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House Finance Budget Subcommittee

Department of Family and Community Services:

Departmental Support Services

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

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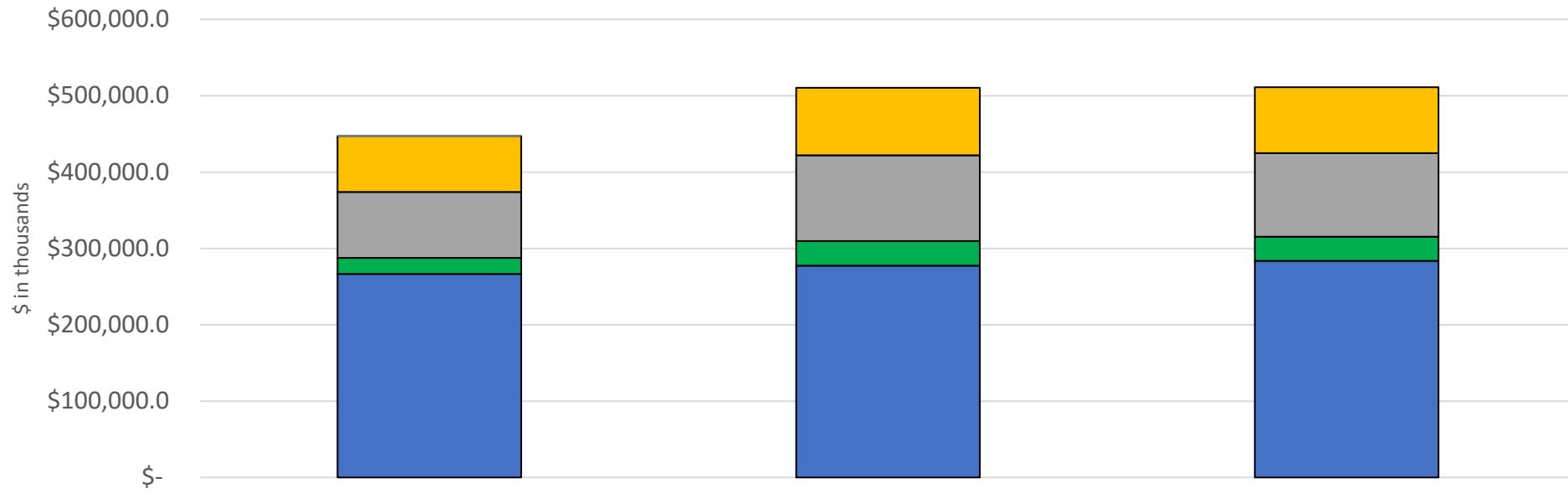
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February 5th, 2026

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
Total	\$ 447,123.6	\$ 510,279.7	\$ 511,188.9

\$ in thousands



Departmental Support Services

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

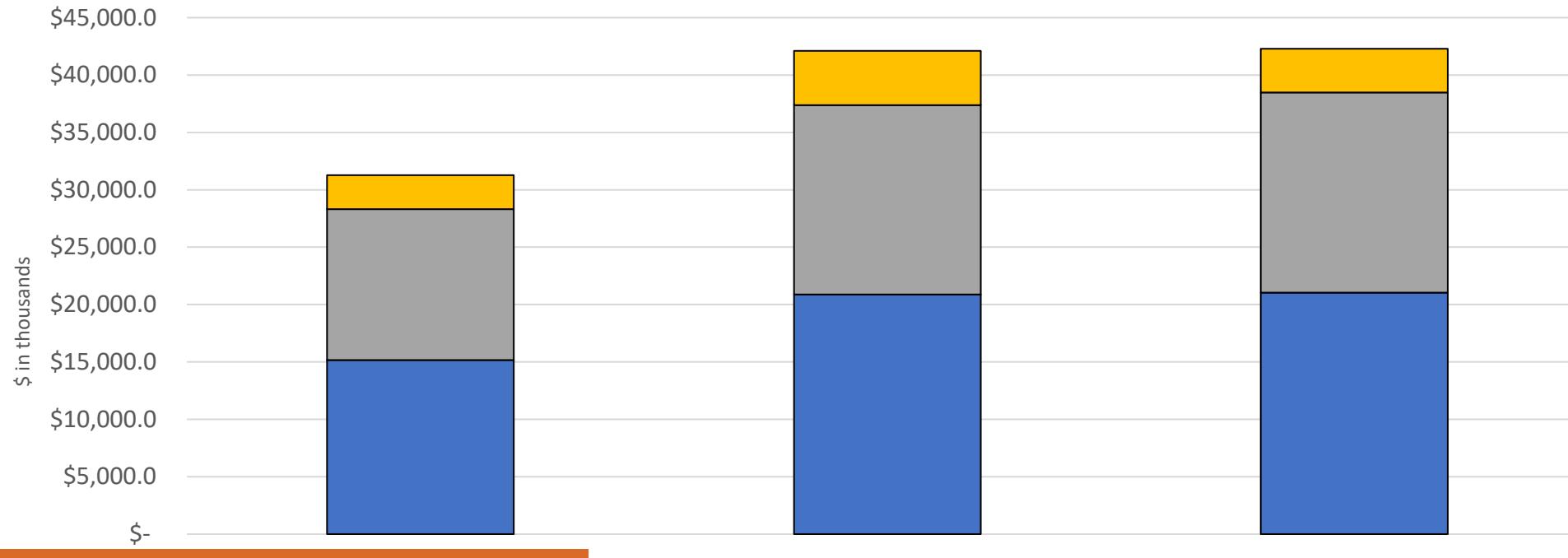
Staff: 90 full-time positions

Division highlights:

- Talent Acquisition Team
- Technology Innovations
- Coordinated Health and Complex Care

FY2027 Budget: \$42,285.5 (in thousands)

Departmental Support Services



Departmental Support Services FY2026 Items

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

\$ in thousands

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

\$ in thousands

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%
Department Totals	1866	19.6%	18.1%	1870	15.6%	18.8%	1864	15.6%	18.5%

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

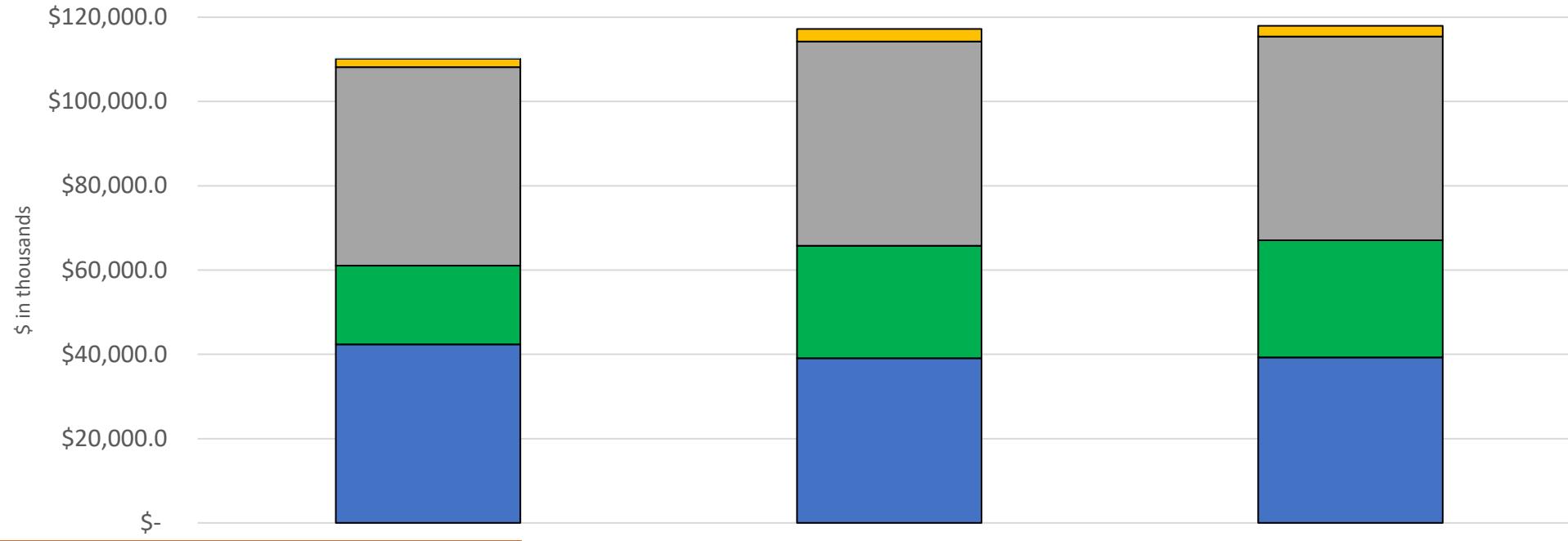
Juneau - 1988

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
Total	\$ 110,111.6	\$ 117,198.2	\$ 117,975.1

\$ in thousands

Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2026 Items

FY2026 Enacted:	Amount	Fund Source
Language – Move pharmacy operations to the language section	\$4,000.0	SDPR

\$ in thousands

Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2027 Budget Summary

Governor's Proposed Budget:	Amount	Fund Source
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	(\$479.0)	Fed
Technical Adjustment – 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**
Division Wide (506 beds)	91%	92%	87%
Anchorage Pioneer Home (177 beds)	88%	95%	92%
Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home (79 beds)	94%	97%	92%
Fairbanks Pioneer Home (91 beds)	82%	68%	60%
Juneau Pioneer Home (49 beds)	98%	100%	96%
Ketchikan Pioneer Home (45 beds)	96%	100%	91%
Sitka Pioneer Home (65 beds)	97%	98%	98%

* All occupancy information reflects fiscal year average

** FY2026 data as of January 20th

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Number of Elders Served

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026*
Total Elders Served	587	574	520
Elders Served Aged 60 to 64	16	20	14
Percentage of Elders Served by Level of Care	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%
Veterans Served	143 (55 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	149 (57 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	122 (42 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)
Percentage of Elders Served ADRD**	58%	61%	61%

*FY2026 data as of January 20th

**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

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 15th

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

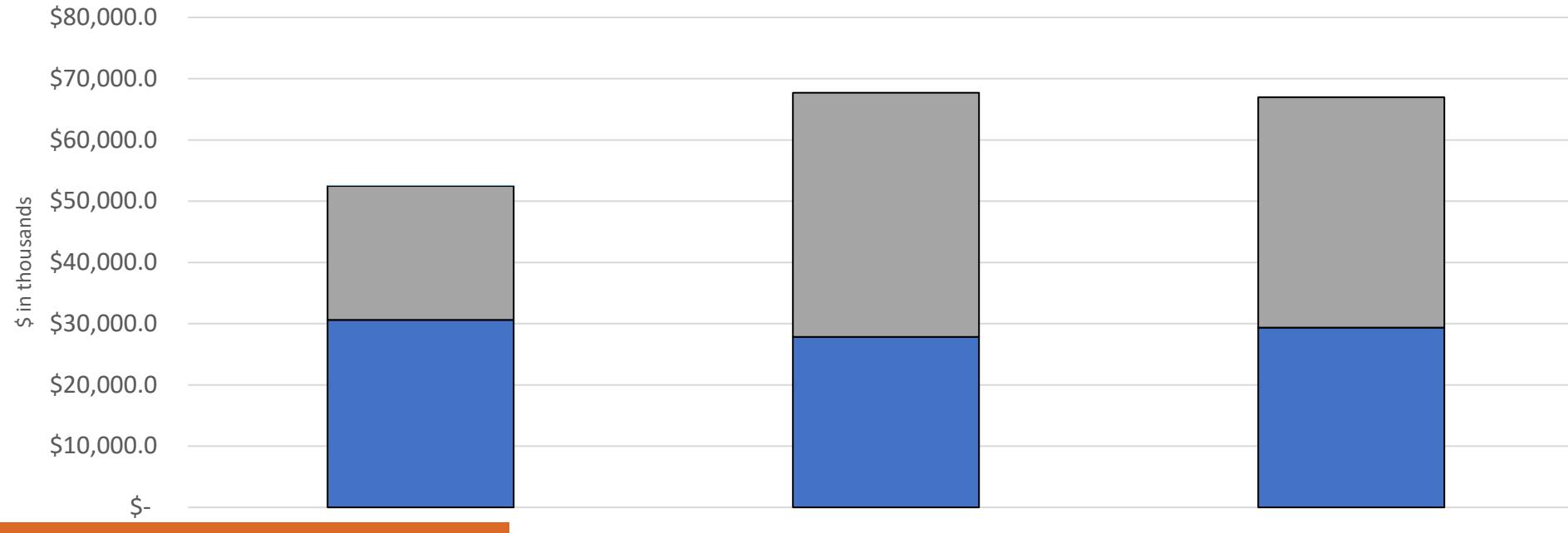
Mission: Providing compassionate health care to support Alaskans in living their best possible lives.

Capacity and Staff:

- 5 inpatient units (80 licensed beds)
 - Civil – 60 beds
 - Youth -10 beds
 - Forensic – 10 beds
- 321 full-time positions

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
New Budget Change – Increase Authority to Correct Structural Deficit within the Alaska Psychiatric Institute	\$2,184.4	UGF
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Alaska Psychiatric Institute FY2027 Budget Summary

Governor's Proposed Budget:	Amount	Fund Source
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	(\$2,504.0)	(\$932.0) I/A (\$1,572.0) SDPR
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Occupancy & Waitlist Insights



FY2026 Average Occupancy Percentage:

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

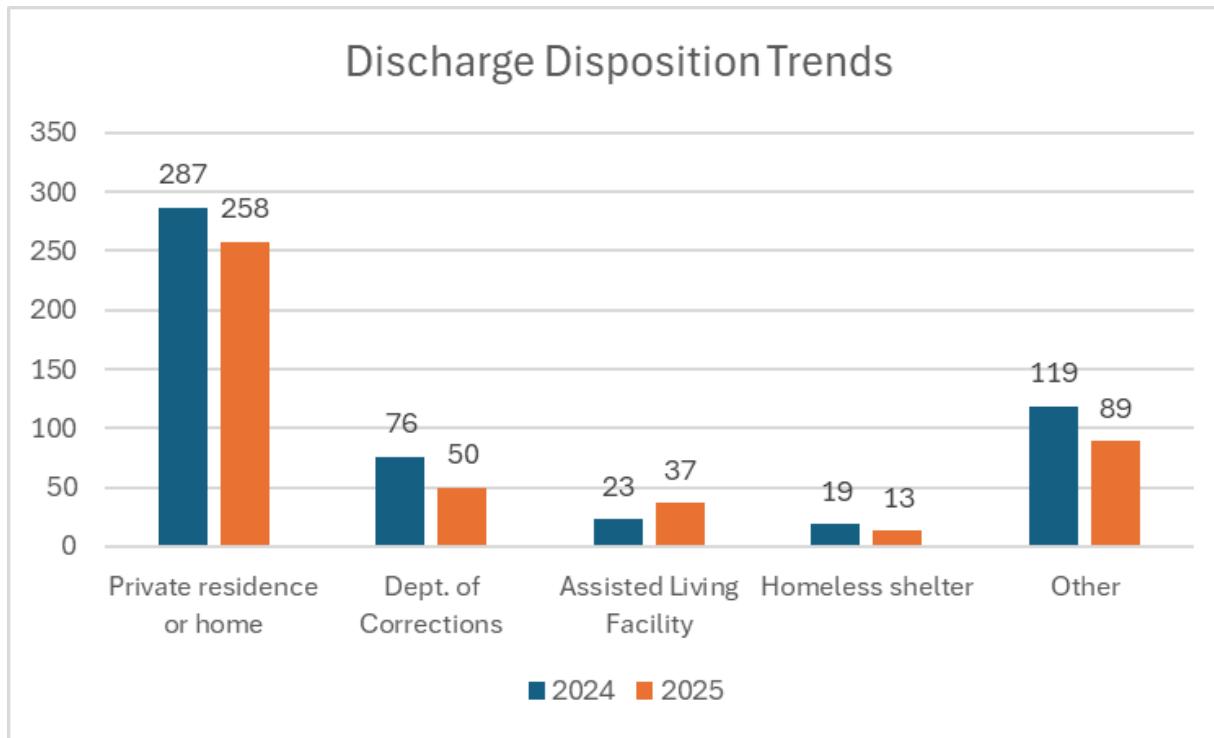
FY2026 Waitlist Average:

- 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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