

A large, dark sculpture of a whale leaping from the water, creating a massive splash. The whale is positioned in the center-right of the frame. In the background, there is a lush green forested hill on the left and a snow-capped mountain on the right. A small town is visible at the base of the forested hill. The sky is clear and blue.

FY2026 Department Budget Overview

House Finance Committee

February 11, 2025

Presented by:

Cathy Muñoz, Commissioner

Dan DeBartolo, Administrative Services Director

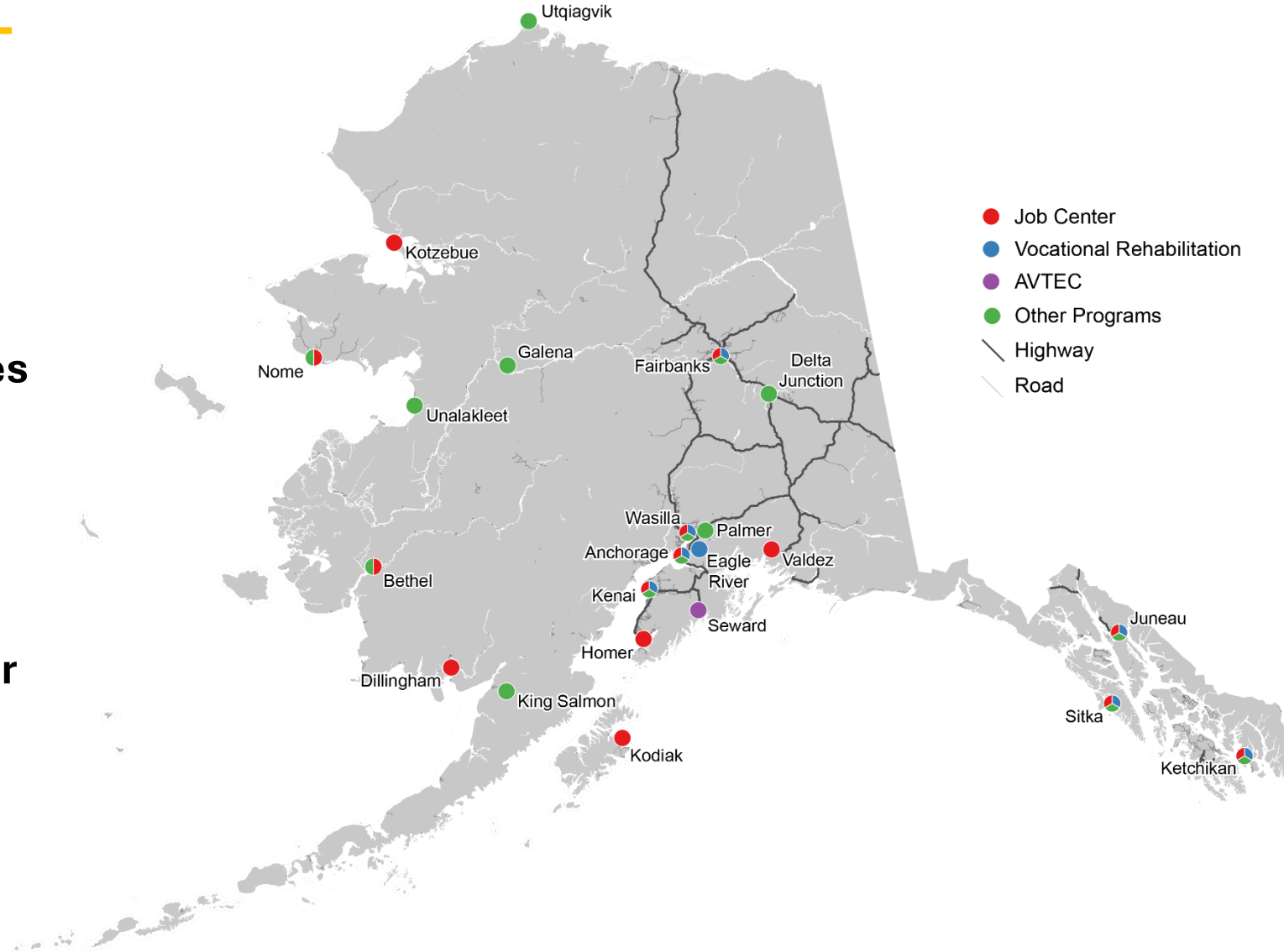


ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Cathy Muñoz, Commissioner



Our Reach in Alaska

- **14 Job Centers**
(includes satellite in Kotzebue)
- **11 Vocational Rehabilitation Offices**
- **9 Regional TVEP Recipients**
- **31 STEP Grantees**
- **10 Construction Academies**
- **Alaska Vocational Technical Center**



Highlights of 2024

- Opened the Office of Citizenship Assistance (OCA)
- Increased training support through the Job Center Network
- Collaboration with DEED on Career Guide expansion
- Teacher Apprenticeship project
- Implemented the AKOSH Diversionary program
- Became a DOD SkillBridge site
- Improvements to the Certificate of Fitness process



Organization and Mission Delivery

(\$ in Thousands)



Leadership and Support

\$19,582.8
10.8%

- Commissioner's Office
- Management Services
- Labor Market Information
- Technology Services



Protect Workers

\$26,410.5
14.6%

- Alaska Labor Relations Agency
- Workers' Compensation
- Labor Standards and Safety



Income Replacement

\$32,501.1
17.9%

- Unemployment Insurance
- Disability Determinations



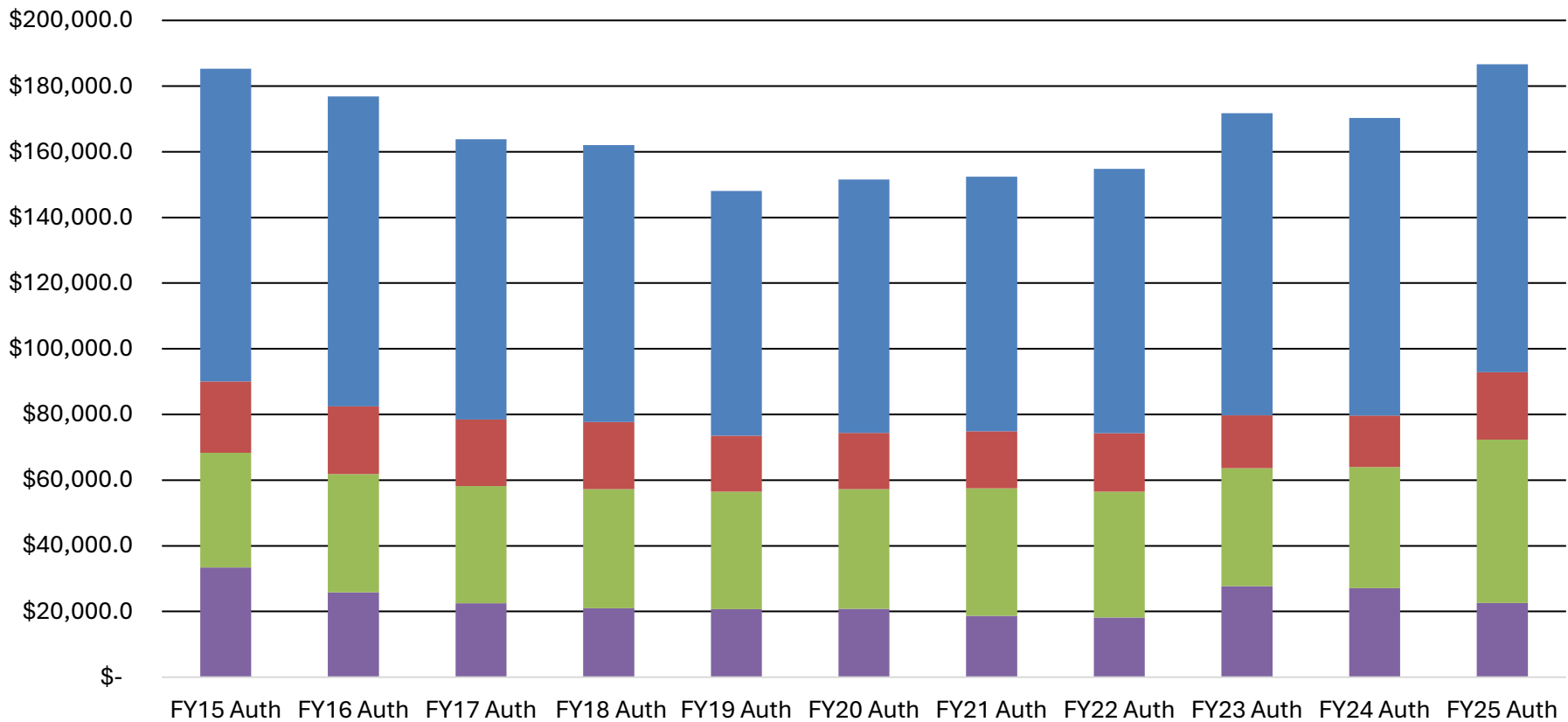
Workforce Development

\$102,750.8
56.7%

- Alaska Workforce Investment Board
- Employment and Training Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Alaska Vocational Technical Center
- Office of Citizenship Assistance

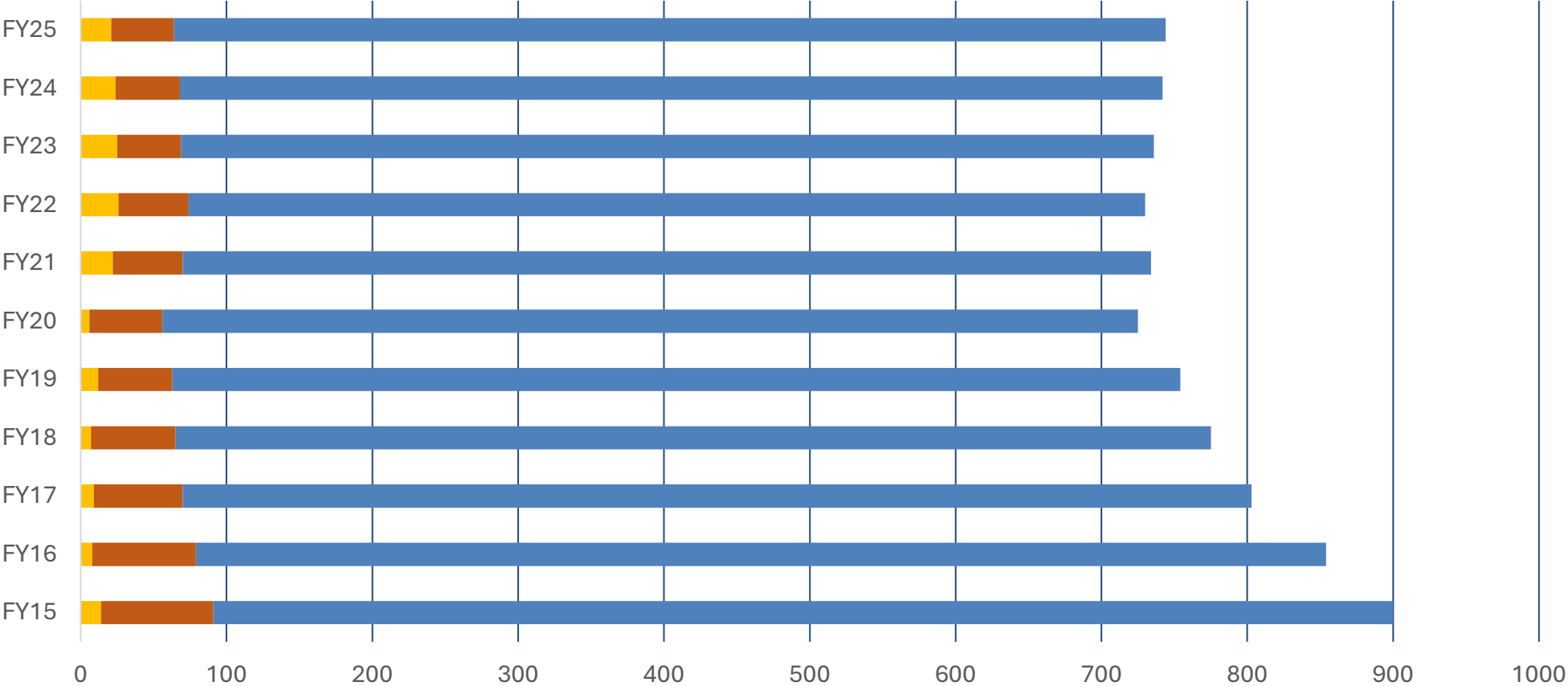
Historical Operating Authority (FY2015-FY2025)

(\$ in Thousands)



	FY15 Auth	FY16 Auth	FY17 Auth	FY18 Auth	FY19 Auth	FY20 Auth	FY21 Auth	FY22 Auth	FY23 Auth	FY24 Auth	FY25 Auth	Difference FY15 -FY25
Federal	\$ 95,237.6	\$ 94,386.6	\$ 85,299.9	\$ 84,337.9	\$ 74,507.3	\$ 77,196.8	\$ 77,549.9	\$ 80,454.1	\$ 91,942.9	\$ 90,620.8	\$ 93,747.5	\$ (1,490.1)
Other	\$ 21,773.6	\$ 20,592.8	\$ 20,265.8	\$ 20,410.1	\$ 17,104.3	\$ 17,131.9	\$ 17,379.2	\$ 17,806.9	\$ 16,099.0	\$ 15,658.2	\$ 20,569.6	\$ (1,204.0)
Designated GF	\$ 34,847.5	\$ 36,015.1	\$ 35,739.3	\$ 36,292.4	\$ 35,766.7	\$ 36,413.4	\$ 38,832.5	\$ 38,407.3	\$ 35,942.4	\$ 36,943.0	\$ 49,736.3	\$ 14,888.8
Unrestricted GF	\$ 33,448.0	\$ 25,831.5	\$ 22,497.4	\$ 20,992.0	\$ 20,697.2	\$ 20,846.6	\$ 18,650.6	\$ 18,123.7	\$ 27,730.9	\$ 27,070.4	\$ 22,584.9	\$ (10,863.1)
Total	\$ 185,306.7	\$ 176,826.0	\$ 163,802.4	\$ 162,032.4	\$ 148,075.5	\$ 151,588.7	\$ 152,412.2	\$ 154,792.0	\$ 171,715.2	\$ 170,292.4	\$ 186,638.3	\$ 1,331.6

Historical Position Counts (FY2015 to FY2025)



	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Difference FY15-FY25
Full Time	809	775	733	710	691	669	664	656	667	674	680	-129
Part Time	77	71	61	58	51	50	48	48	44	44	43	-35
Non-Perm	14	8	9	7	12	6	22	26	25	24	21	7



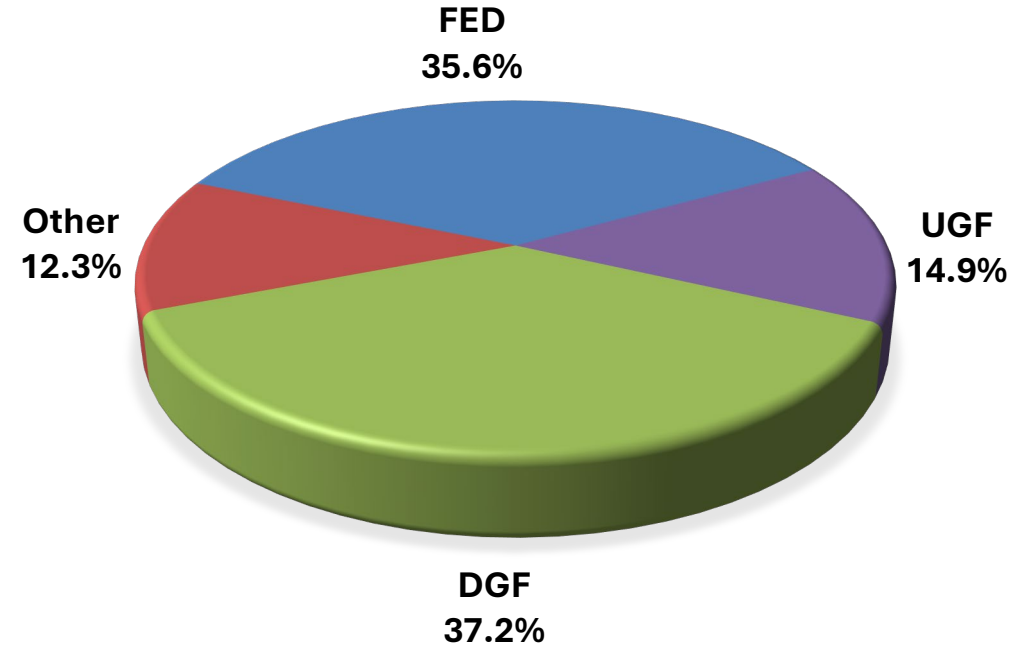
Commissioner and Administrative Services

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Cathy Muñoz, Commissioner

Dan DeBartolo, Administrative Services Director

- Commissioner's Office
- Alaska Labor Relations Agency (ALRA)
- Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB)
- Management Services
- Labor Market Information (LMI, R&A)
- Office of Citizenship Assistance
- Technology Services



Total Authorization: \$49,269.1

UGF: \$7,365.6 DGF: \$18,338.8 Other: \$6,039.9 Fed: \$17,524.8

PCN Count – PFT: 96 PT: 1 NP: 2

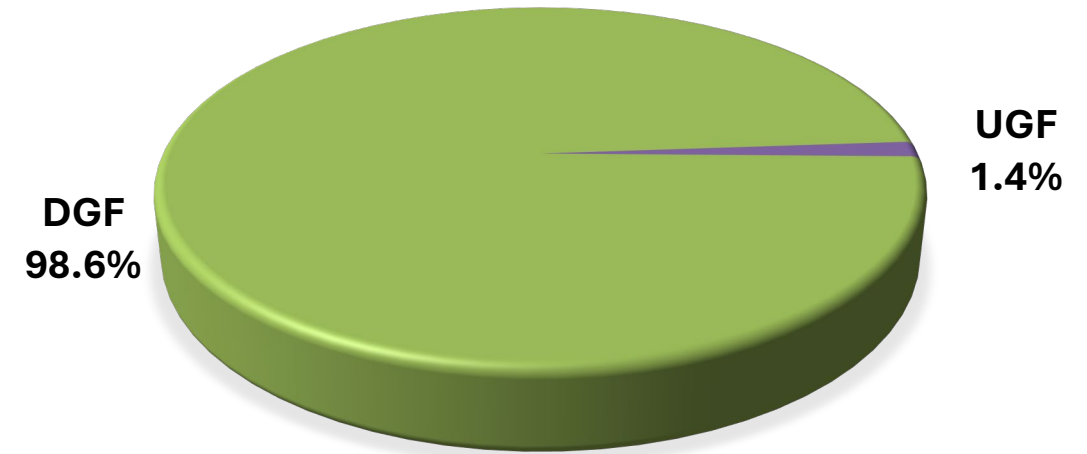


Workers' Compensation

(\$ in Thousands)

Charles Collins, Director

- **Workers' Compensation:** Provides compensation for injured workers
- **Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission:** Adjudicates appeals from disputed Workers' Compensation Board decisions
- **Benefit Funds - Workers' Compensation Benefits**
Guaranty Fund, Second Injury Fund, and Fishermen's Fund



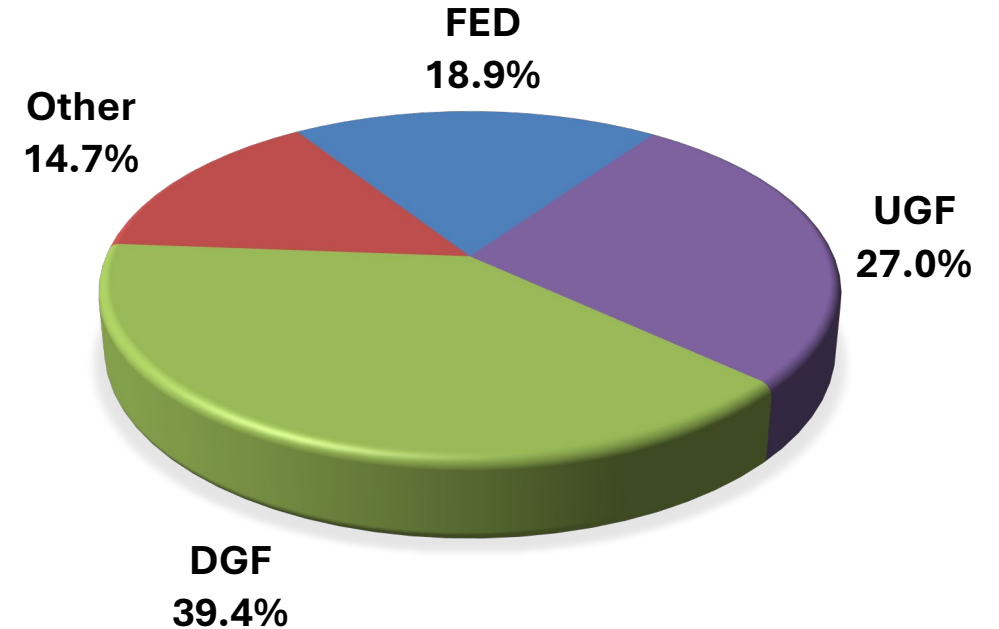
Total Authorization: \$12,521.0

UGF: \$170.5 DGF: \$12,350.5

PCN Count – PFT: 51 PT: 1 NP: 2

Tanya Keith, Director

- **Wage & Hour:** Ensures legal employment conditions
- **Mechanical Inspection:** Reduces hazards posed by unsafe boilers, pressure vessels, etc.
- **Occupational Safety and Health:** Reduces workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths through consultation and enforcement functions
- **Alaska Safety Advisory Program:** Assuming all duties under Executive Order 135 (Previously ASAC)



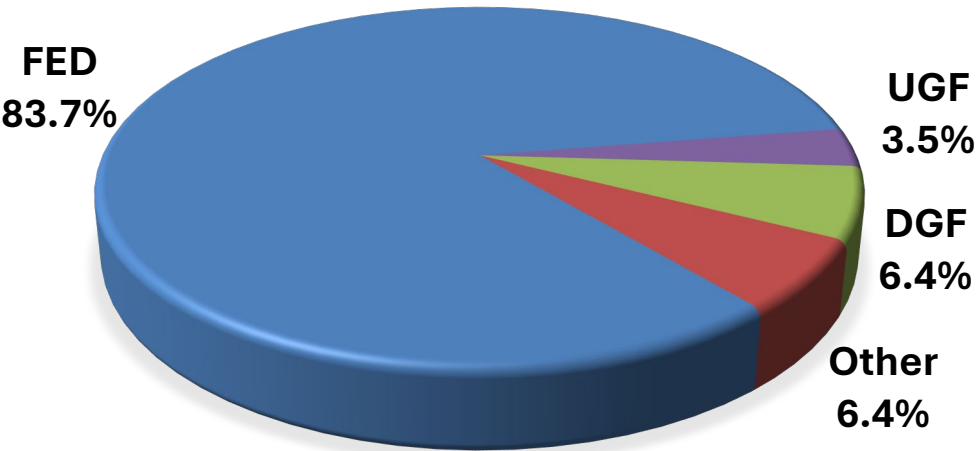
Total Authorization: \$13,259.6

UGF: \$3,594.8 DGF: \$5,220.3 Other: \$1,944.9 Fed: \$2,499.6

PCN Count – PFT: 80

Paloma Harbour, Director

- **Workforce Services & Development:**
Connects job seekers with employers and provides training and support services to unemployed and underemployed workers
- **Unemployment Insurance:** Provides economic stability for communities in Alaska through payment of unemployment insurance benefits



Total Authorization: \$57,352.1

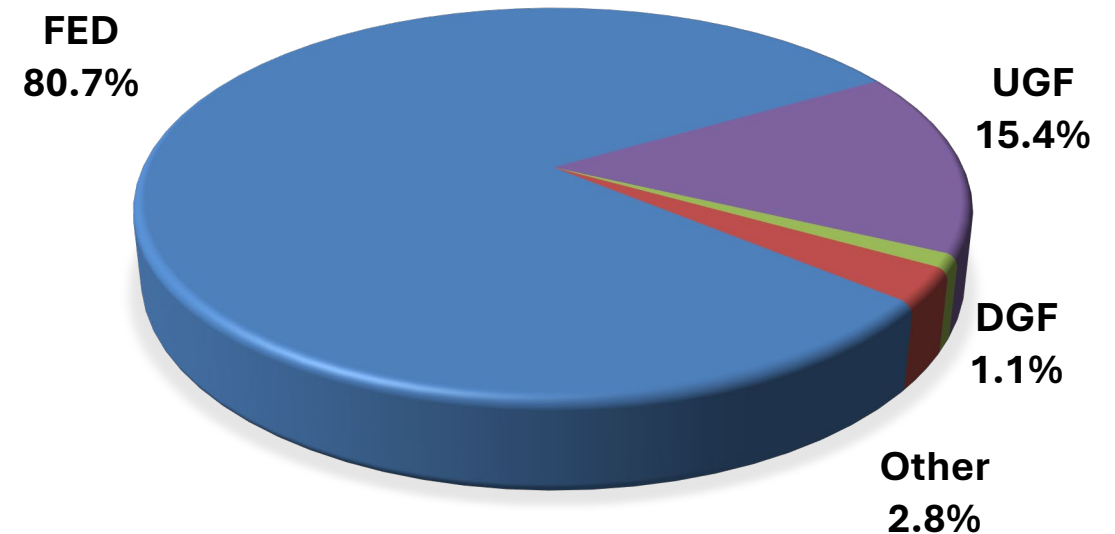
UGF: \$1,990.9 DGF: \$3,687.1 Other: \$3,689.7 Fed: \$47,984.4
PCN Count – PFT: 270 PT: 21 NP: 8

Vocational Rehabilitation

(\$ in Thousands)

Kate Duder, Director

- **Client Services:** Provides employment assistance to individuals with disabilities
- **Disability Determination:** Adjudicates medical eligibility for disability benefits
- **Special Projects:** Provides services to enhance and support individuals who are older and/or experience disabilities



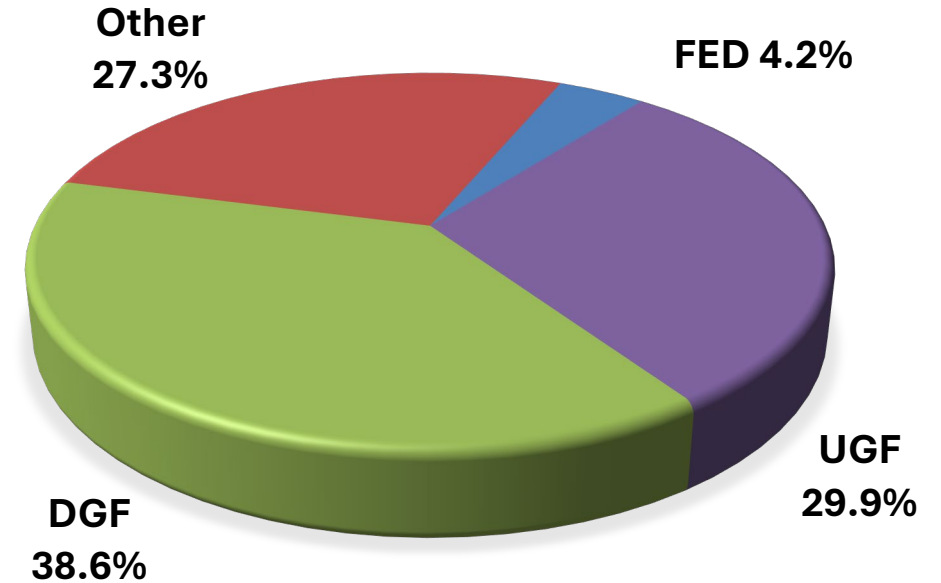
Total Authorization: \$29,497.4

UGF: \$4,530.6 DGF: \$330.0 Other: \$840.5 Fed: \$23,796.3

PCN Count – PFT: 126

Cory Ortiz, Director

- Increases the number of skilled workers in Alaska through cross-industry vocational training in nine fields of study in high demand occupations
- Strengthens the current workforce through customized flexible training to upskill and reskill those currently employed



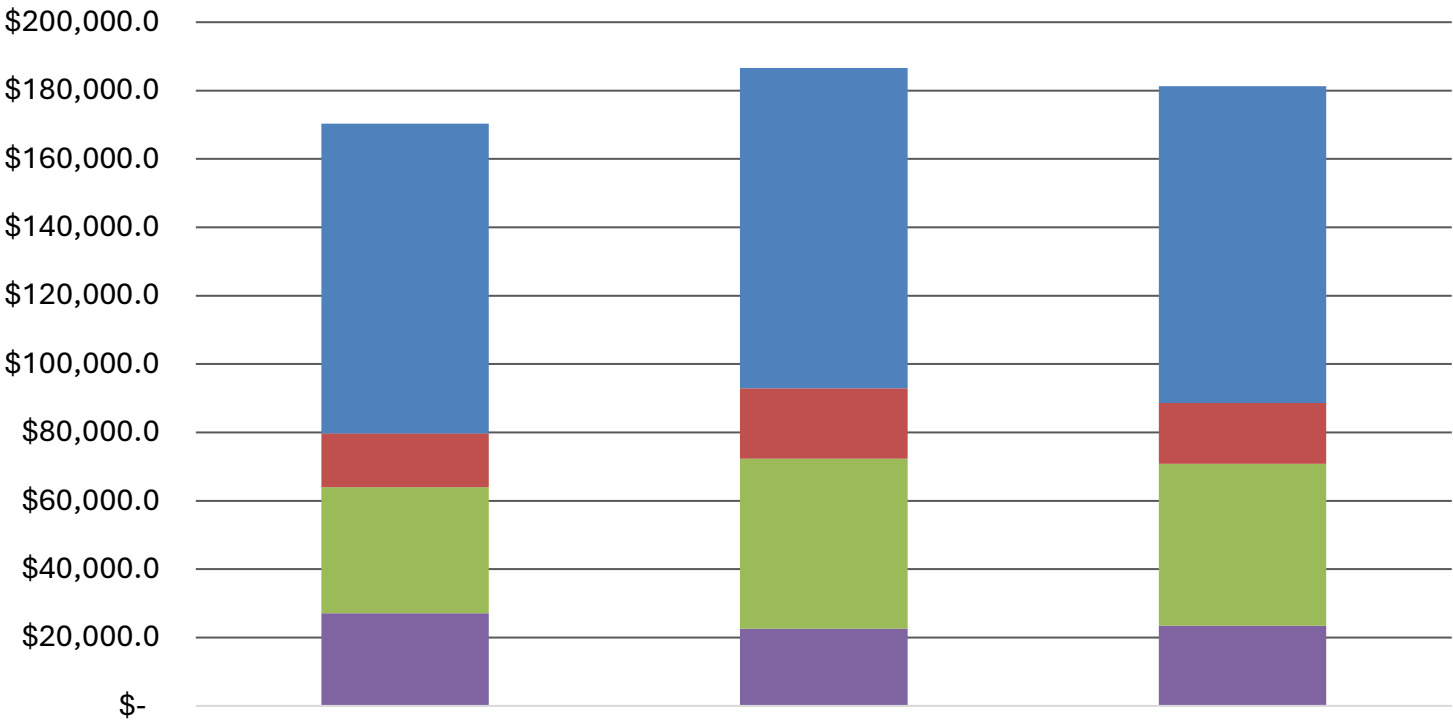
Total Authorization: \$19,346.0

UGF: \$5,786.6 DGF: \$7,465.2 Other: \$5,278.9 Fed: \$815.3

PCN Count – PFT: 60 PPT: 17 NP: 4

FY2024 - FY2026 Operating Budget Comparison

(\$ in Thousands)



	FY24 Authorized		FY25 Management Plan		FY26 Governor		Difference	
	FY24 Authorized		FY25 Management Plan		FY26 Governor		FY24 Auth- FY26 Gov	% Change
Fed	\$	90,620.8	\$	93,747.5	\$	92,620.4	\$ 1,999.6	2.2%
Other	\$	15,658.2	\$	20,569.6	\$	17,793.9	\$ 2,135.7	13.6%
Designatied General Funds	\$	36,943.0	\$	49,736.3	\$	47,391.9	\$ 10,448.9	28.3%
Unrestricted General Funds	\$	27,070.4	\$	22,584.9	\$	23,439.0	\$ (3,631.4)	-13.4%
Total	\$	170,292.4	\$	186,638.3	\$	181,245.2	\$ 10,952.8	6.4%

FY2026 Proposed Operating Budget – Key Changes

Component	Trans Type	\$ in Thousands	Fund Source	Title
Workforce Investment Board & AVTEC	Dec/Inc	\$ 14,596.2	TVEP	Move Technical and Vocational Education Program Appropriation to Language
Workers' Compensation	Inc	\$ 125.4	GF	Support for Stay-at-Work Program
Mechanical Inspection	Inc	\$ 58.8	GF	Support for Certificate of Fitness Program
Alaska Safety Advisory Program	Inc	\$ 290.4	GF	Rename Alaska Safety Advisory Council and Provide Operational Support
Workforce Services	Dec	\$ (2,400.0)	I/A	Eliminate Authority for Unrealized Training Partnership with DOT/PF
Unemployment Insurance	Dec	\$ (2,150.0)	FED	Eliminate Pandemic-Related Federal Receipt Authority
AVTEC	Inc	\$ 182.3	GF	Support for Expanding Alaska's Electrical and Plumbing Workforce

FY2025 Supplemental & FY2026 Capital Budget Requests

FY2025 Supplemental Request

Component	Trans Type	\$ in Thousands	Fund Source	Title
AVTEC	Inc	\$ 888.6	GF	Expanding Alaska's Electrician & Plumber Workforce

FY2026 Capital Request

Component	Trans Type	\$ in Thousands	Fund Source	Title
Mechanical Inspection	Inc	\$ 85.0	GF	Certificate of Fitness Licensing System

Industrial Electrical Lab - AVTEC - Seward, Alaska



PREPARING ALASKANS FOR THE JOBS OF TODAY - AND TOMORROW

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