

Department of Public Safety FY2026 Governor's Budget Overview

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Department of Public Safety

Mission, Objectives, and Statewide Impacts

Mission	Key Objectives	Statewide Impact
To ensure public safety and to enforce fish and wildlife laws.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="733 394 1493 436">1. Recruitment, Retention & Wellness<li data-bbox="733 508 1437 608">2. Rural Alaska Law Enforcement & Safety<li data-bbox="733 622 1480 722">3. Establish Parks Hwy North Trooper Post<li data-bbox="733 736 1416 836">4. Purchase Long Range Response Aircraft<li data-bbox="733 851 1289 951">5. Illicit Drug & Child Abuse Investigations<li data-bbox="733 965 1411 1065">6. Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1600 394 2295 436">➤ Strengthen workforce resilience<li data-bbox="1600 451 2099 551">➤ Expand safety in rural communities<li data-bbox="1600 565 2257 608">➤ Improve Parks Highway patrol<li data-bbox="1600 679 2226 779">➤ Enhance remote emergency response<li data-bbox="1600 793 2290 893">➤ Target drug trafficking and child abuse<li data-bbox="1600 908 2290 1008">➤ Protect Alaskans, our resources and ecosystems statewide



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Results Delivery Units (RDU)

Fire and Life Safety

- State Fire Marshall
- Life Safety Inspection Bureau
- Plan Review Bureau
- Bureau of Fire Accreditation, Standards, and Training
- Alaska Fire Standards Council

Alaska State Troopers

- Four detachments
- Drug/alcohol enforcement
- Dispatch services
- Search and rescue
- Alaska Bureau of Investigation
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Marine enforcement
- Aircraft section
- Prisoner transport

Integrated Victim Assistance

- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board
- Victim Navigator Unit
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training Unit
- Missing Persons Clearinghouse

Statewide Support

- Commissioner's Office
- Office of Professional Standards
- Training Academy
- Division of Administrative Services
- Division of Statewide Services
- Public Information Office

Village Public Safety Operations

- Certification, training and Standard
- Ten regional grantees partnered with 156 communities
- Rural Alaska public safety support: community policing, search and rescue operations, emergency medical response, fire prevention and suppression, disaster preparedness, and public safety education

Alaska Police Standards Council

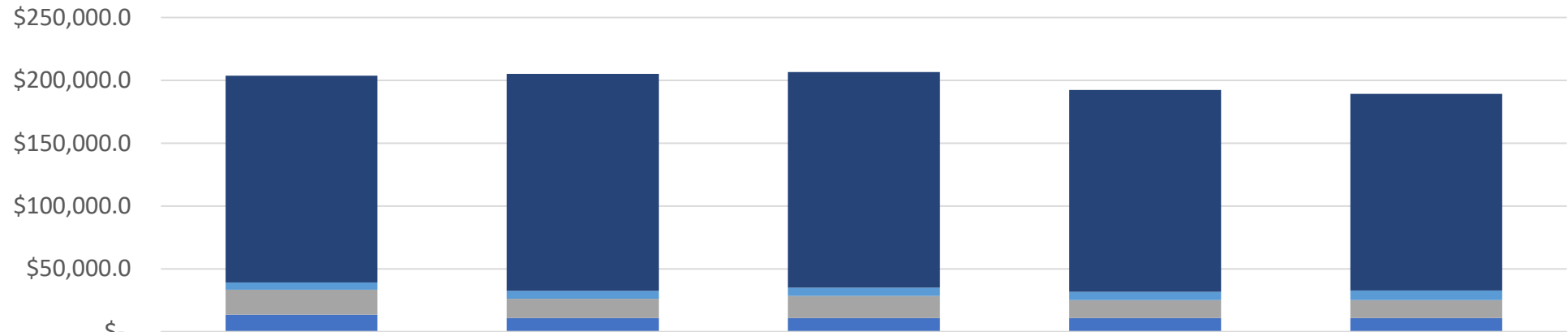
- Certification and de-certification of police officers
- Misconduct and disqualification investigations
- Develop and maintain police officer training and training requirements



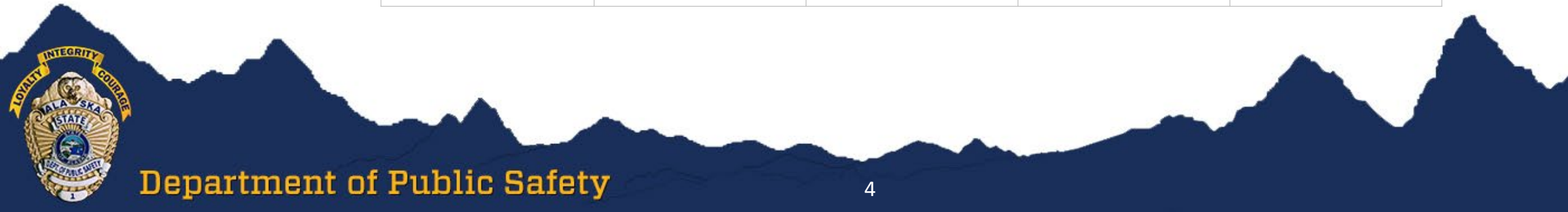
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Enacted Budgets FY2014-FY2018

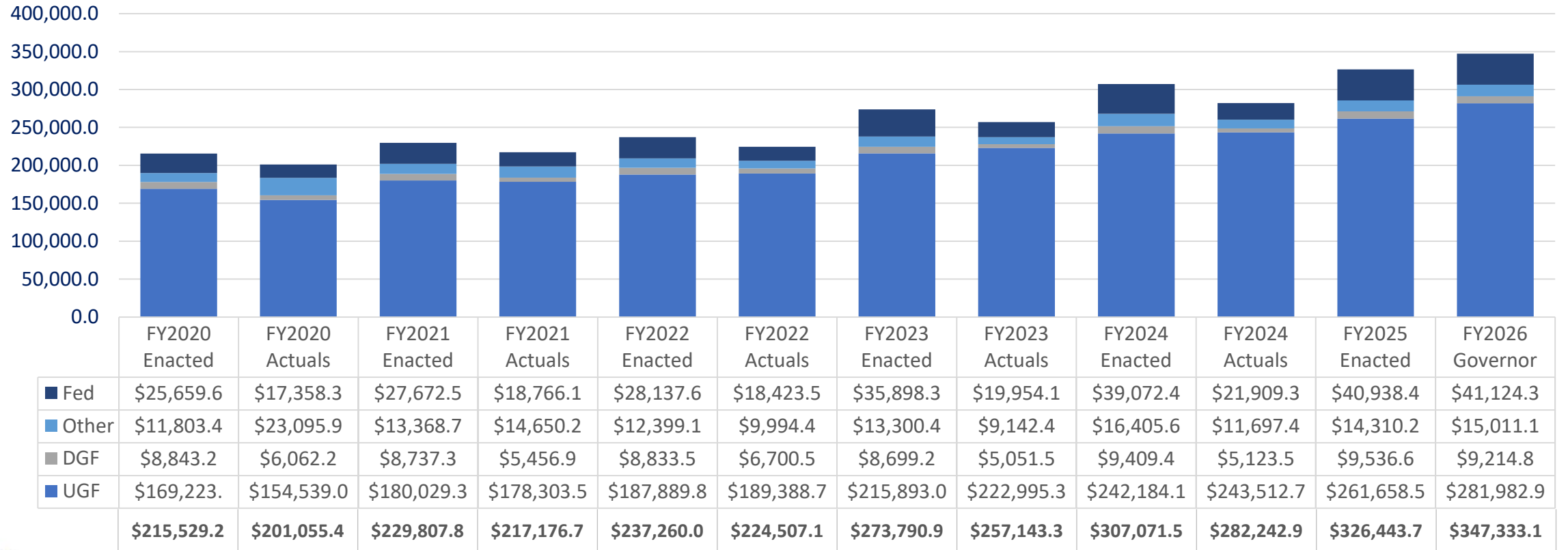


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
■ Unrestricted General Funds	\$164,560.0	\$172,552.7	\$171,553.2	\$160,673.7	\$156,594.5
■ Dedicated General Funds	\$5,908.6	\$6,458.9	\$6,555.7	\$6,599.7	\$7,564.3
■ Other	\$19,825.5	\$15,379.7	\$17,684.8	\$14,413.3	\$14,407.9
■ Federal	\$13,569.2	\$10,852.4	\$10,787.7	\$10,799.6	\$10,806.7
	\$203,863.3	\$205,243.7	\$206,581.4	\$192,486.3	\$189,373.4



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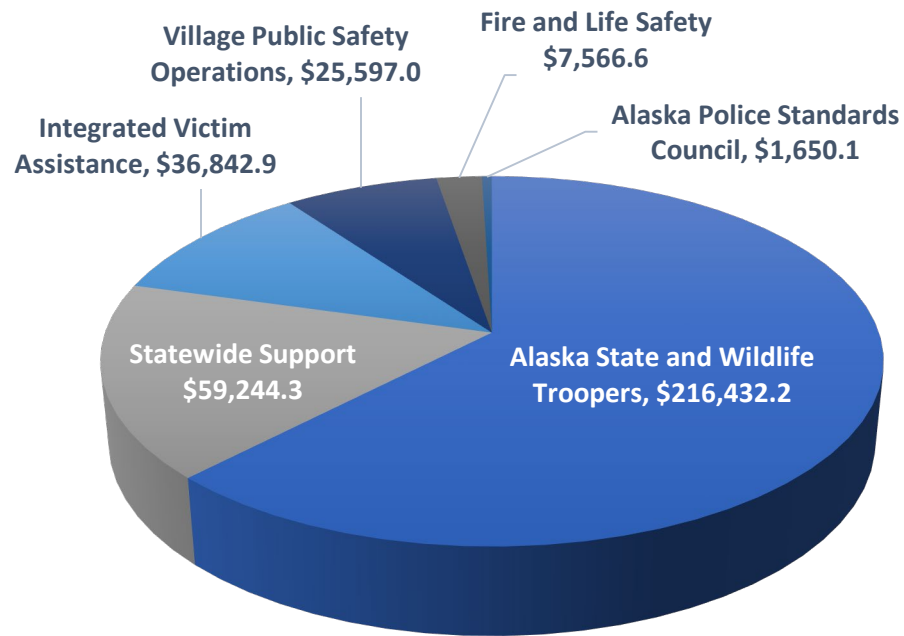
FY2026 Gov: \$347,333.1 (6.0% from FY2025)



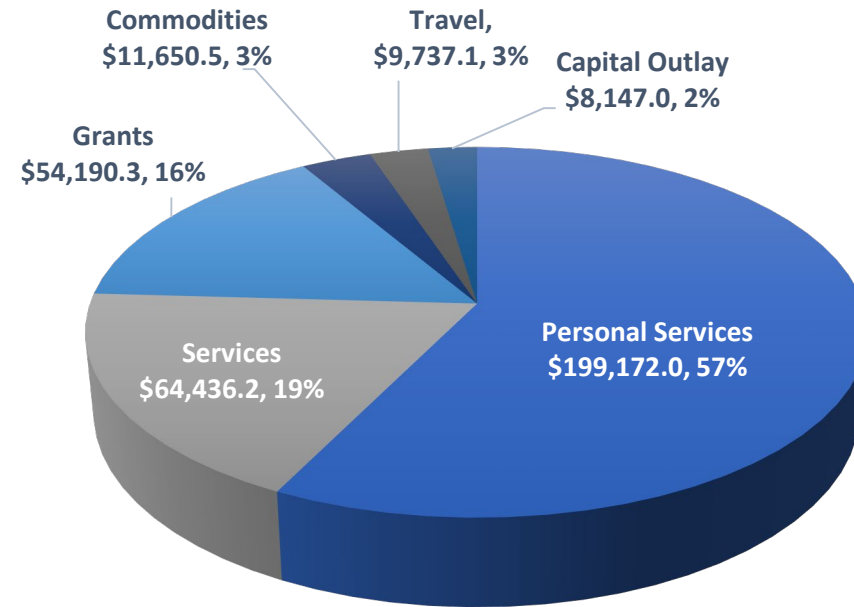
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Budget Allocation by RDU and Financial Breakout



Results Delivery Unit (RDU)



Financial Breakout



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Key Objectives:

- Recruitment, Retention & Wellness
- Rural Alaska Law Enforcement & Safety
- Establish Parks Hwy North Trooper Post
- Purchase Long Range Response Aircraft
- Illicit Drug & Child Abuse Investigations
- Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Protection



Fire Life Safety (FLS)

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to the department’s Key Objectives prioritizing fire safety inspections and education in rural Alaska to prevent fire related deaths.

- Establishment of the Maintenance and Operating Component
- No budgetary adjustment to the base budget

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change and Operational Impact
Fire Life Safety	-\$45.0	UGF	Transfer In services authority to establish FLS Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.
M&O Component	\$45.0	UGF	



Alaska State Troopers

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to the department’s Key Objectives by improving emergency response, expanding coverage and providing equipment and supplies to critical operational needs.

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change and Operational Impact
Dispatch	\$123.0	UGF	Incremental increase for dispatch center contracts. \$64.5 increase on the Kenai Borough contract and \$59.3 increase on City of Wasilla contract.
Detachments	\$500.0	UGF	Law enforcement supplies for essential gear and equipment. A companion \$300.0 is added to Alaska Wildlife Trooper base.
Detachments	\$1,485.6	UGF	Reopening a Talkeetna area post. Funding for 1 Sgt, 3 troopers, 1 criminal justice technician.
Detachments	\$2,348.0	UGF	Trooper overtime, critical for shift coverage, training, and case management.



Alaska State Troopers

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes, cont’d (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to Key Objectives by expanding capacity to address child sexual assault cases, and leveraging innovative methods to resolve unidentified human remains case.

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change and Operational Impact
Detachments	\$65.0	UGF	Provide a transit van outfitted with equipment to support crime scene forensic technicians, improve response time and evidence processing.
Alaska Bureau of Investigations	\$1,075.5	UGF	Add three non-permanent State Troopers in Kotzebue to increase capacity for investigating the high volume of child sexual assault cases in Western Alaska.
Alaska Bureau of Investigations	\$270.0	UGF	One time increment for workstation and vehicles for the three new investigators, \$6.0 workstation, \$84.0 for vehicle.
Alaska Bureau of Investigations	\$50.0	UGF	Pilot program using forensic genetic genealogy for unidentified human remains cases. 70 cases unidentified, \$8.0 to \$10.0 per sample.



Alaska State Troopers

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes, cont’d (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to Key Objectives for Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Talkeetna area post and needed equipment funding.

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change and Operational Impact
Aircraft Section	\$400.0	UGF	Additional funding for aviation fuel, aircraft parts and supplies.
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	\$323.0	UGF	Add 1 Alaska Wildlife Trooper to Parks Hwy north Talkeetna post, to address public recreational activity and resource enforcement needs.
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	\$300.0	UGF	Law enforcement supplies, incremental increase.
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	\$106.9	UGF	One-time Increment for vehicle, workstation and academy training for Wildlife Trooper to Parks Hwy north Talkeetna area post.
Marine Enforcement	-\$151.1	UGF	Transfer funding to Commissioner’s Office for capital project manager.
M&O Component	\$0.0	UGF	Establish AST Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.



Village Public Safety Operations

FY2026 Governor's Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to Key Objectives by adding five additional Village or Regional Public Safety Officers working in rural Alaska.

Component	Amount	Fund Source	Impact
Village Public Safety Operations	\$1,215.2	UGF	Expand the division to 90 State grant-funded positions to enhance public safety services in Alaska's remote villages.
M&O Component	\$0.0	UGF	Establish VPSO Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.



Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to the department’s Key Objectives prioritizing employee and law enforcement officer wellness and training.

- Establishment of the Maintenance and Operating Component
- No budgetary adjustment to the base budget

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change and Operational Impact
APSC	\$80.0	UGF	Continue project to provide training for first responders on mental health crises and best practices, equipping them to handle incidents effectively.
M&O Component	\$0.0	UGF	Establish APSC Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.



Integrated Victims Assistance (IVA)

FY2026 Governor’s Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Reductions in recidivism fund revenue has decreased budgets for the Crime Victim Compensation Board (VCCB) and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA).

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change
CDVSA	-\$387.1	DGF	Reduce Recidivism Reduction Fund authority based on available revenue.
CDVSA	\$87.0	UGF	Replace funding source to align with balance in Restorative Justice Fund.
CDVSA	-\$87.0	Other	
VCCB	-\$361.6	DGF	Reduction in Restorative Justice Fund based on available revenue.
M&O Component	\$0.0	UGF	Establish IVA Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.



Statewide Support (SWS)

FY2026 Governor's Budget Changes (\$ in thousands)

Contributes to Key Objectives by improving infrastructure planning and execution, supporting recruitment, rural law enforcement and operational efficiency.

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2026 Budget Change
Commissioner's Office	\$151.1	UGF	Transfer of funding from AWT component for capital project manager.
M&O Component	\$0.0	UGF	Establish SWS Facility M&O to adhere to Alaska Statute 37.07.020(e) Annual Facility Maintenance, Operations, and Repairs.



Thank You

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