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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

# House Finance Budget Subcommittee

Department of Family and Community Services:

Departmental Support Services

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

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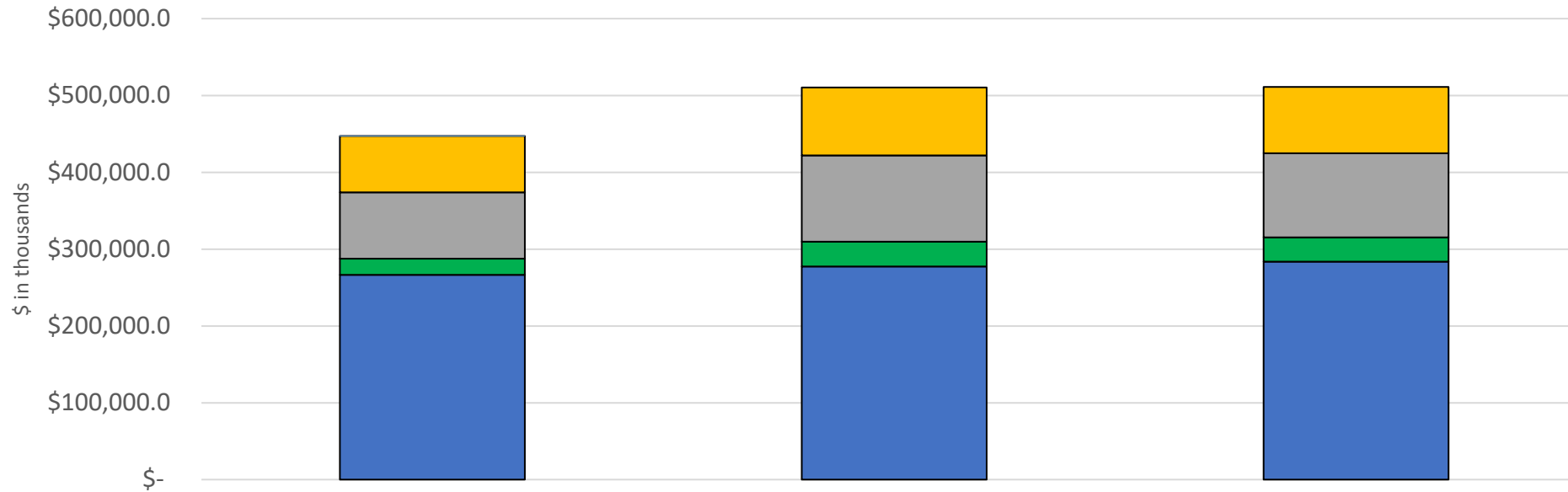
Marian Sweet, Assistant Commissioner

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**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

# Department Summary



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan	FY2027 Governor
UGF	\$ 266,506.5	\$ 277,419.8	\$ 283,707.8
DGF	\$ 21,131.3	\$ 32,302.6	\$ 31,761.8
Other	\$ 86,247.0	\$ 112,331.8	\$ 109,282.5
Federal	\$ 73,238.8	\$ 88,225.5	\$ 86,436.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 447,123.6</b>	<b>\$ 510,279.7</b>	<b>\$ 511,188.9</b>



# Departmental Support Services

**Mission:** To provide quality administrative services in support of the department's mission.

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**Staff:** 90 full-time positions

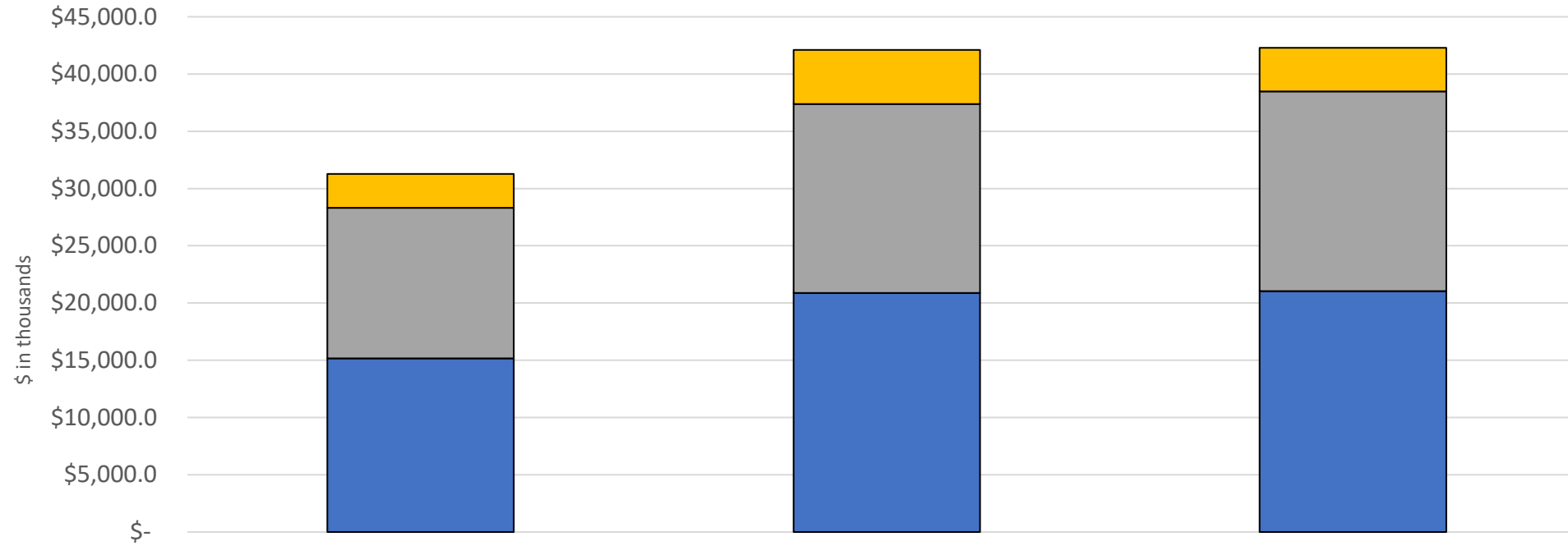
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## Division highlights:

- Talent Acquisition Team
  - Technology Innovations
  - Coordinated Health and Complex Care
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**FY2027 Budget:** \$42,285.5 (in thousands)

# Departmental Support Services



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan	FY2027 Governor
UGF	\$ 15,175.2	\$ 20,870.5	\$ 21,045.0
DGF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 13,145.5	\$ 16,508.9	\$ 17,441.8
Federal	\$ 2,946.5	\$ 4,737.9	\$ 3,798.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,267.2</b>	<b>\$ 42,117.3</b>	<b>\$ 42,285.5</b>

# Departmental Support Services FY2026 Items

	Amount	Fund Source
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Moved uncollectible interagency receipt authority from the Office of Children’s Services	\$2,122.6	I/A
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – MH Trust: Complex Care Program (FY24-FY27)	\$400.0	MHTAAR
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Restore funding for Small Group Home Placements for Stabilized Clients with Complex Needs (FY25-28)	\$750.0	UGF
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – MH Trust: Statewide Designation, Evaluation, Stabilization & Treatment Coordinator (FY21-FY27)	\$87.0	MHTAAR
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Increase Funding for Positions Transferred to the Talent Acquisition Unit	\$614.0	\$152.7 Fed \$461.3 GFM

# Departmental Support Services FY2027 Budget Summary

Governor’s Proposed Budget:	Amount	Fund Source
New Budget Change – Information Technology Classification Study Implementation	\$452.1	I/A
New Budget Change – Transfer from the Department of Health for the Residential Care for Children and Youth Grant Program	\$474.3	GF/MH
New Budget Change – Transfer Positions from Administration for Accounts Payable and Travel and Expense Activities	Net zero	
Technical Adjustment – Restore Mental Health Trust funding	\$487.0	MHTAAR
Technical Adjustment – Restore Mental Health Trust funding for Small Group Home Placements for Stabilized Clients with Complex Needs (FY25-FY28)	\$750.0	UGF
Technical Adjustment – Reduce uncollectible receipt authority to align with projected need. The department reviewed historical revenue collection trends and this decrement aligns receipt authority with actual needs	(\$838.0)	Fed

# Full-Time Position Vacancy and Turnover

	FY2024			FY2025			FY2026		
	Positions	Vacancy	Turnover	Positions	Vacancy	Turnover	Positions	Vacancy	Turnover
Alaska Pioneer Homes	425	15.8%	20.7%	427	12.2%	20.3%	427	11.5%	22.3%
Alaska Psychiatric Institute	325	21.5%	10.2%	322	21.7%	14.3%	321	23.7%	15.7%
Juvenile Justice	424	13.0%	11.3%	422	10.0%	11.7%	421	11.6%	15.4%
Office of Children's Services	610	26.6%	22.8%	609	18.9%	23.4%	608	17.1%	19.7%
Departmental Support Services	82	13.9%	29.2%	90	15.1%	32.1%	87	14.9%	17.5%
<b>Department Totals</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>1870</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>1864</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>

Turnover Rate = Separations/Average Filled \* 100

Data presented is through December of each fiscal year





# Alaska Pioneer Homes

**Mission:** Providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

## Locations:

Sitka - 1913

Anchorage - 1977

Fairbanks - 1967

Ketchikan - 1981

Palmer - 1971

Juneau - 1988

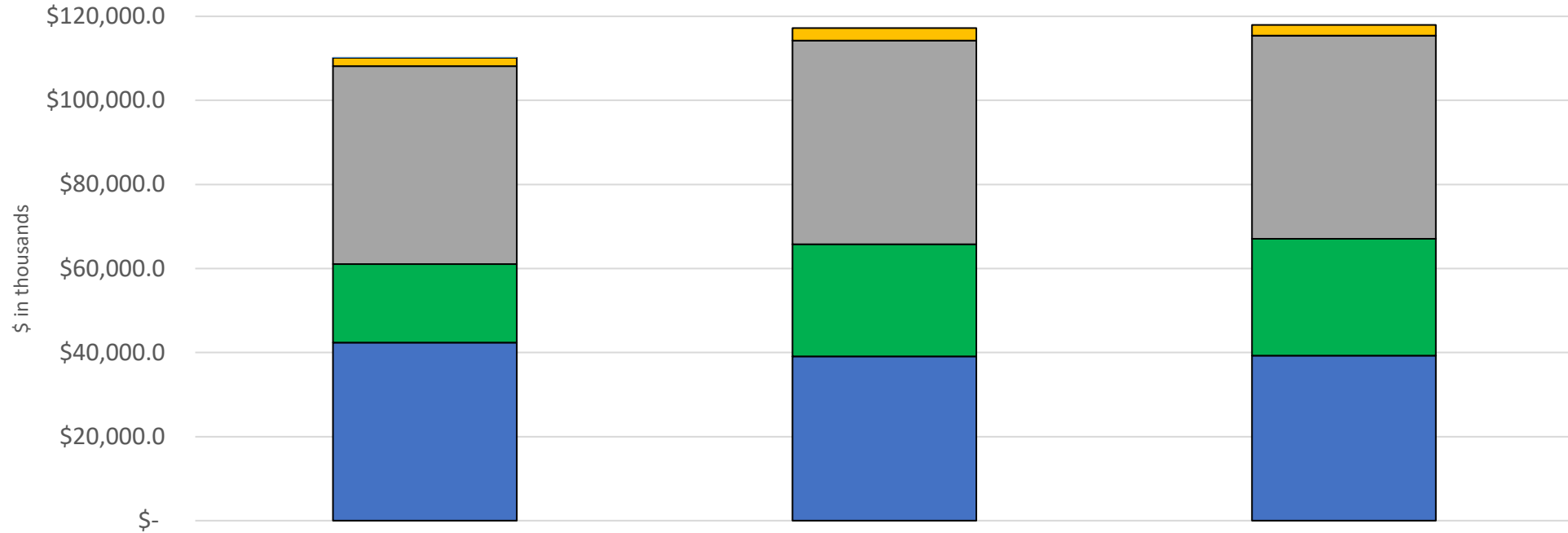
**Staff:** 427 full-time positions

**Capacity:** 506 residents

**FY2027 Budget:** \$117,975.1 (in thousands)



# Alaska Pioneer Homes



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan	FY2027 Governor
UGF	\$ 42,378.7	\$ 39,090.3	\$ 39,276.8
DGF	\$ 18,682.2	\$ 26,702.6	\$ 27,801.8
Other	\$ 47,097.4	\$ 48,457.8	\$ 48,311.6
Federal	\$ 1,953.3	\$ 2,947.5	\$ 2,584.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 110,111.6</b>	<b>\$ 117,198.2</b>	<b>\$ 117,975.1</b>

# Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2026 Items

## FY2026 Enacted:

**Language** – Move pharmacy operations to the language section

**Amount**

**Fund Source**

\$4,000.0

SDPR

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\$ in thousands

# Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2027 Budget Summary

Governor's Proposed Budget:	Amount	Fund Source
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Reduce uncollectible receipt authority to align with projected need. The department reviewed historical revenue collection trends and this decrement aligns receipt authority with actual needs	(\$479.0)	Fed
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Restore Alaska Pioneer Homes Pharmacy Operations	\$3,000.0	SDPR

\$ in thousands

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Occupancy\*

Current Census as of January 20, 2026: 442

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026**
<b>Division Wide</b> (506 beds)	91%	92%	87%
<b>Anchorage Pioneer Home</b> (177 beds)	88%	95%	92%
<b>Alaska Veterans &amp; Pioneers Home</b> (79 beds)	94%	97%	92%
<b>Fairbanks Pioneer Home</b> (91 beds)	82%	68%	60%
<b>Juneau Pioneer Home</b> (49 beds)	98%	100%	96%
<b>Ketchikan Pioneer Home</b> (45 beds)	96%	100%	91%
<b>Sitka Pioneer Home</b> (65 beds)	97%	98%	98%

\* All occupancy information reflects fiscal year average

\*\* FY2026 data as of January 20<sup>th</sup>

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Number of Elders Served

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026*
<b>Total Elders Served</b>	587	574	520
<b>Elders Served Aged 60 to 64</b>	16	20	14
<b>Percentage of Elders Served by Level of Care</b>	Level I: 10% Level II: 24% Level III: 19% Level IV: 46% Level V: 1%	Level I: 6% Level II: 23% Level III: 20% Level IV: 49% Level V: 2%	Level I: 6% Level II: 26% Level III: 21% Level IV: 45% Level V: 2%
<b>Veterans Served</b>	143 (55 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	149 (57 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	122 (42 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)
<b>Percentage of Elders Served ADRD**</b>	58%	61%	61%

\*FY2026 data as of January 20<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Payment Types

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026*
Medicaid Waiver	29%	30%	26%
Private Pay (includes long-term care insurance)	35%	27%	32%
Payment Assistance	36%	43%	42%

**\*FY2026 data as of January 20, 2026**



# Alaska Veterans' & Pioneers' Home

**79** beds are available for elder Alaskans. Currently, **26** of those residents receive veterans affairs funding.

Veteran Occupancy Goal: 75% veteran, 25% non-veteran

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Three levels of funding from Veterans Affairs:

- Domiciliary - \$64.19/day
- Nursing Home Level of Care - \$148.71/day
- Service Connected - \$680.39/day

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Waitlists

**Active Waitlist:** An applicant with a desire to move into a home within 30 days is placed on the Active List.

**Inactive Waitlist:** An applicant who desires to move into a home later is placed on the Inactive List.  
When an inactive applicant chooses to activate, they are placed on the Active List based on their original inactive application date.

❖ All applications are ordered by date received

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026*
Active	286	340	426
Inactive	6,377	6,681	7,051
Total	6,663	7,021	7,477

\*FY2026 data as of January 15<sup>th</sup>

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Achievements

- Expanded training in dementia care, stigma, person-centered care, and geriatric care
- Implemented a new nurse call system in three of the homes
- Created and implemented online waitlist application
- Processed a record number of waitlist applications (894)
- Facility maintenance and upgrades

# FY2027 Focus Areas



## IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY

- Complete install of call light system
- Move Pharmacy to cloud hosting
- Increase home internet capacity



## INCREASE CENSUS

- Application assistance
- Community outreach
- Alaska Veterans' and Pioneers' Home



## INCREASE TRAINING

- Eden Philosophy, mental health, and substance use training for staff
- Positive Approach to Care trainers and dementia care specialists
- Certified Nurse Aide to Licensed Practical Nurse apprenticeship program

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute

**Mission:** Providing compassionate health care to support Alaskans in living their best possible lives.

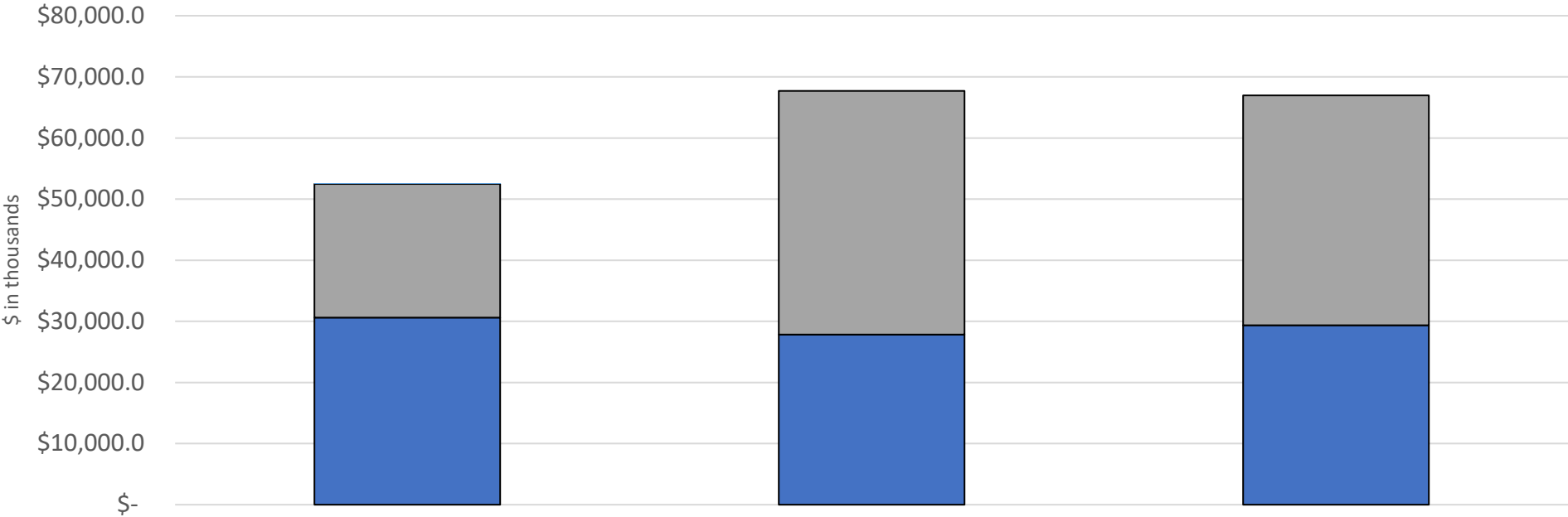
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## Capacity and Staff:

- 5 inpatient units (80 licensed beds)
    - Civil – 60 beds
    - Youth – 10 beds
    - Forensic – 10 beds
  - 321 full-time positions
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**FY2027 Budget:** \$66,936.6 (in thousands)

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan	FY2027 Governor
UGF	\$ 30,618.5	\$ 27,831.3	\$ 29,347.5
DGF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 21,863.1	\$ 39,889.5	\$ 37,616.1
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 52,481.6	\$ 67,720.8	\$ 66,963.6

\$ in thousands



# Alaska Psychiatric Institute FY2026 Items

FY2026 Enacted:	Amount	Fund Source
<b>New Budget Change</b> – Increase Authority to Correct Structural Deficit within the Alaska Psychiatric Institute	\$2,184.4	UGF

\$ in thousands

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute FY2027 Budget Summary

Governor's Proposed Budget:	Amount	Fund Source
<b>Technical Adjustment</b> – Reduce uncollectible receipt authority to align with projected need. The department reviewed historical revenue collection trends and this decrement aligns receipt authority with actual needs	(\$2,504.0)	(\$932.0) I/A (\$1,572.0) SDPR

\$ in thousands

# Occupancy & Waitlist Insights



## **FY2026 Average Occupancy Percentage:**

- Civil: 94.0%
- Adolescent: 60.1%\*
- Forensic: 96.5%

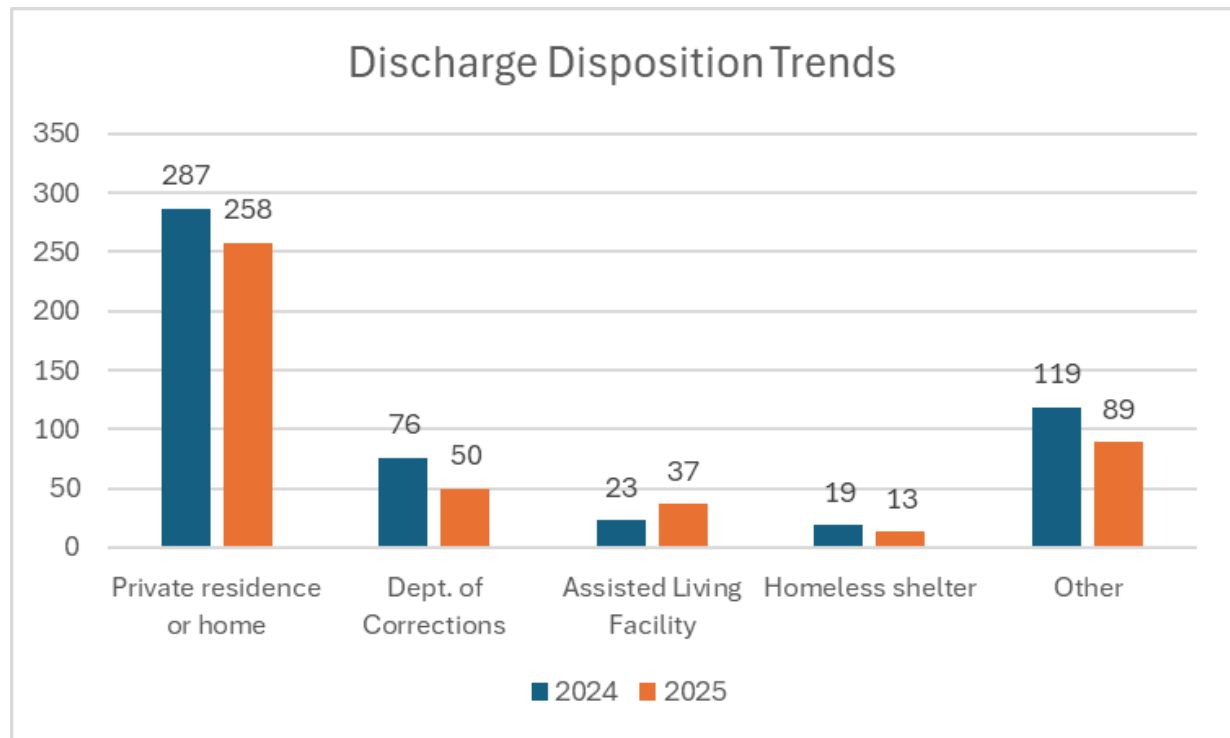
## **FY2026 Waitlist Average:**

- Adult Civil: 15 individuals
- Adolescent: 1 individual
- Forensic: 44 individuals

## **“Conversion” Patients**

- Increased from 2 in FY2021 to 30 in FY2025 (1,400%)

# Discharge Barriers



- Only a minority of individuals can be discharged to assisted living facilities for long term care
- Lack of appropriate licensed settings for individuals with:
  - severe mental illness
  - dementia related diseases
- Assisted living facilities do not want to accept conversion patients
- Caregivers are not compensated well enough
- Lack of specialized caregivers

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute: Achievements

- Expanded jail-based restoration partnership with the Department of Corrections
- Increased monitoring of conditional release patients – outpatient clinic at API
- Reaccredited and recertified by The Joint Commission and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Increased revenue collection
- Held listening sessions for staff to ask questions and voice concerns
- Increased data transparency
- Continued reduction in workplace injuries

# FY2027 Focus Areas



## IMPROVE FACILITIES

- Implement a new electronic medical record
- Improvements to treatment units: nursing station security and new vinyl flooring



## STRENGTHEN SKILLS

- Supervisory and leadership training – Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association grant



## INCREASE CAPACITY

- Explore increased capacity in the competency restoration program
- Discharge barrier patients





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# Thank you

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