

# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FY2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

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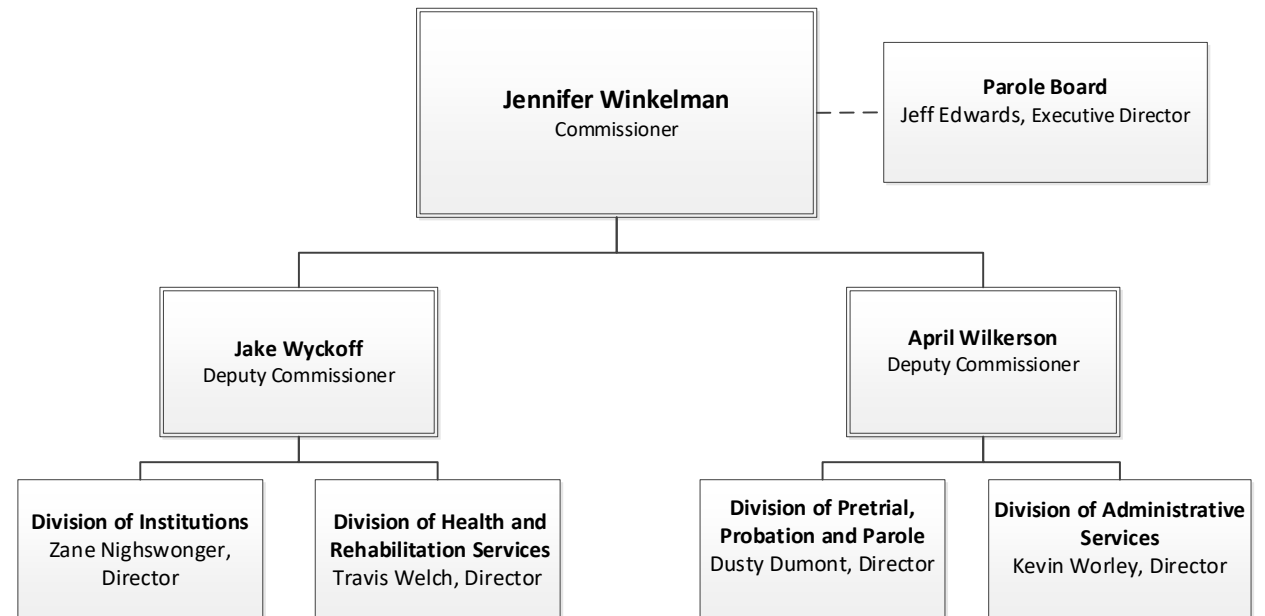


Presented By:  
Deputy Commissioner April Wilkerson  
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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- Commissioner's Office
- Division of Institutions
- Division of Health and Rehabilitation Services
- Division of Pretrial, Probation, and Parole
- Division of Administrative Services
- Parole Board





# MISSION AND CORE SERVICES

- Mission: To provide secure confinement, reformatory programs, and a process of supervised community reintegration to enhance the safety of our communities
- Department FY2026 Positions: 2,124 PFT
- Department FY2026 Budget Request: \$481,123.2 (\$ in thousands)

Department Divisions	Core Service: Secure Confinement	Core Service: Supervised Release	Core Service: Reformatory Programs
Institutions	X	X	X
Health & Rehabilitation Services	X		X
Pretrial, Probation, and Parole		X	X
Administrative Services	X	X	X



# DOC AT A GLANCE

- Alaska is one of seven states that operate a unified correctional system. A state unified system is one in which there is an integrated state-level prison and jail system.
- DOC booked 26,998 offenders into its facilities in FY2024.
  - ✓ 16,868 were unique offenders
  - ✓ 567 were non-criminal Title 47 bookings
- As of January 1, 2025, DOC was responsible for 9,767 individuals
  - ✓ 4,266 offenders in jail or prison
  - ✓ 250 offenders on sentenced electronic monitoring (EM)
  - ✓ 364 offenders in community residential centers (CRCs)
  - ✓ 3,382 offenders on probation or parole
  - ✓ 1,505 defendants on pretrial supervision (1,029 on pretrial EM)



# FY2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnered with the Department of Family and Community Services and Alaska Psychiatric Institute to establish and open the jail-based restoration program at the Anchorage Correctional Complex.
- Initiated the expansion of community placement options by using alternatives to the traditional community residential center placements. The department is running a pilot project on these placements, utilizing True North Recovery and Alaska Addiction and Rehabilitation Services (AARS).
- Utilized the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) resource guide to complete a thorough proactive needs assessment of all 13 correctional facilities statewide. The finalized report and recommendation are part of Project 2025, an effort to reduce in-custody annual suicides rates 20 percent by Calendar Year (CY) 2025.
- Partnered with the Carpenter's Union and implemented a pre-apprentice carpentry program at Hiland Mountain and Wildwood Correctional Centers.
- Implemented a pilot tablet program at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. These tablets are used in a limited/restricted capacity for: Digital Law Library, Attorney Visitation, Court hearings, and the inmate handbook. In addition, the department and the Alaska Court System partnered to have Court tablets operational for inmates at Goose Creek Correctional Center.
- Under the department's statewide Wellness Program for employees and inmates, formalized a Critical Incident Stress Management/Peer Support team. The department trained 35 staff to be peer supporters and will be training additional supporters in early 2025. The Wellness Unit trained 54 Stronger Families trainers and implemented seven modules department wide. Approximately 1,000 department staff were trained in this program.



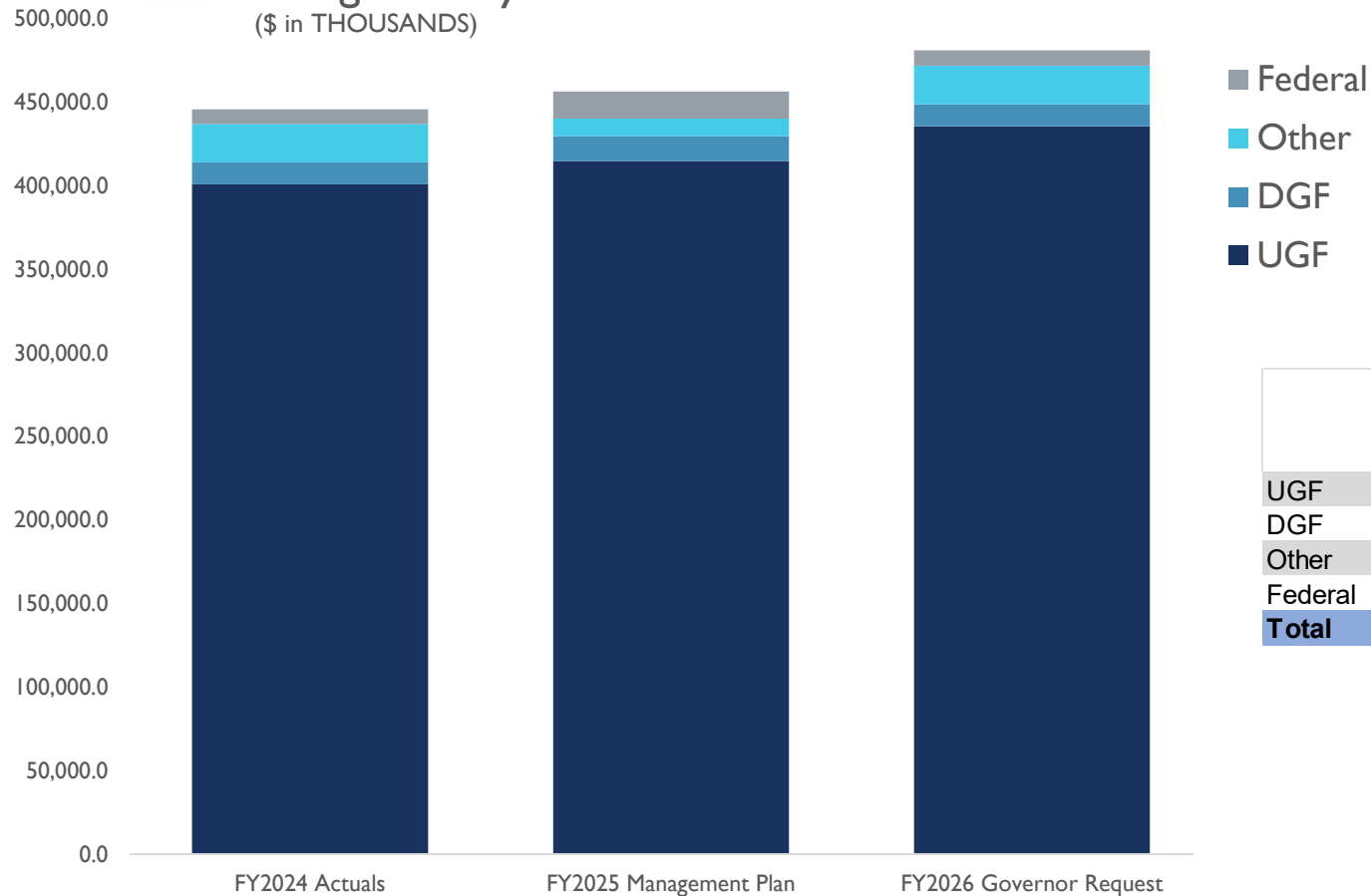
## KEY CHALLENGES

- Recruit, hire, and retain qualified staff to meet the challenge of public protection within fiscally responsible parameters
- Management and movement of the offender population; providing assurance of proper offender classification for placement in Correctional Institutions, Community Residential Centers, and Electronic Monitoring
- Control the cost and prevalence of chronic illnesses and communicable diseases among incarcerated offenders
- Reduce the ongoing deterioration of the facilities



# FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

Funding History  
(\$ in THOUSANDS)



	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor Request	Difference FY2024 and FY2026 Gov	Difference FY2024 and FY2026
UGF	401,026.6	414,980.4	435,632.9	34,606.3	8.6%
DGF	13,015.1	14,851.4	13,230.6	215.5	1.7%
Other	23,004.4	10,383.2	23,188.2	183.8	0.8%
Federal	8,815.1	16,249.7	9,071.5	256.4	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>445,861.2</b>	<b>456,464.7</b>	<b>481,123.2</b>	<b>35,262.0</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

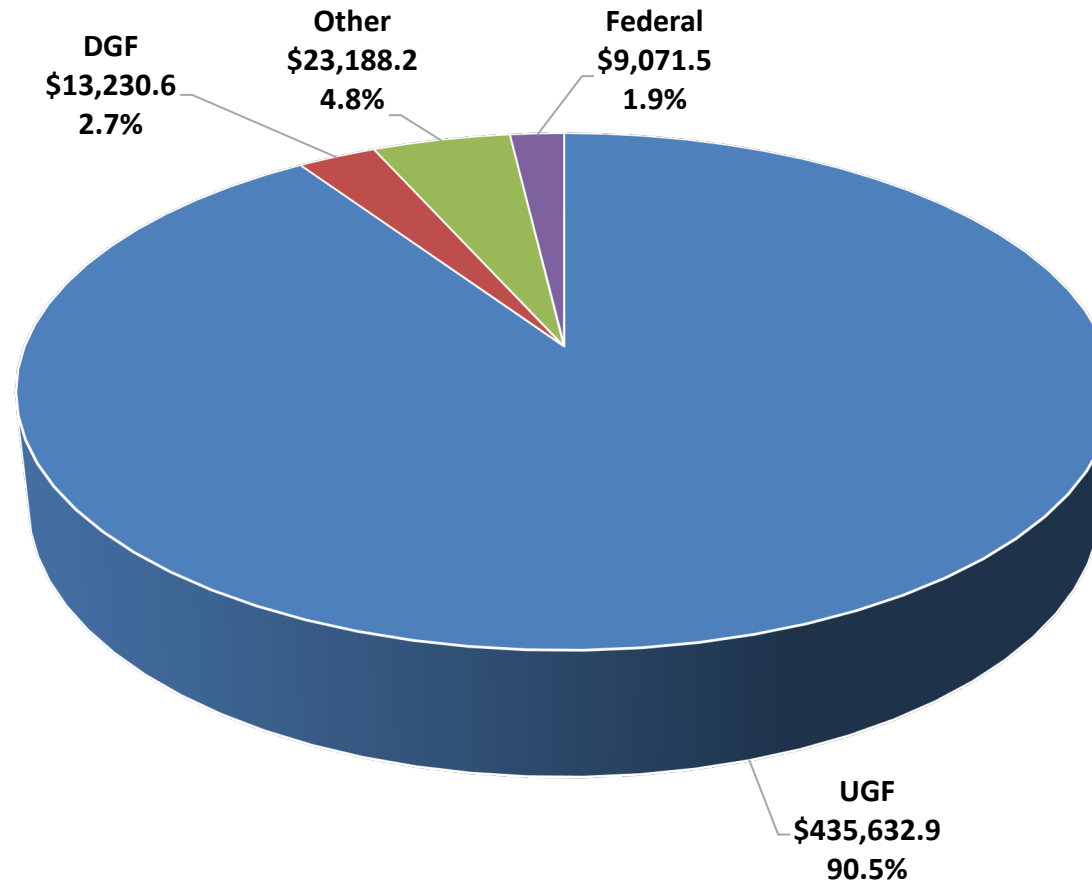
Difference FY2024 and FY2026 Gov



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**2,124 PFT**

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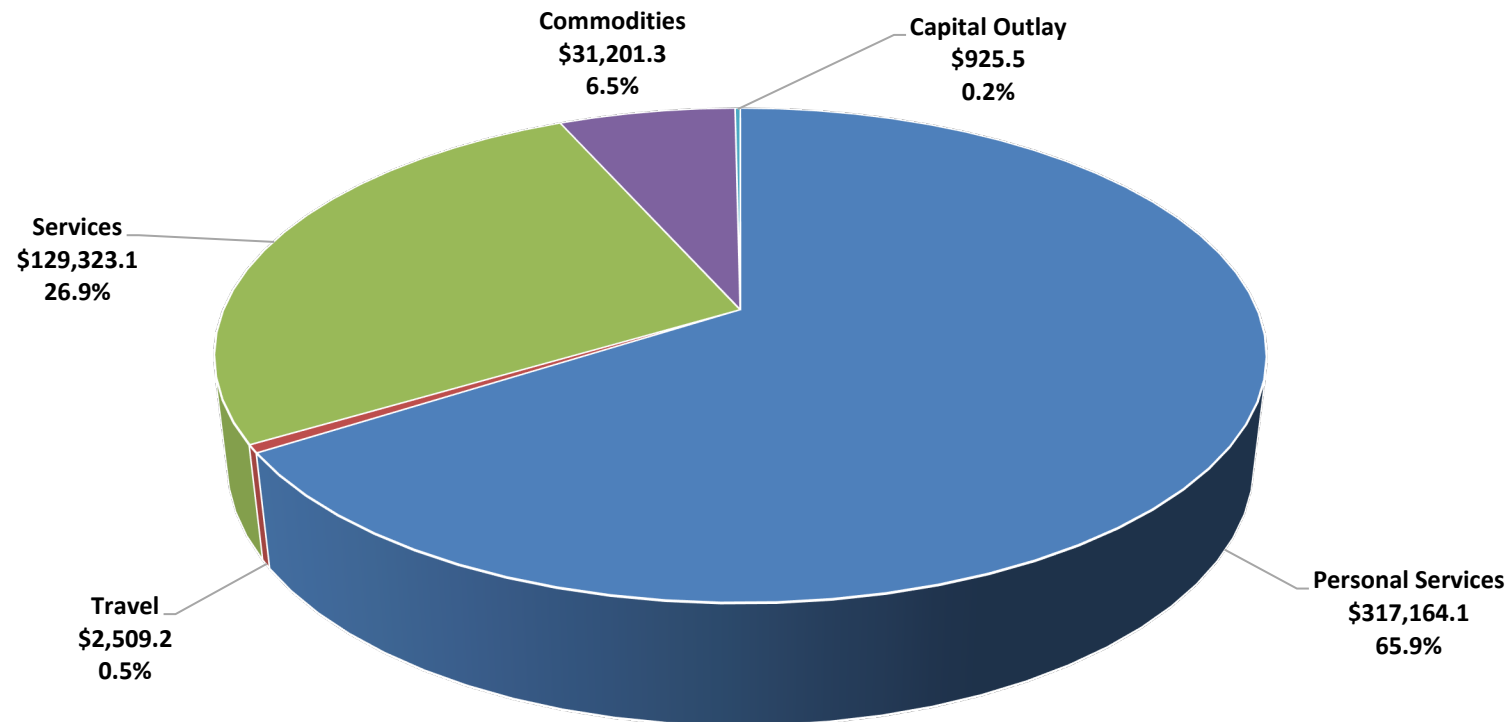


# FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

## BY LINE ITEM

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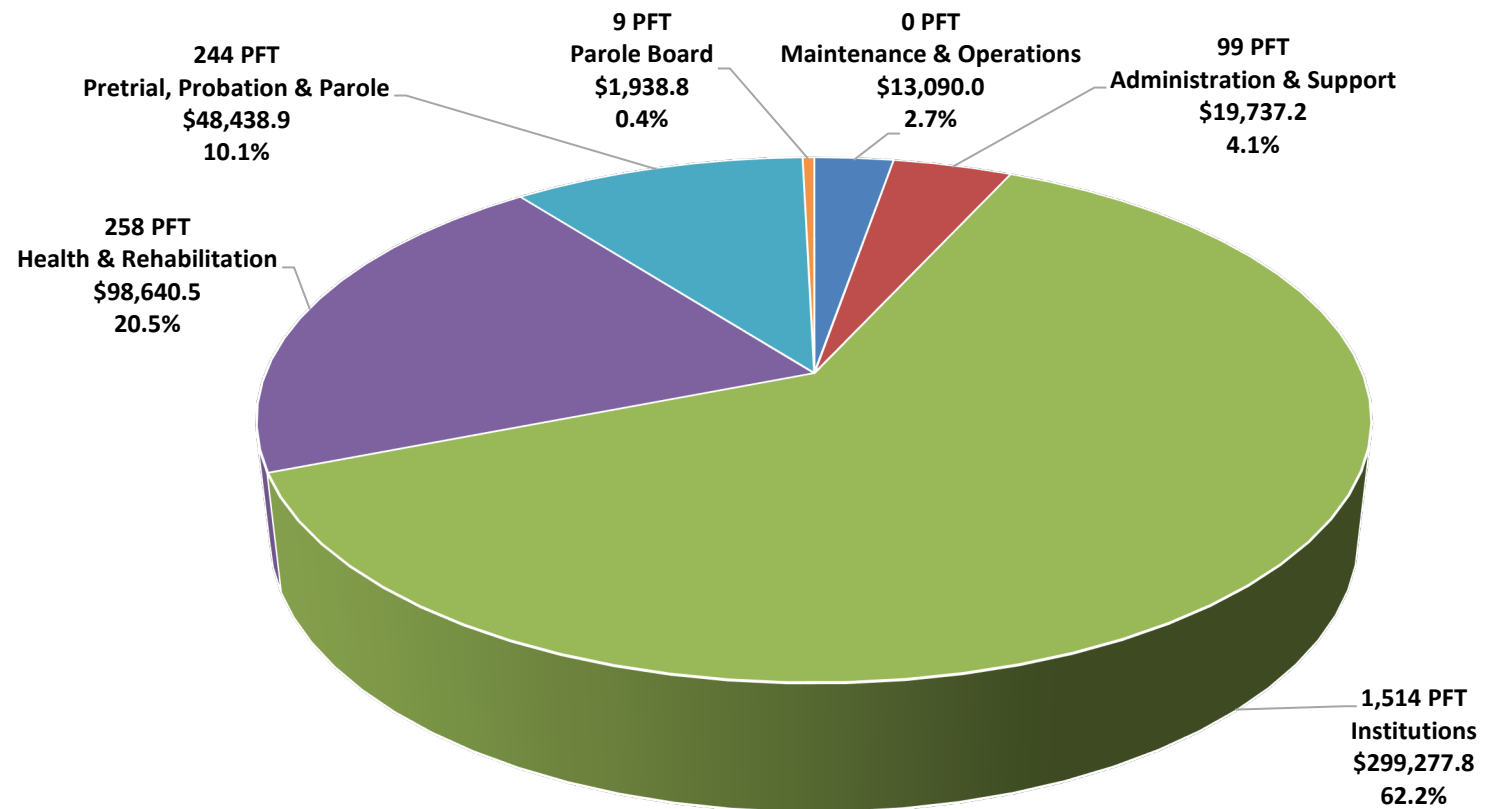


# FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

## BY DIVISION

**Total \$481,123.2**  
**2,124 PFT**

(\$ in THOUSANDS)





# DIVISION SERVICES

## Institutions

**\$299,277.8 & 1,514 PFTs**

- Inmate Time Accounting
- Chaplaincy Program
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Oversight
- Inmate Grievance Resolution
- Security Threat Group
- Classification and Furlough
- Inmate Transportation
- Point of Arrest
- K-9 Unit
- 13 Correctional Centers
- 7 Community Residential Centers
- 6 Sentenced Electronic Monitoring (EM) Offices
- Out-of-State

## Maintenance & Operations

**\$13,090.0 & 0 PFTs**

- 24 Hour Institutional Maintenance
- Non-Institutional Maint. & Operations
- Non-Institutional Utilities
- Non-State-Owned Leases

## Health & Rehabilitation Services

**\$98,640.5 & 258 PFTs**

- Medical and Dental Services and Oversight
- Medicaid Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse
  - Assessment
  - Residential Treatment
  - Institutional Out-Patient Treatment
- Sex Offender Management
  - Polygraph
  - Institutional Sex Offender Program
  - Community Sex Offender Program
- Domestic Violence Program
- Reentry & Recidivism Unit
  - Offender Reentry
  - Community Coordination
- Education/Vocational Programs
  - Basic Adult Education
  - Apprenticeship Training
  - Vocational Training

## Pretrial, Probation & Parole

**\$48,438.9 & 244 PFTs**

- Victim Service Unit
- Pretrial Services
  - Assessments
  - Supervision
  - Pretrial Electronic Monitoring
- Statewide Probation and Parole
  - 13 regional locations
  - Probation Accountability with Certain Enforcement
  - Pre-Sentencing Unit
  - Interstate Compact
- 14 Regional & Community Jails

## Board of Parole

**\$1,938.8 & 9 PFTs**

- Discretionary Parole
- Mandatory Parole
- Special Medical Parole
- Geriatric Parole
- Executive Clemency Program

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

## Administration & Support

**\$19,737.2 & 99 PFTs**

- Executive Oversight
- Compliance Standards
- Inmate Grievances
- Training Academy
- Officer Recruitment & Retention
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- Statewide Administrative Services
- Inmate Account and Banking
- Financial Oversight and Auditing
- Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device
- Research & Reporting
- Criminal Justice Information Security
- Alaska Corrections Offender Management System
- Inmate Law Library
- Facilities Capital Improvement Unit
- OSHA Compliance
- State Facilities Rent



# FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

## Fund Source Changes:

- Replace Funding Source Due to the Declining Federal Manday Revenue:
  - **-\$7,500 Fed**
  - \$7,500 UGF
- Replace Funding Source to Align with Balance in Restorative Justice Fund (PFD Criminal Funds) in Physical Health Care:
  - **-\$2,428.9 Other**
  - \$2,428.9 UGF



# FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

## Fund Source Consolidation:

- Consolidate Recidivism Reduction Funds into Community Residential Center Component:
  - **-\$7,636.1 DGF**
  - **\$7,636.1 UGF**



# FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Annual Facility and Maintenance Increase
  - \$14,809.4 (Inter-Agency Receipts)
- Establish Peer Support and Wellness Program
  - \$500.0 (UGF)
- Support Deployment of Inmate Tablets Costs Increases
  - \$249.0 (UGF)
- Lease Agreements Cost Increases
  - \$154.0 (UGF)
- Regional Community Jails Rising Costs
  - \$195.0 (UGF)
- Support Vocational Services and Training Expansion Programs Costs
  - \$850.0 (UGF)



# FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Increase Authority for Supervisory Standby Pay for Supervisors Department Wide:
  - \$3,904.7 General Funds (UGF)

## Authority Increase by Component

- \$109.2 Anchorage Correctional Complex Center
- \$137.5 Anvil Mountain Correctional Center
- \$112.2 Combined Hiland Mountain Correctional Center
- \$131.4 Fairbanks Correctional Center
- \$137.3 Goose Creek Correctional Center
- \$106.7 Ketchikan Correctional Center
- \$259.3 Lemon Creek Correctional Center
- \$185.1 Mat-Su Correctional Center
- \$115.8 Palmer Correctional Center
- \$108.2 Pt. MacKenzie Correctional Farm
- \$215.8 Spring Creek Correctional Center
- \$91.6 Wildwood Correctional Center
- \$146.0 Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center
- \$102.8 Institution Director's Office
- \$130.3 Classification & Furlough
- \$81.0 Inmate Transportation Unit
- \$449.9 Pretrial Services
- \$732.0 Statewide Probation & Parole
- \$134.2 Electronic Monitoring
- \$84.7 Facility CIP Unit
- \$86.1 Information Technology
- \$45.8 Behavioral Health Care
- \$201.8 Physical Health Care



# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Health and Well-Being of Staff
- ✓ Inmates, Defendants, and Probationer/Parolees leave us better than when they entered the system
- ✓ Identifying Efficiencies and Resources to Reduce Recidivism





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