

Department of Education and Early Development

FY2026 Governor's Budget Overview

Senate Finance Subcommittee

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Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Statutory Duty of the Department

AS 14.03.010. Establishment of school system.

There is established in the state a system of public schools to be administered and maintained as provided in this title.

Chapter 07. Administration of Public Schools.

AS 14.07.010. Department of Education and Early Development.

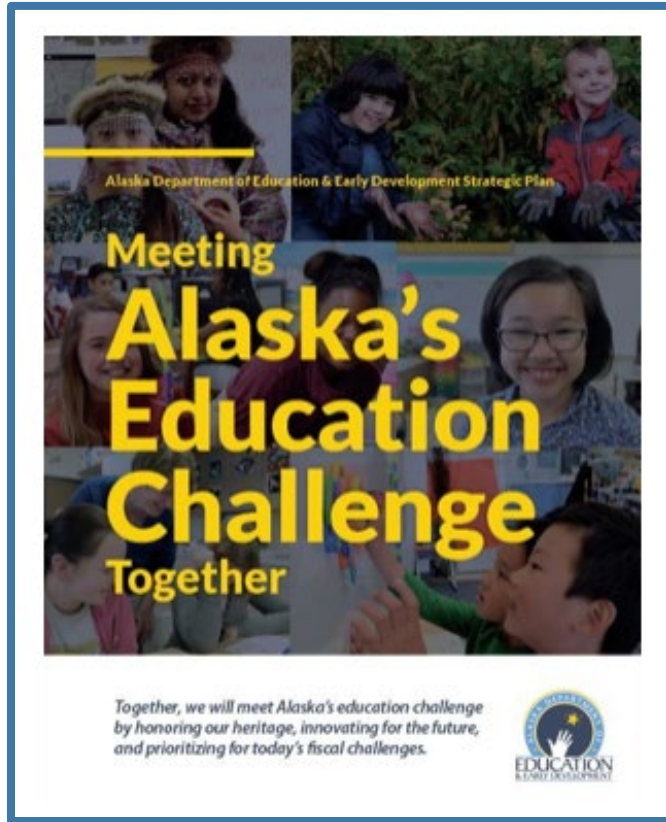
The Department of Education and Early Development includes the commissioner of education and early development, the state Board of Education and Early Development, and the staff necessary to carry out the functions of the department.

AS 14.07.020. Duties of the department.

(a) The department shall

(1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state except the University of Alaska;

Alaska's Education Challenge



Five Shared Strategic Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.

Agenda

- Organization Overview
- Division Financial Summary
- High-Level FY2026 Budget Overview
- FY2026 Significant Changes

Acronyms

(AADM) – Adjusted Average Daily Membership

(ACPE) – Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

(ADM) – Average Daily Membership

(AERRC) – Alaska Educator Retention and Recruitment Center

(APK) – Andrew P. Kashevaroff

(APS) – Alaska Performance Scholarship

(ASCA) – Alaska State Council on the Arts

(ATSI) – Additional Targeted Support and Improvement

(BSA) – Base Student Allocation

(CPI) – Consumer Price Index

(CSI) – Comprehensive Support and Improvement

(C-TEPS) – Career and Technical Education Programs of Study

(CTSO) – Career and Technical Student Organizations

(DEED) – Department of Education and Early Development

(DGF) – Designated General Fund

(DRP) – District Reading Program

(DRIP) – District Reading Improvement Plan

(FED) – Federal Fund

(ESEA) – Elementary and Secondary Education Act

(ESSA) – Every Student Succeeds Act

(IEP) – Individualized Education Program

(MEHS) – Mt. Edgumbe High School

(MTSS) – Multi-Tiered System of Support

(NP) – Non-Permanent Position

(PFT) – Permanent Full-Time Position

(PTPC) – Professional Teaching Practices Commission

(PPT) – Permanent Part-Time Position

(P-RAP) – Principal-Registered Apprenticeship Program

(SPED) – Special Education

(T-RAP) – Teacher-Registered Apprenticeship Program

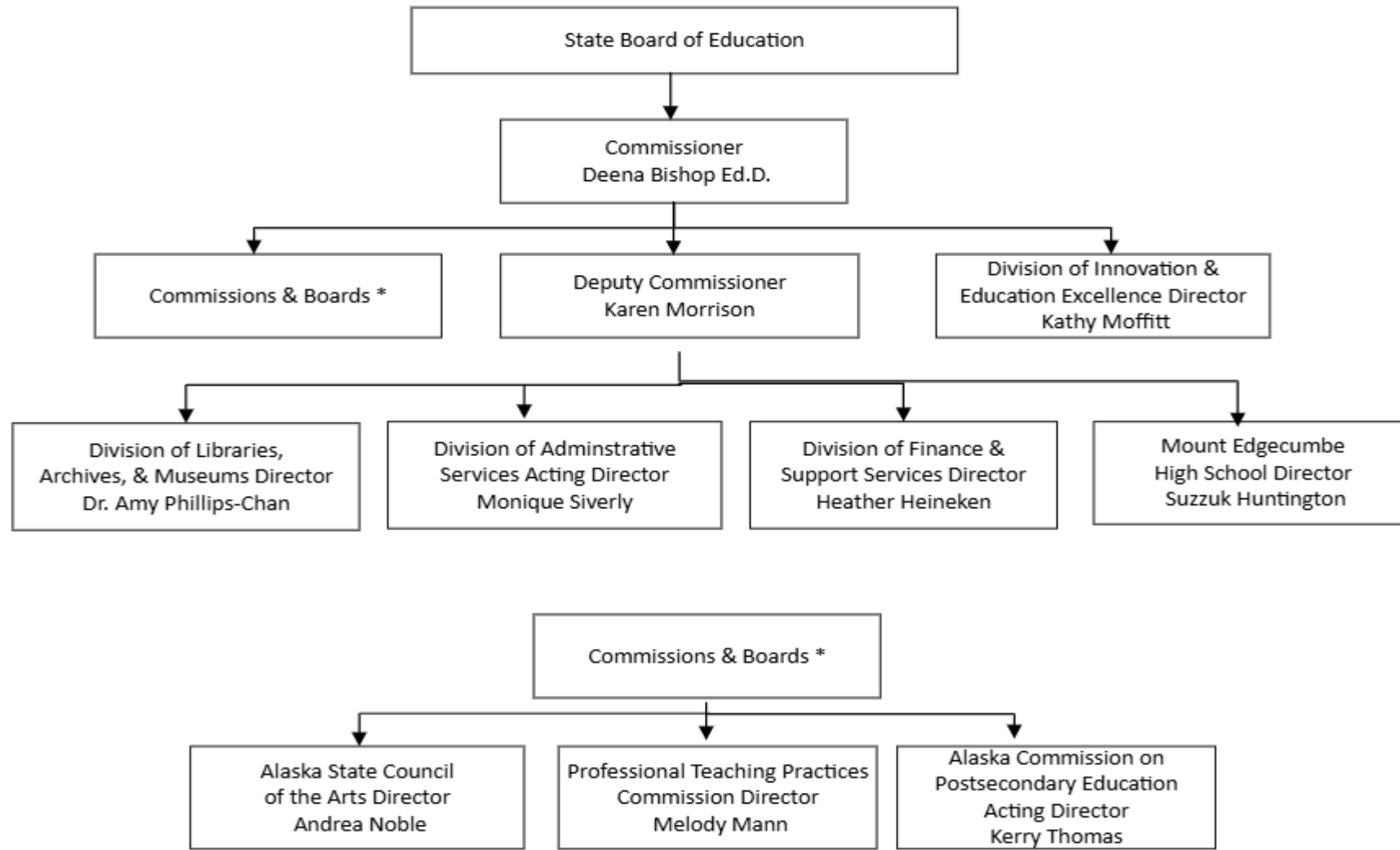
(TRR) – Teacher Retention and Recruitment

(TSI) – Targeted Support and Improvement

(UGF) – Unrestricted General Funds

(WWAMI) – Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho

Department of Education and Early Development



DEED Organizational Chart

State Board of Education & Early Development and Commissioner

- Executive Administration

Division of Innovation & Education Excellence

- Student & School Achievement
- Teacher Certification
- Early Learning Coordination
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants
- Career and Technical Education

Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School

- Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School
- MEHS Facilities Maintenance
- MEHS Aquatic Center

Division of Administrative Services

- Administrative Services
- Information Services
- Facilities Operations & Maintenance

Division of Finance & Support Services

- K-12 Aid to School Districts
- K-12 Support
- School Finance & Facilities
- Child Nutrition
- Broadband Assistance Grants

Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

- Library Operations
- Archives
- Museum Operations
- Online with Libraries
- Live Homework Help
- APK Building Facilities Maintenance

DEED Organizational Chart

Commissions and Boards

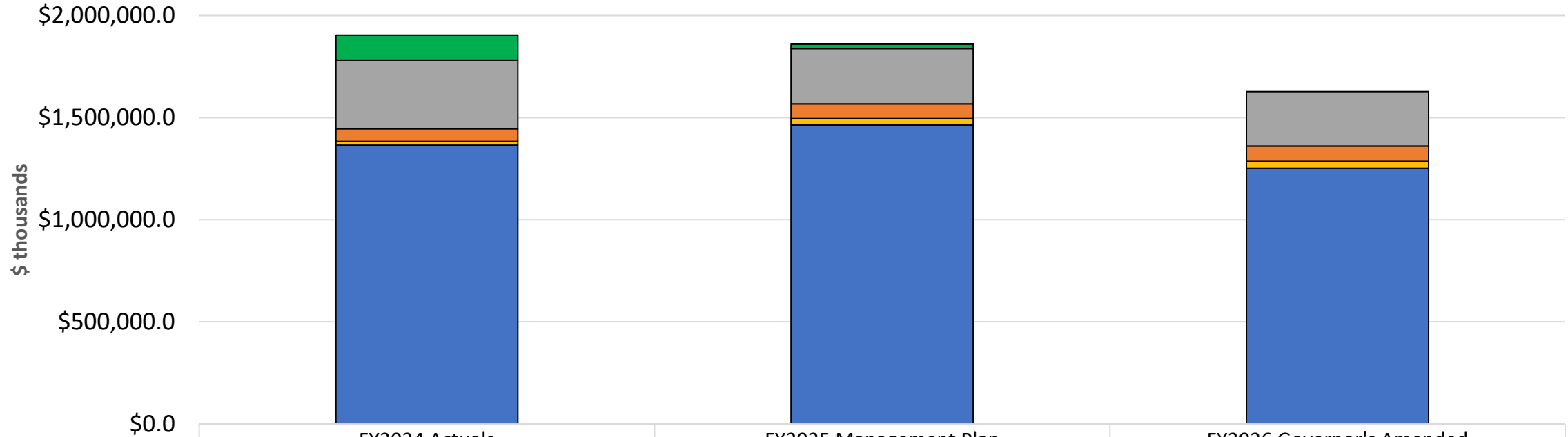
**Alaska State
Council on the
Arts
(ASCA)**

**Professional
Teaching
Practices
Commission
(PTPC)**

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)

- Program Administration & Operations
- Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education
- Alaska Student Loan Corporation
- Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards
- Alaska Education Grants

DEED Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024-FY2026)



	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor's Amended
Fed - COVID	\$124,774.0	\$21,064.0	\$0.0
Fed	\$333,466.8	\$270,576.6	\$266,705.2
Other	\$61,211.8	\$72,786.4	\$74,288.3
DGF	\$19,202.6	\$29,750.8	\$34,427.7
UGF	\$1,365,093.0	\$1,465,381.9	\$1,251,976.9
Position - PPT	12	13	13
Position - PFT	285	281	281
Position - NP	16	12	12

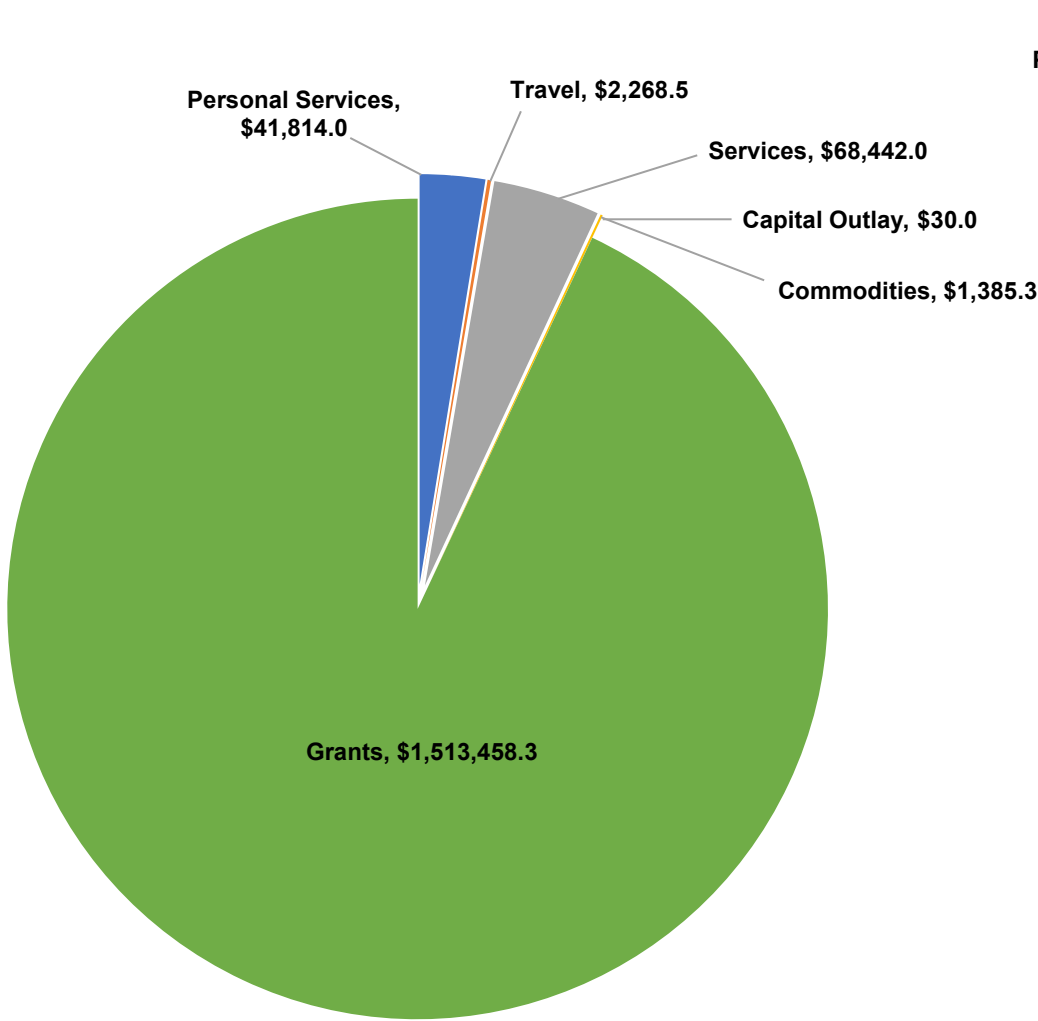
Total FY2024 Actuals: \$1,903,748.2

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$1,859,559.7

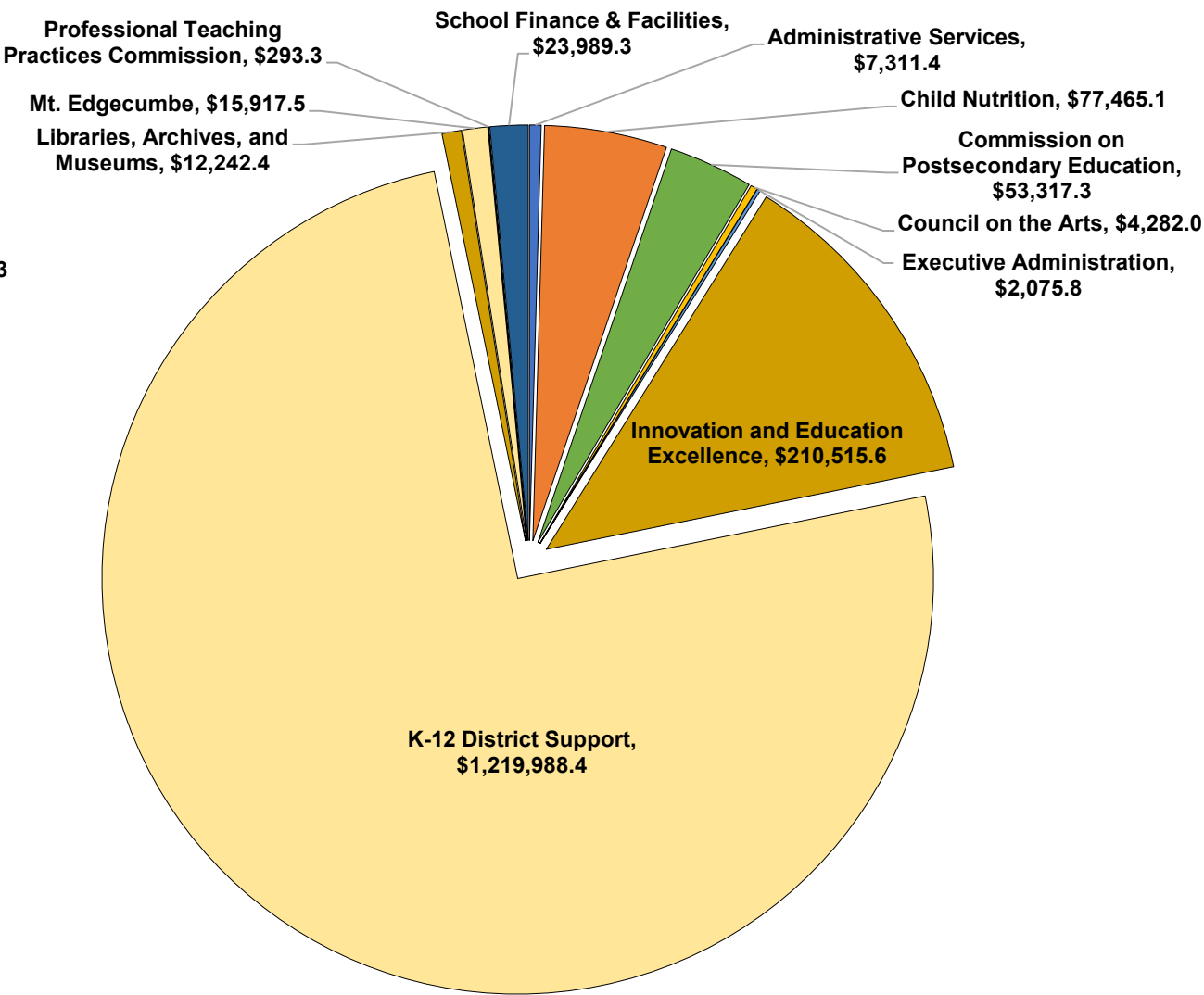
**Total FY2026 Governor's Amended:
\$1,627,398.1**

** FY2025 One Time Funding was backed out in FY2026 per the standard budgetary process*

DEED FY2026 Governor's Amended Budget (\$ thousands)



Expenditures

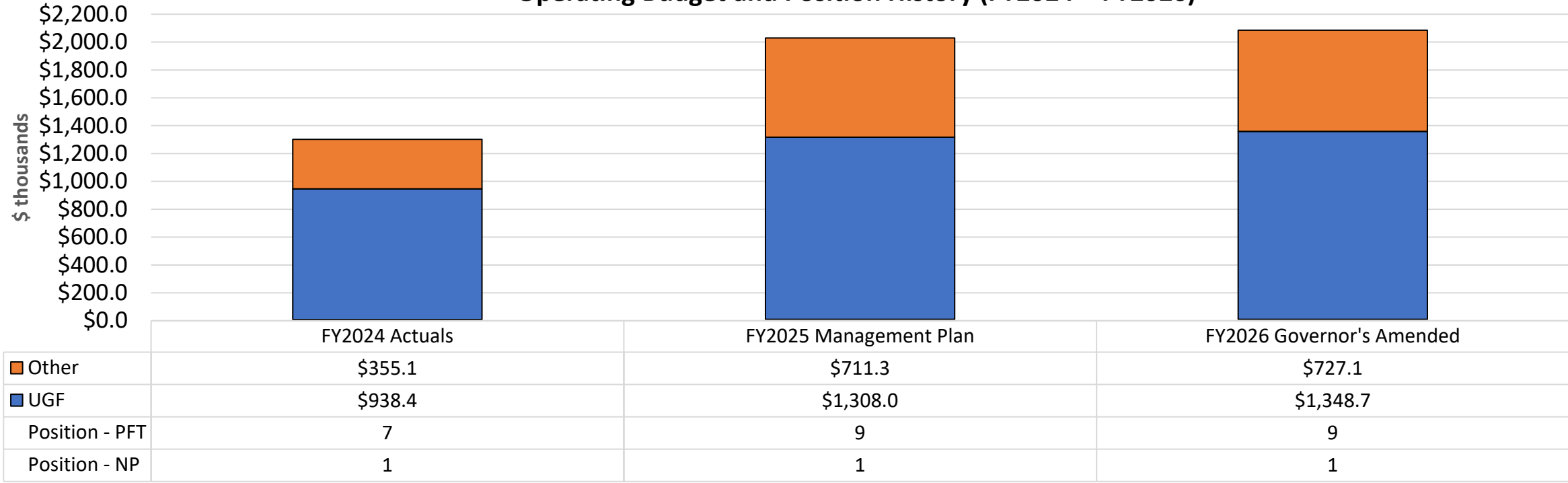


Divisions

Executive Administration

Mission: Provide policy direction and support to Alaska’s school districts, schools, students, parents, teachers, and department programs to increase student achievement.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$1,293.5

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$2,019.3

Total FY2026 Governor’s Amended: \$2,075.8

FY2026 Governor’s Amended		
UGF	Other	Grand Total
\$1,348.7	\$727.1	\$2,075.8



Office Of Education Advocacy

Mission

To empower Alaska's educational stakeholders through a centralized office, insuring access to information, advocacy for rights, and assistance in navigating Alaska's education system.

Stakeholders

Families, Students, Community, Education Staff, Elected Officials

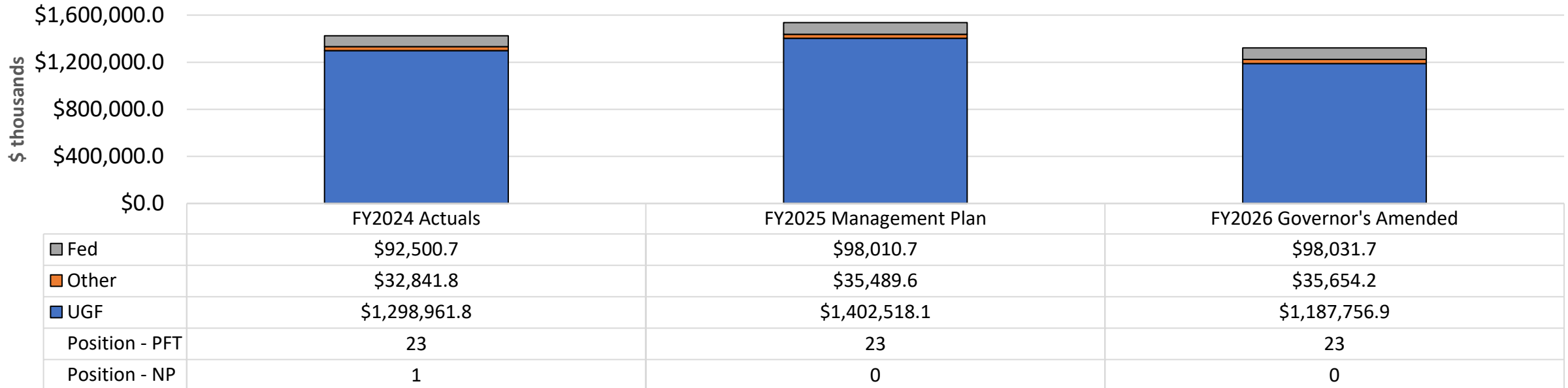
Services

- Central point for inquires and resources
- Assist stakeholders in navigating Alaska's Education System
- Provide information and support of educational rights and policies
- Refer issues to the appropriate department or agency

Division of Finance and Support Services

Mission: Allocate and account for resources distributed to Alaska school districts and Mt. Edgecumbe High School and provide services that promote safe facilities that support quality education programs.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$1,424,304.4

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$1,536,018.4

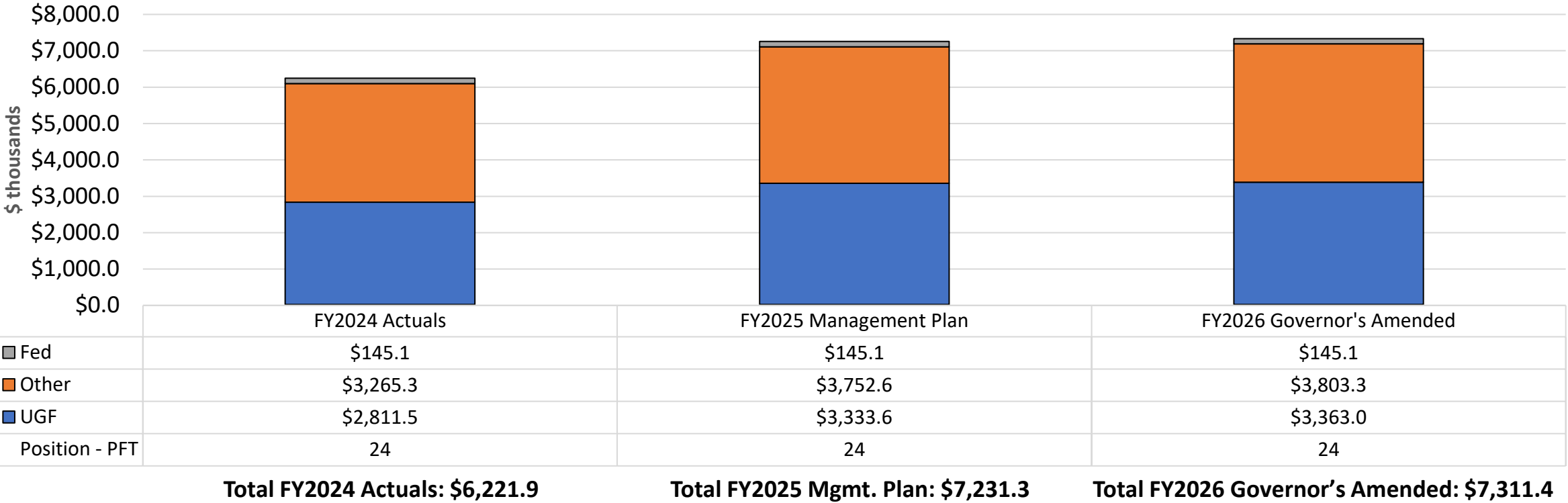
FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$1,321,442.8

FY2026 Governor's Amended				
Component	UGF	Fed	Other	Grand Total
Foundation Program	\$1,082,136.6	\$20,791.0	\$35,070.0	\$1,137,997.6
Pupil Transportation	\$67,812.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$67,812.3
Additional Foundation Funding	\$0	\$0.0	\$461.0	\$461.0
Youth in Detention	\$1,100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,100.0
Special Schools	\$4,081.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$4,081.7
Residential Schools Program	\$8,535.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$8,535.8
Child Nutrition	\$224.4	\$77,240.7	\$0.0	\$77,465.1
School Finance & Facilities	\$2,864.8	\$0.0	\$123.2	\$2,988.0
Broadband Assistance Grants	\$21,001.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$21,001.3
Grand Total	\$1,187,756.9	\$98,031.7	\$35,654.2	\$1,321,442.8

Division of Administrative Services

Mission: Provide centralized, administrative management, and financial support services to the department.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



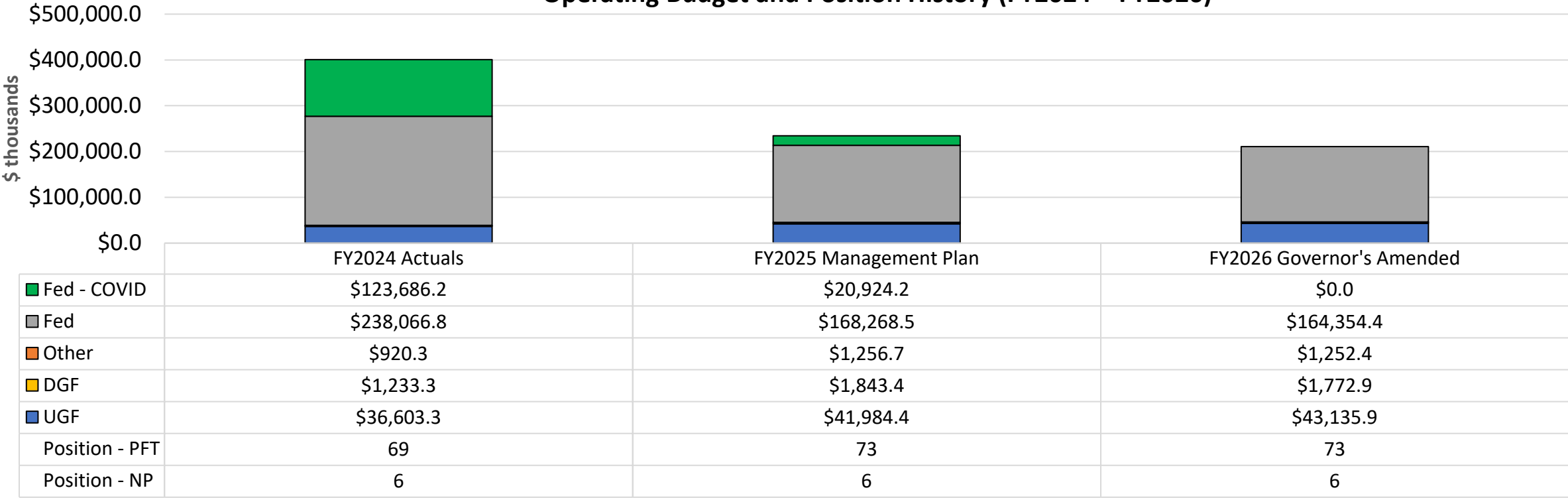
FY2026 Governor's Amended				
Component	UGF	Fed	Other	Grand Total
Administrative Services	\$1,177.5	\$145.1	\$2,913.0	\$4,235.6
Facilities Rent State Owned	\$718.2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$718.2
Information Services	\$1,467.3	\$0.0	\$890.3	\$2,357.6
Grand Total	\$3,363.0	\$145.1	\$3,803.3	\$7,311.4



Division of Innovation and Education Excellence

Mission: Provide support through federal program funding and compliance; academic standards, academic assessment, and accountability; state system of support to increase school effectiveness; and active partnerships.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$400,509.9

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$234,277.2

Total FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$210,515.6

FY2026 Governor's Amended						
Component	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Fed - COVID	Grand Total
Early Learning Coordination	\$14,778.6	\$0.0	\$130.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$14,908.9
Pre-Kindergarten Grants	\$6,199.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$6,199.9
Student and School Achievement	\$16,981.8	\$884.6	\$157,984.4	\$1,251.4	\$0.0	\$177,102.2
Teacher Certification	\$1,632.6	\$888.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,520.9
Career and Technical Education	\$3,543.0	\$0.0	\$6,239.7	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$9,783.7
Grand Total	\$43,135.9	\$1,772.9	\$164,354.4	\$1,252.4	\$0.0	\$210,515.6

Teacher Retention and Recruitment FY2026

\$1,250.0 Gen Fund (UGF)

Increase teacher retention and recruitment through Governor Dunleavy's Teacher Recruitment and Retention (TRR) Working Group Recommendations

- Expand Teacher-Registered Apprenticeship Program (T-RAP) and Implement Principal-Registered Apprenticeship Program (P-RAP)
- Expand Alaska Educator Retention and Recruitment Center (AERRC) Services for International Teachers
- Continue Administration of Teacher Exit and Stay Survey and Data Analysis
- Design and Administer Principal Exit and Stay Survey
- Develop and Implement Alternative Pathway to Certification
- Continued Promotion of TRR Awareness and Engagement

Career and Technical Education FY2026

\$1,250.0 Gen Fund (UGF)

Build the workforce to the future

- Maintain Support For Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)
- Expand and Refine the Career Guidance Model
- Maintain Support for Computer Coding Credential Pathways
- Develop and Expand Career and Technical Education Programs of Study (C-TEPS)
- Plumber and Electrician Program \$300.0 Unrestricted General Fund

Early Learning Update

Pre-Kindergarten Grants

Alaska Reads Act - Early Education Program Grants

- Three-year grant cycle - \$2,999.9 UGF per year
 - FY2023-FY2026 – seven districts awarded
 - FY2024-FY2027 – two districts awarded

Pre-Elementary Grants

- Three-year grant cycle - \$3,200.0 UGF per year
- Awards are for FY2024, FY2025, and FY2026 – nine districts awarded

Early Education Program/.5 ADM Formula Funding

- FY2024 Anchorage School District
- FY2025 Skagway School District and Valdez School District

Early Learning Coordination

Head Start Programs

- Federal grants from the U.S. Office of Head Start directly to the seventeen programs
- State matching funds through legislative appropriation - \$13,038.5 UGF

Parents As Teachers

- \$474.7 UGF

Best Beginnings

- \$320.0 UGF

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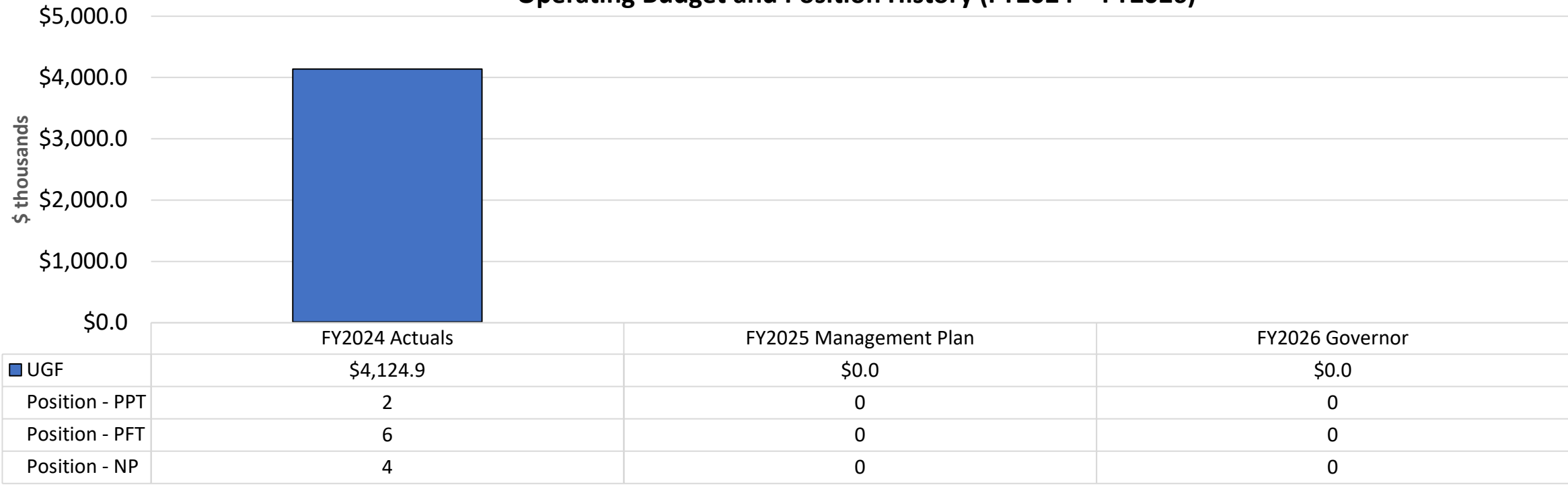
- \$300.0 UGF

(\$ thousands)

Alyeska Reading Academy and Institute

Mission: Support school districts and provide services for the successful implementation of the Alaska Reads Act.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$4,124.9

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$0.0

Total FY2026 Governor’s Amended: \$0.0

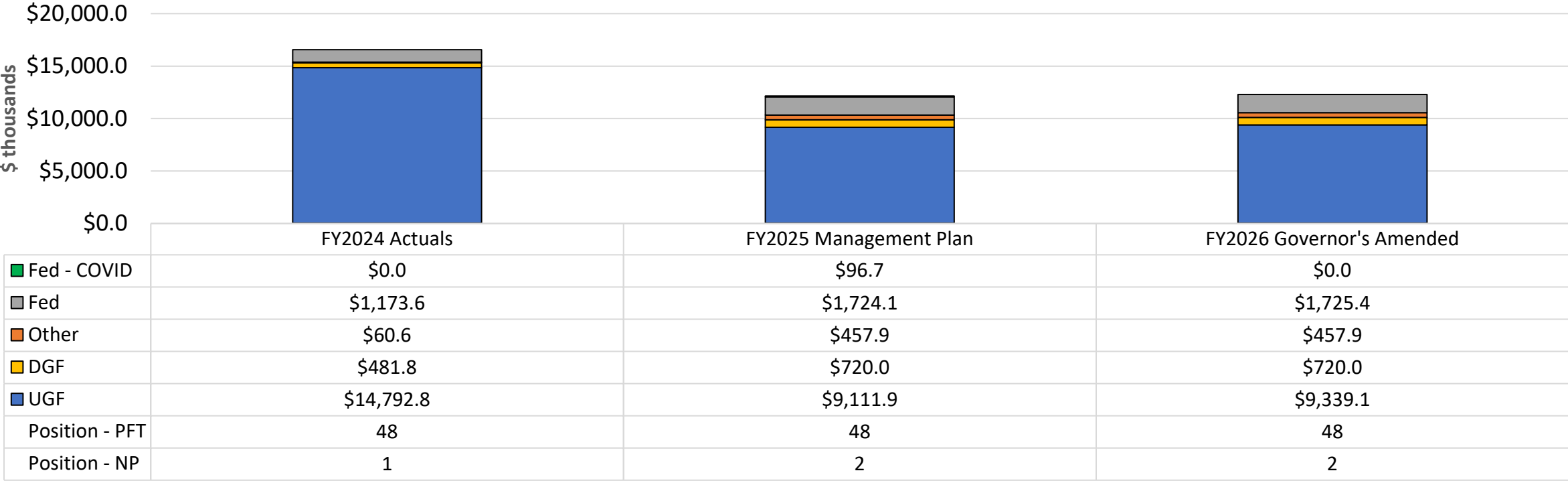
FY2026 Governor’s Amended	
UGF	Grand Total
\$0.0	\$0.0



Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Mission: Provide access to government information; collect, organize, preserve, and make available materials that document the history of the state; and promote the development of libraries, archives, and museums statewide.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$16,508.8

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$12,110.6

Total FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$12,242.4

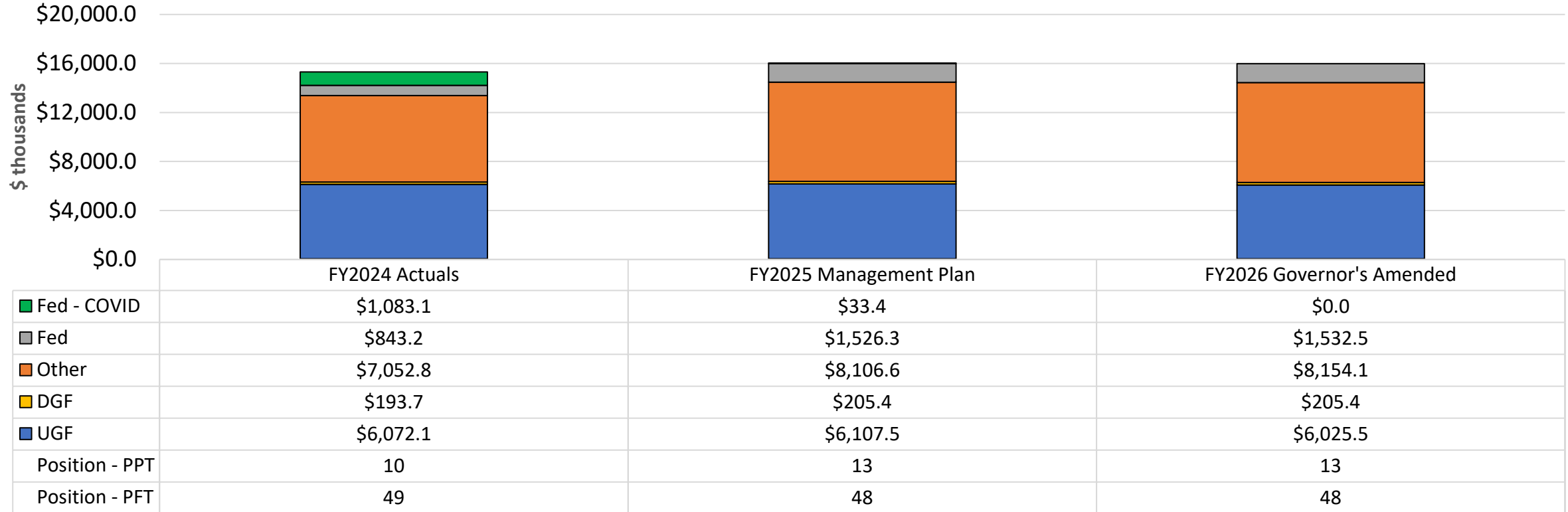
FY2026 Governor's Amended					
Component	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Grand Total
Andrew P. Kashevaroff Facilities Maintenance	\$1,239.3	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,339.3
Archives	\$1,563.8	\$10.0	\$39.5	\$132.0	\$1,745.3
Broadband Assistance Grants	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Library Operations	\$4,188.0	\$52.8	\$1,551.7	\$325.9	\$6,118.4
Museum Operations	\$1,853.7	\$557.2	\$134.2	\$0.0	\$2,545.1
Online with Libraries	\$494.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$494.3
Grand Total	\$9,339.1	\$720.0	\$1,725.4	\$457.9	\$12,242.4



Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Mission: To provide a challenging, unique education in a residential setting that values rich cultural diversities and traditions, inspiring Alaskan students to become successful, responsible, global citizens.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$15,244.9

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$15,979.2

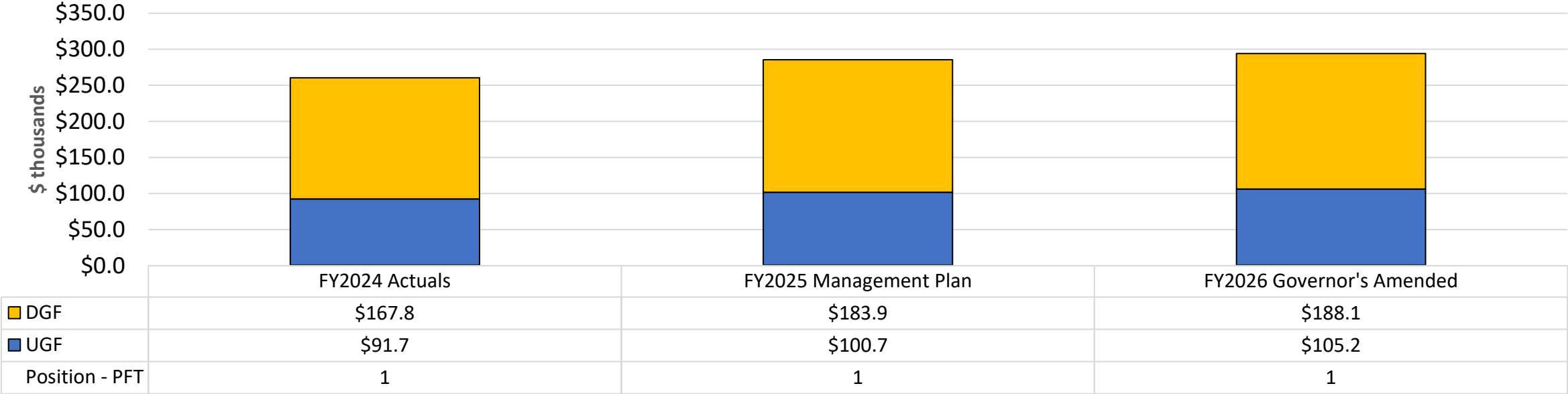
Total FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$15,917.5

FY2026 Governor's Amended						
Component	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Fed - COVID	Grand Total
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	\$5,583.8	\$55.4	\$1,532.5	\$6,959.6	\$0.0	\$14,131.3
Mt. Edgecumbe Aquatic Center	\$441.7	\$150.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$591.7
MEHS Facility Operations & Maint.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,194.5	\$0.0	\$1,194.5
Grand Total	\$6,025.5	\$205.4	\$1,532.5	\$8,154.1	\$0.0	\$15,917.5

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Mission: Help prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals by serving as a preventative and positive force in working to enhance the professional performance of all educators and ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$259.5

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$284.6

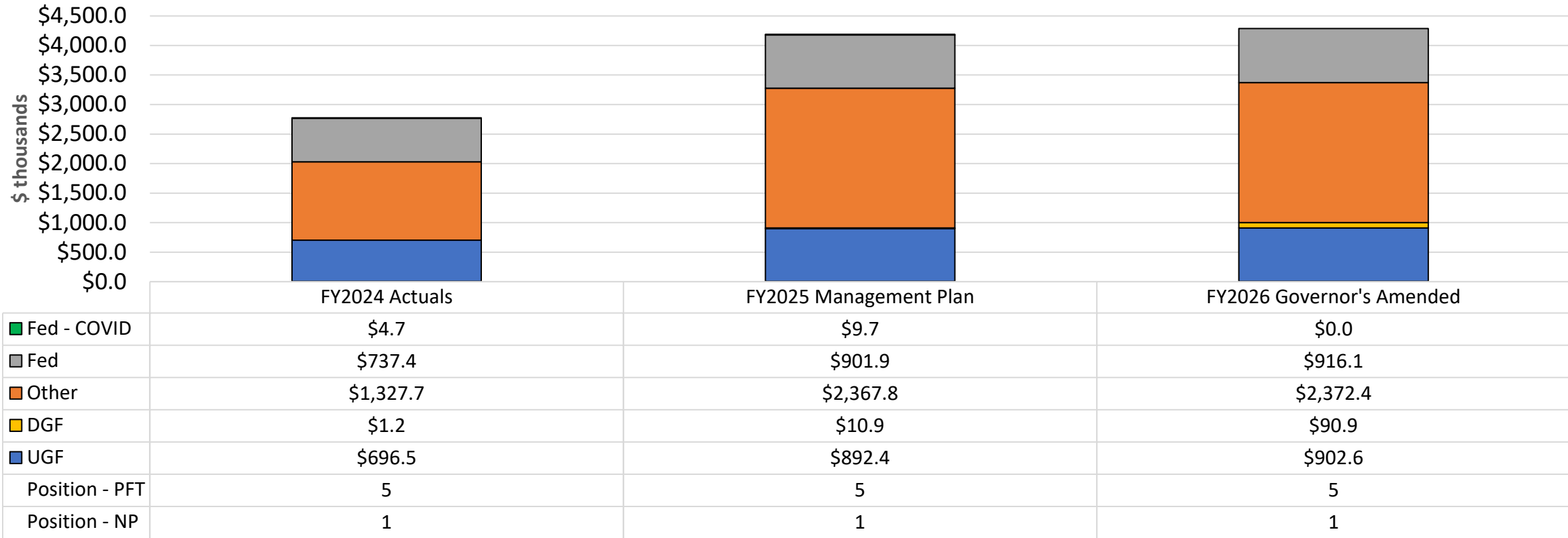
Total FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$293.3

FY2026 Governor's Amended		
UGF	DGF	Grand Total
\$105.2	\$188.1	\$293.3

Alaska State Council on the Arts

Mission: The Alaska State Council on the Arts represents, supports, and advances the creative endeavors of individuals, organizations, and agencies throughout Alaska.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$2,767.5

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$4,182.7

Total FY2026 Governor’s Amended: \$4,282.0

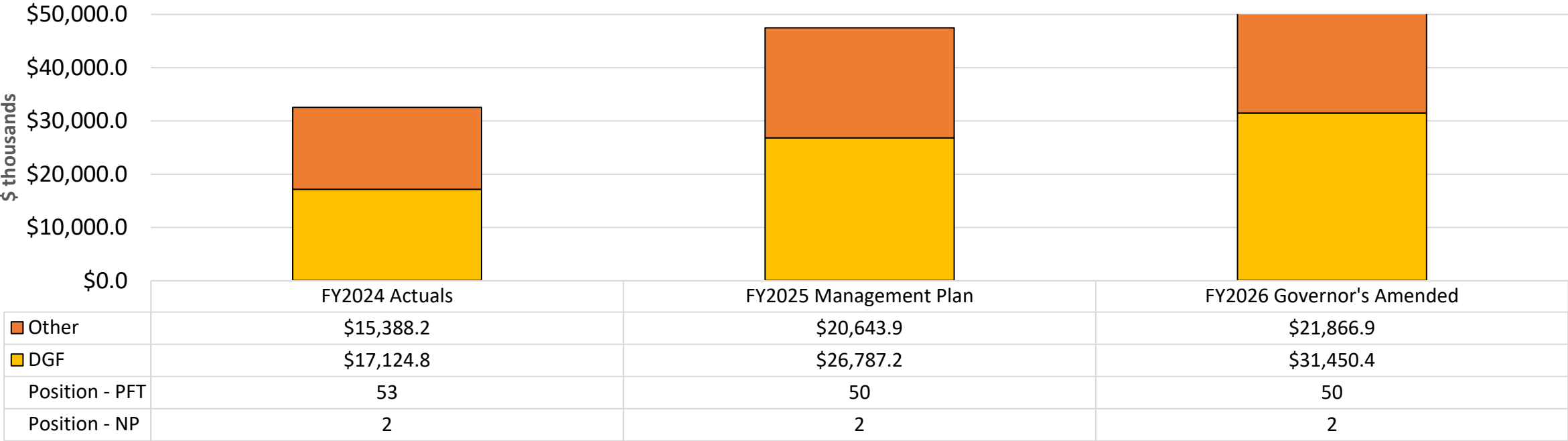
FY2026 Governor’s Amended					
UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Fed - COVID	Grand Total
\$902.6	\$90.9	\$916.1	\$2,372.4	\$0.0	\$4,282.0



Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Mission: Provide sustainable solutions for college, career and technical training.

Operating Budget and Position History (FY2024 – FY2026)



Total FY2024 Actuals: \$32,513.0

Total FY2025 Mgmt. Plan: \$47,431.1

Total FY2026 Governor's Amended: \$53,317.3

FY2026 Governor's Amended			
Component	Other	DGF	Grand Total
Alaska Performance Scholarship Award	\$0.0	\$17,014.0	\$17,014.0
Alaska Education Grants	\$0.0	\$8,507.0	\$8,507.0
Loan Servicing	\$10,858.4	\$0.0	\$10,858.4
Program Administration & Operations	\$11,008.5	\$789.3	\$11,797.8
Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education	\$0.0	\$5,140.1	\$5,140.1
Grand Total	\$21,866.9	\$31,450.4	\$53,317.3



Alaska Performance Scholarship

- **Preliminary Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Outcomes**
 - 45 percent = APS eligibility for the Class of 2024 (compared to 17 percent 2022 and 2023)
 - 3,745 = Largest number of APS eligible graduates
 - \$13 Million = Greatest amount of APS awarded in FY2025 (compared to less than seven million dollars in FY2024)
 - Nearly two times higher = Increase in the number of students using the APS
- **Ongoing APS Efforts**
 - The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education leads the Alaska Performance Scholarship Cross Agency Work Group to inform, enhance, and collaborate on Alaska Performance Scholarship implementation, communication, and more
 - Continue to build and expand Alaska Performance Scholarship campaigns to maximize statewide reach

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