

Department of Public Safety
FY22 Subcommittee Book - Significant Transactions
(\$ thousands)

Item	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	Comment
1	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Continue One-Time Capital Outlay Funding for Positions Added in FY21	\$1,480.5 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	In FY21, the legislature approved funding for 36 new positions in the Alaska State Troopers appropriation, including 15 new Alaska State Troopers. The legislature modified the Governor's proposal by backing out \$1,480.5 for initial capital outlay, and funding it as a one-time cost. These expenditures included funding for cars, computers, firearms, and safety equipment for the new troopers. The Governor's FY22 proposal maintained this funding, so the Legislative Finance Division backed it out of the adjusted base, and represented it again a one-time increment (IncOTI) transaction to match the Governor's bill.
2	Alaska State Troopers / Various	Fully Fund Thirty-Six New Positions Added at 75% Funding in FY21	\$1,686.7 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>In FY21, the legislature approved the Governor's proposal to add 36 new positions in the Alaska State Troopers appropriation, but funded them at 75% of the cost to account for the time that would be required to recruit and fill those positions. This increment provides the remaining 25% of funding so that all 36 positions will be fully-funded. Of those new positions, the following have been filled as of January, 2021:</p> <p>Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services: \$17.0 UGF Office Assistant II - Actively recruiting AST Detachments: \$1,457.4 UGF (15) State Troopers - Six actively recruiting, agency working to identify office space and housing for remaining nine positions (5) Court Service Officer - <i>One filled</i> (5) Criminal Justice Technician II - One actively recruiting Public Safety Technician II - Awaiting OPD action Office Assistant II - Awaiting OPD action Administrative Assistant I - Awaiting OPD action Alaska Bureau of Investigation: \$60.1 UGF Data Processing Manager II - Awaiting OPD action Victim/Witness Paralegal I - Preparing to recruit AWT Aircraft Section: \$122.2 UGF (4) Aircraft Pilots - <i>Three filled</i> AWT Marine Enforcement: \$30.0 UGF Boat Officer III - Actively recruiting</p>
3	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Implement Operating Reductions to Maintain Department's Core Activities	(\$340.8) Gen Fund (UGF)	The Department has identified potential savings by reducing the budget for commodities and capital outlay, and will use a reduced service rate for Alaska State Trooper and Alaska Wildlife Trooper oversight visits. This reduction does not impact the grants line.

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4	Violent Crimes Compensation Board / Violent Crimes Compensation Board	Reduce Authority to Align with Anticipated Revenues	(\$513.4) Crime VCF (Other)	<p>The Crime Victims Compensation fund is capitalized with Restorative Justice Account funds, formerly known as Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Criminal funds. The amount of Restorative Justice Account funds available for appropriation in FY22 is significantly less than the FY21 amount due to a the State issuing a smaller PFD in 2019 compared to the year prior. In FY21, the calculation was based on 9,019 ineligible Alaskans and a \$1,606 dividend for the 2018 calendar year, and in FY22 it is based on 9,446 ineligible Alaskans and a \$992 dividend for the 2019 calendar year.</p> <p>Fiscal Analyst Comment: The amount of Restorative Justice Account funds available for appropriation is outlined under AS 43.23.048. The calculation is based on the number of individuals who are ineligible for a PFD under AS 43.23.005(d) due to their criminal convictions, and the dividend amount that they would have otherwise received. The calculation is typically performed in October by the Permanent Fund Dividend Division, based on information from the previous full calendar year. The number of ineligible persons is the sum of Department of Corrections counts of incarcerated felons and misdemeanants, and Department of Public Safety counts of sentenced felons. Those forfeited funds are then available in the subsequent budget cycle for appropriation to eligible agencies.</p> <p>The Restorative Justice Account fund has historically demonstrated significant volatility based on fluctuations in the number of ineligible Alaskans, and in the amount of the PFD that is distributed each year. Similar adjustments were made in the Department of Corrections for Physical Healthcare, in the Department of Health and Social Services for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants, and in the Legislature for the Office of Victim Rights.</p>
5	Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Extend Temporary Funding for Four NIBRS Positions (FY22-FY24)	\$396.7 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions IncT	The Department has requested to extend temporary funding for the agency's work with National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) through FY24. A temporary increment was initially authorized from FY19 through FY21 to support four temporary positions whose ongoing work will establish the State's interface and coordination with this Federal Bureau of Investigation database.