independence, personal choice and dignity

## Budget Allocations

Community Based Grants  
Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs  
Senior and Disabilities Services Administration  
General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living  
Commission on Aging  
Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education  
Senior & Disabilities Services Facility & Operations

## FY26 Budget Changes

Reversal of COVID appropriations  
Reversal of multi-year appropriation (FY24-FY26) for modernizing assessments for Home & Community-Based Service Waivers (InterRai)

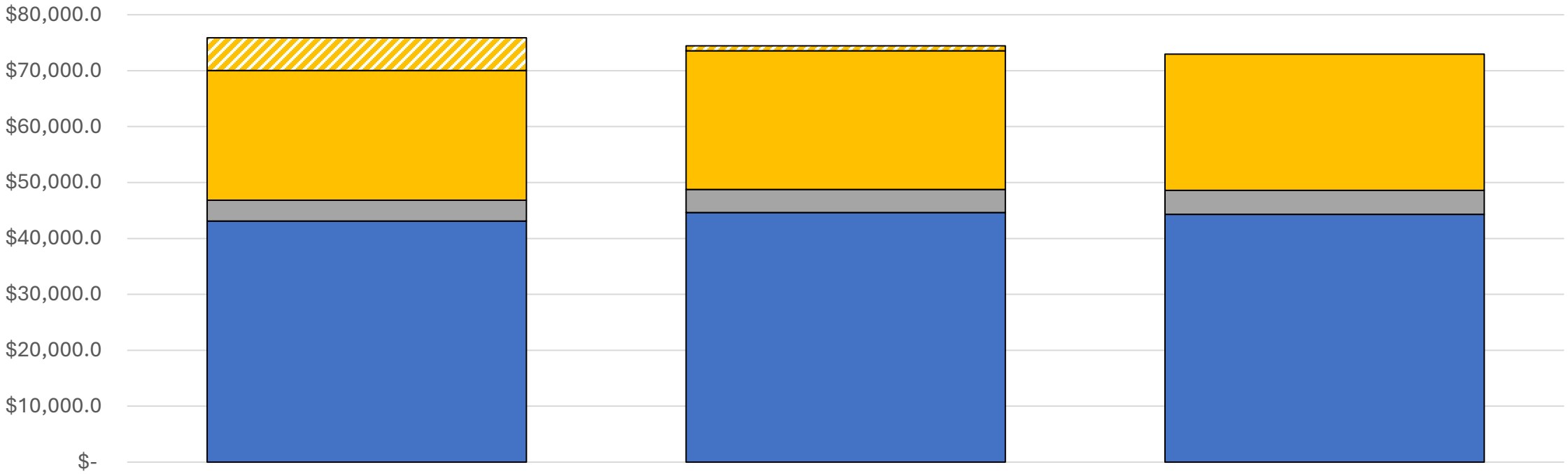
- FY25 Carryforward \$1,190.0
  - (\$698.5 Fed / \$420.5 General Fund Match)
- FY26 Carryforward balance

# Senior and Disabilities Services



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 43,114.4	\$ 44,649.4	\$ 44,294.4
DGF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 3,725.4	\$ 4,097.9	\$ 4,292.0
Federal	\$ 23,189.4	\$ 24,816.7	\$ 24,360.0
Federal (COVID-19)	\$ 5,848.3	\$ 882.3	\$ -
Total	\$ 75,877.5	\$ 74,446.3	\$ 72,946.4

# Public Assistance | 484 perm full time



**Mission:** To promote self-sufficiency for basic living expenses to Alaskans in need

## Budget Allocations

Alaska Temporary Assistance Program  
Adult Public Assistance  
Child Care Benefits  
General Relief Assistance  
Tribal Assistance Programs  
Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless  
Energy Assistance Program  
Public Assistance Administration  
Public Assistance Field Services  
Fraud Investigation  
Quality Control  
Work Services  
Public Assistance Facility Operations & Maintenance

## FY26 Budget Changes

Child care tax credits, SB189 fiscal note  
Reversal of appropriations

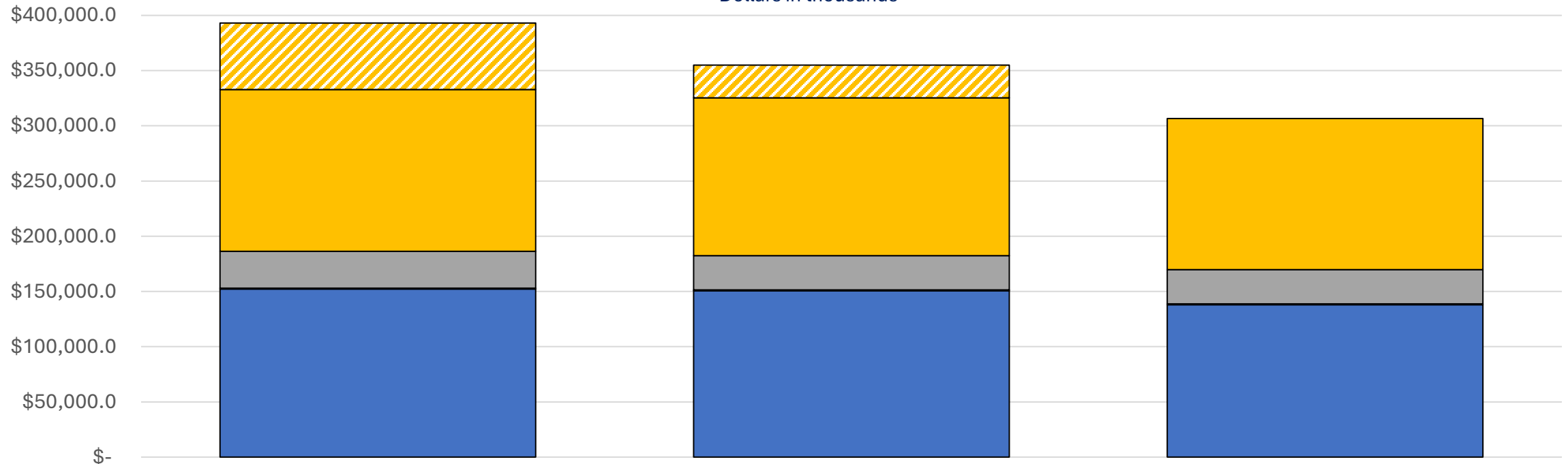
- Childcare Grant Program
- American Rescue Plan Block & Benefit Grants
- Promote Food Security
- Positions for:
  - Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Backlogs
- Senior Benefits Payment Program participant increase

# Public Assistance\*



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 152,250.3	\$ 150,637.2	\$ 137,923.2
DGF	\$ 814.7	\$ 814.7	\$ 814.7
Other	\$ 33,295.4	\$ 31,027.9	\$ 31,069.4
Federal	\$ 146,600.1	\$ 142,861.5	\$ 136,837.5
Federal (COVID-19)	\$ 60,145.8	\$ 29,726.8	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 393,106.3</b>	<b>\$ 355,068.1</b>	<b>\$ 306,644.8</b>

\* Including Senior Benefits Payment Program





## Mission: To protect and promote the health of Alaskans

### Budget Allocations

Nursing  
Women, Children, & Family Health  
Public Health Administrative Services  
Emergency Programs  
Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion  
Epidemiology  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Emergency Medical Services Grants  
State Medical Examiner  
Public Health Laboratories  
Public Health Facility Operations & Maintenance

### FY26 Budget Changes

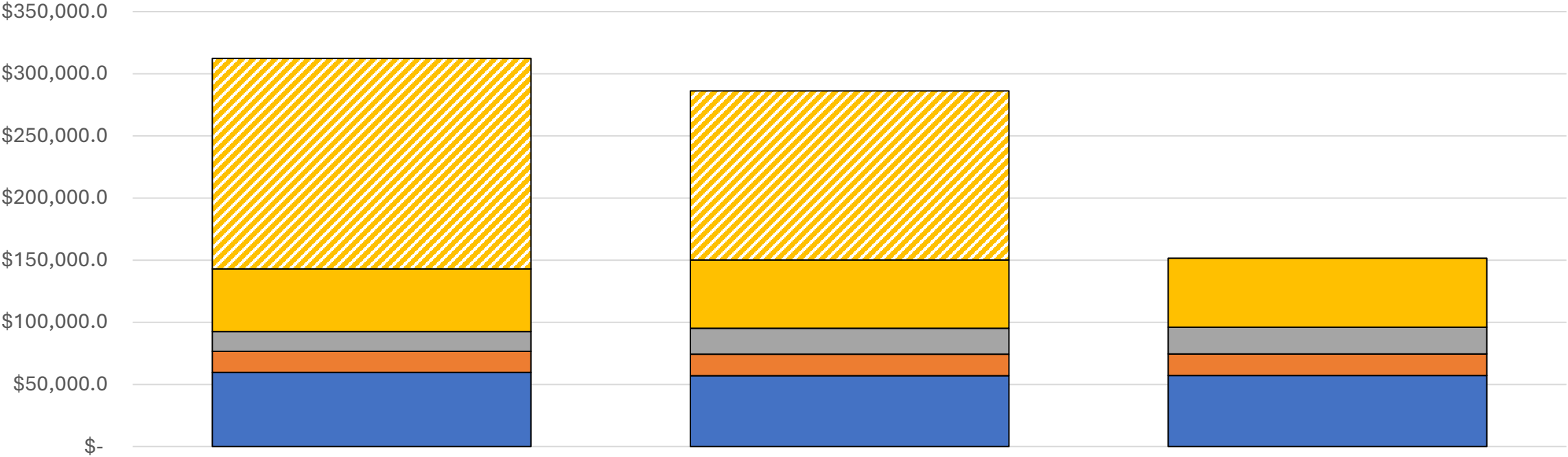
Reversal of COVID appropriations  
General fund program receipt authority to support SHARP medical and behavioral health provider recruitment program \$1,650.0 GF/PR  
Reduce designated general funds based on Department of Revenue projections





## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 59,601.0	\$ 57,072.2	\$ 57,259.3
DGF	\$ 16,942.9	\$ 17,199.5	\$ 17,203.5
Other	\$ 16,051.1	\$ 20,952.8	\$ 21,628.7
Federal	\$ 50,286.3	\$ 54,861.5	\$ 55,454.6
Federal (COVID-19)	\$ 169,495.2	\$ 136,115.6	\$ -
Total	\$ 312,376.5	\$ 286,201.6	\$ 151,546.1

\* Including Human Services Community Matching Grant and Community Initiative Matching Grants

# Department Support Services | 200 perm full time



**Mission:** Provide quality administrative services in support of the department's mission

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## Budget Allocations

Public Affairs  
Quality Assurance & Audit  
Commissioner's Office  
Administrative Support Services  
Information Technology Services  
Rate Review  
Department Support Services Facility & Operations

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## FY2026 Budget Changes

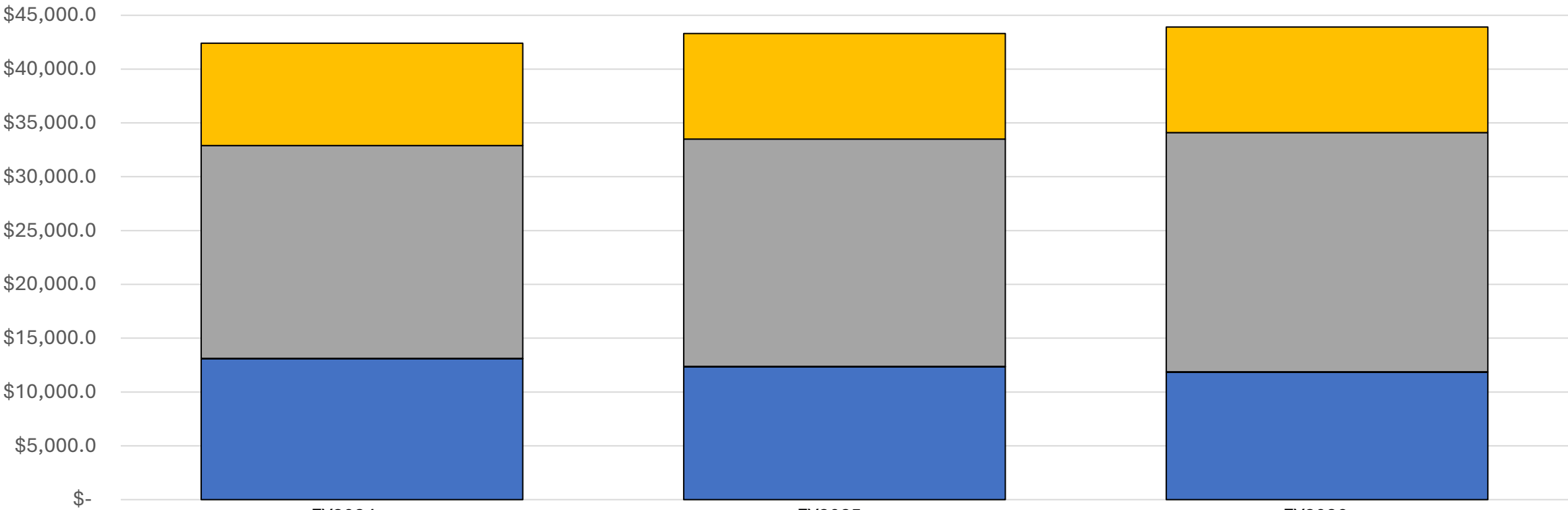
Interagency receipt authority for chargebacks  
Reverse multiyear homeless management information system funding

# Departmental Support Services



## Operating Budget (FY2024-FY2026)

Dollars in thousands



	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
	Final Authorized	Management Plan	Governor
UGF	\$ 13,083.2	\$ 12,332.2	\$ 11,839.5
DGF	\$ 42.4	\$ 42.4	\$ 42.4
Other	\$ 19,772.4	\$ 21,130.4	\$ 22,229.1
Federal	\$ 9,505.8	\$ 9,795.2	\$ 9,805.8
Total	\$ 42,403.8	\$ 43,300.2	\$ 43,916.8

# Questions?

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