



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**

GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Commissioner Julie Anderson

Micaela Fowler, Administrative Services Director

March 2, 2021



Mission & References

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development's mission is to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.

Department Home

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/>

Duties of the Department

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#44.33.010>

Alaska Constitution - Article X § 14

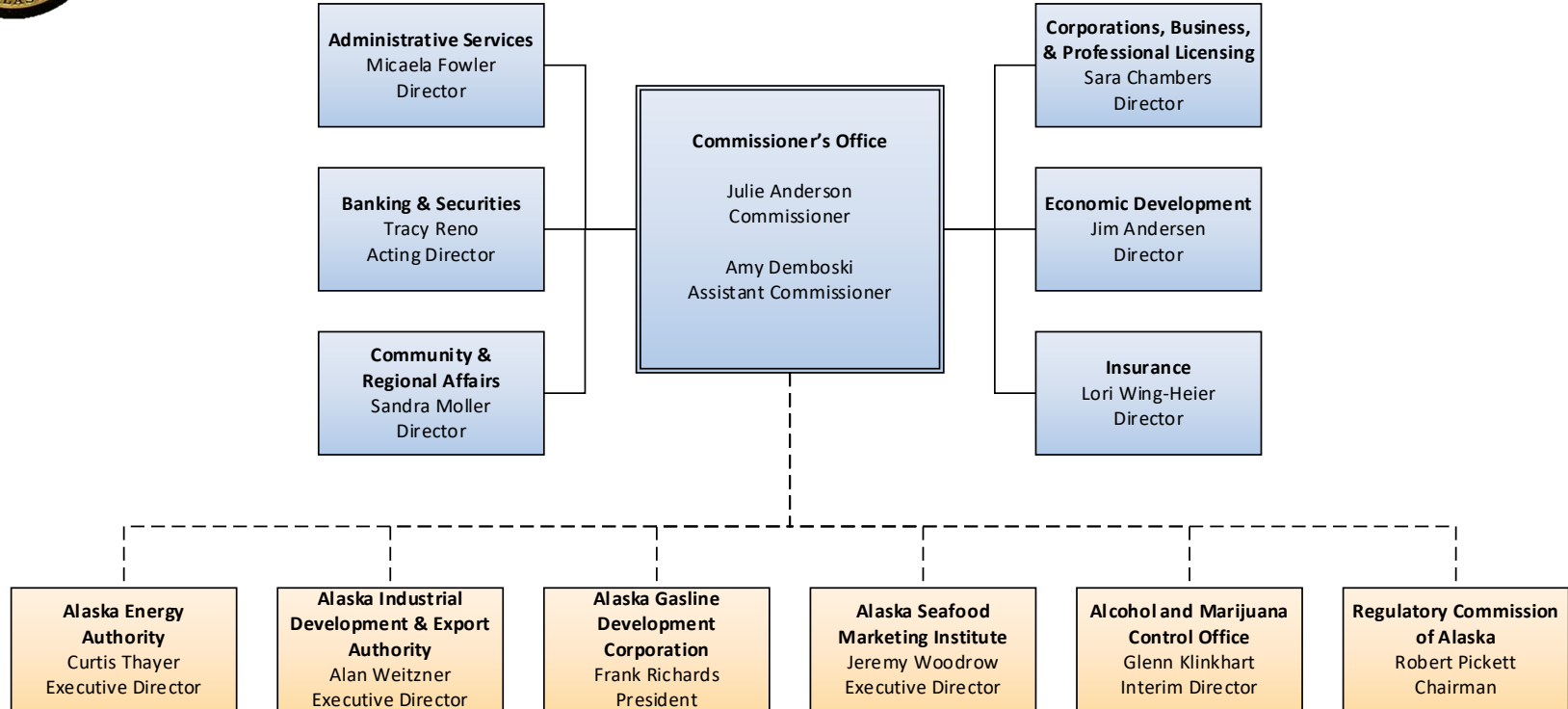
<https://ltgov.alaska.gov/services/alaskas-constitution/>

FY2021 Performance Measures

<https://omb.alaska.gov/html/performance/program-indicators.html?p=10&r=1>



DCCED Structure



The Alaska Railroad Corporation is housed within DCCED but exempt from the Executive Budget Act.



Banking and Securities

Protecting consumers of financial services and promoting safe and sound financial systems.

DBS charters, licenses, and registers financial institutions and products, investigates and enforces consumer complaints, conducts examinations, and accepts Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) filings.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$4,172.7 DGF (26 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

DBS has conducted virtual examinations across all regulated industries during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Maintaining the examination schedule is essential to protecting Alaskan consumers.



Acting Director
Tracy Reno



Community and Regional Affairs

Promoting strong communities and healthy economies.

DCRA provides training and technical assistance to local governments, assists communities with land management and planning, houses the State Assessor's Office and the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council, administers grants, and distributes funding.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$8,670.7: \$4,905.3 UGF, \$778.5 DGF, \$973.6 OTH, \$2,013.2 FED (43 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

DCRA has and continues to work with communities to enter into grant agreements for the distribution of \$568.6 million in CARES Act allocated to local governments.



Director
Sandra Moller



Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

Inspiring public confidence through balanced regulation of competent professional and business services.

CBPL administers 43 professional licensing programs, licenses businesses and registers corporations to do business in Alaska, issues tobacco endorsements, and protects consumers through investigative functions.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$15,386.2: \$14,330.8 DGF, \$1,055.4 OTH (100 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

CBPL boards met as frequently as bi-monthly to adopt emergency regulations, temporary licensure, and provide guidance to licensees in response to disaster declarations.



Director
Sara Chambers



Economic Development

Promoting economic development in Alaska.

The Investments component provides direct loan programs for Alaskans, increasing access to capital to support economic opportunity.

Investments FY2022 Operating Budget

\$5,324.1 DGF (37 PFT)

Development FY2022 Operating Budget

\$210.8 UGF (1 PFT, 1 NPFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

Beginning June 2020, Investments staff began processing AK CARES grant applications while servicing loans for an increasing number of borrowers impacted by the pandemic.



Acting Director
Jim Andersen



Insurance Operations

Regulating the insurance industry to protect Alaskan consumers.

DOI is responsible for the licensing and compliance of insurers and insurance products in Alaska.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$7,875.8: \$7,303.9 (DGF), \$294.2 (OTH), \$277.7 (FED), 46 PFT

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

Alaska's Division of Insurance has been heralded for its proactive approach toward adjusting of premiums as Covid-19 mitigation measures have changed risk, saving Alaskan consumers money. DOI has also actively partnered with DHSS to develop Alaska's vaccine distribution plan.



Director Lori
Wing-Heier



Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Protecting the public interest in exploration and development of Alaska's valuable oil, gas, and geothermal resources through the application of conservation practices designed to ensure greater ultimate recovery and the protection of health, safety, fresh ground waters and the rights of all owners to recover their share of the resource.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$8,046.5: \$7,723.5 DGF, \$150.0 OTH, \$170.0 FED (32 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success:

Maintained processes and programs through telework agreements and made permits and data submissions available online.



Commissioner
Jeremy Price



Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

Enforcing alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and providing clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.

AMCO serves the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Boards, issues licenses and permits, and investigates violations of Alaska's alcohol and commercial marijuana statutes.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$3,879.4 DGF (22 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

The ABC and MCB boards approved emergency regulations allowing for curbside pick-up of alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana products. ABC also approved emergency regulations allowing for home delivery of wine and beer and approving new boundaries for licensed spaces, expanding outdoor service.



Interim Director
Glen Klinkhart



Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

Maximizing the benefit of Alaska's vast North Slope natural gas resource through the development of infrastructure necessary to move the gas into local and international markets.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$3,081.6 OTH (12 PFT)

COVID- 19 Mitigation Success

Developed detailed mitigation plan including procedures for those who voluntarily want to work on site, guest screening, and illness on-set at work. Following the mitigation plan and virtual meetings have ensured no reduction in productivity for staff or the Board of Directors.



President
Frank Richards



Alaska Energy Authority

Reducing the cost of energy in Alaska.

AEA is increasing access to affordable, renewable energy throughout the state through technical assistance and training, rural powerhouse, tank farm, and renewable energy programs, the Power Cost Equalization program, the Power Project loan fund, and AEA-owned energy infrastructure.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$40,854.0: \$36,029.6 DGF, \$3,622.4 OTH, \$1,202.0 FED

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

AEA operated as normally as possible while accommodating those who benefitted from telework agreements.



Executive Director
Curtis Thayer



Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority

Promoting, developing, and advancing economic growth and diversification in Alaska by providing various means of financing and investment.

AIDEA finances and develops commercial, industrial, and infrastructure projects that create jobs and grow Alaska's economy.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$15,194.0 OTH (82 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

AIDEA managed the AK CARES Grant program which distributed grants to 5,745 small businesses in Alaska. The AIDEA board also authorized the AK SAFE loan guarantee program to protect Alaskan businesses and reduce harm to Alaska's economy.



Executive Director
Alan Weitzner



Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Increasing the economic value of Alaska's seafood resources.

ASMI promotes Alaska's seafood both in the U.S. and internationally to increase and sustain Alaska's market share and brand recognition.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$21,077.8: \$15,860.3 OTH, \$5,600.0 FED (20 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

ASMI worked with the McDowell group to understand the impacts of COVID-19 to the industry and produced a report which was published on ASMI's website in September 2020.



Executive Director
Jeremy Woodrow



Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Assuring safe, efficient, and reliable utility and pipeline service is provided at just and reasonable rates to consumers in Alaska.

RCA regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utility and pipeline services, reviews tariffs, and determines the per kilowatt-hour support for eligible customers of electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization program.

FY2022 Operating Budget

\$9,527.0: \$9,387.1 DGF, \$139.9 OTH (58 PFT 3 NPFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

RCA maintained a COVID-19 Utility-Related Information page on their website and responded to COVID-19-related customer inquiries timely.



Commissioner Bob
Pickett



Department-Wide Services

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Commissioner's Office FY2022 Operating Budget

\$1,253.6: \$160.3 UGF, \$1,093.3 OTH (5 PFT, 1 NPFT)

Administrative Services Mission is to provide management information and support services for the Department's programs.

Administrative Services FY2022 Operating Budget

\$4,398.4: \$642.0 UGF, \$3,756.4 OTH (28 PFT)

COVID-19 Mitigation Success

The Commissioner's Office led DCCED's relief efforts to distribute CARES Act funding to small businesses throughout Alaska. DAS rapidly deployed laptops and put telework agreements in place enabling 80 percent of DCCED staff to work remotely with minimal interruption.



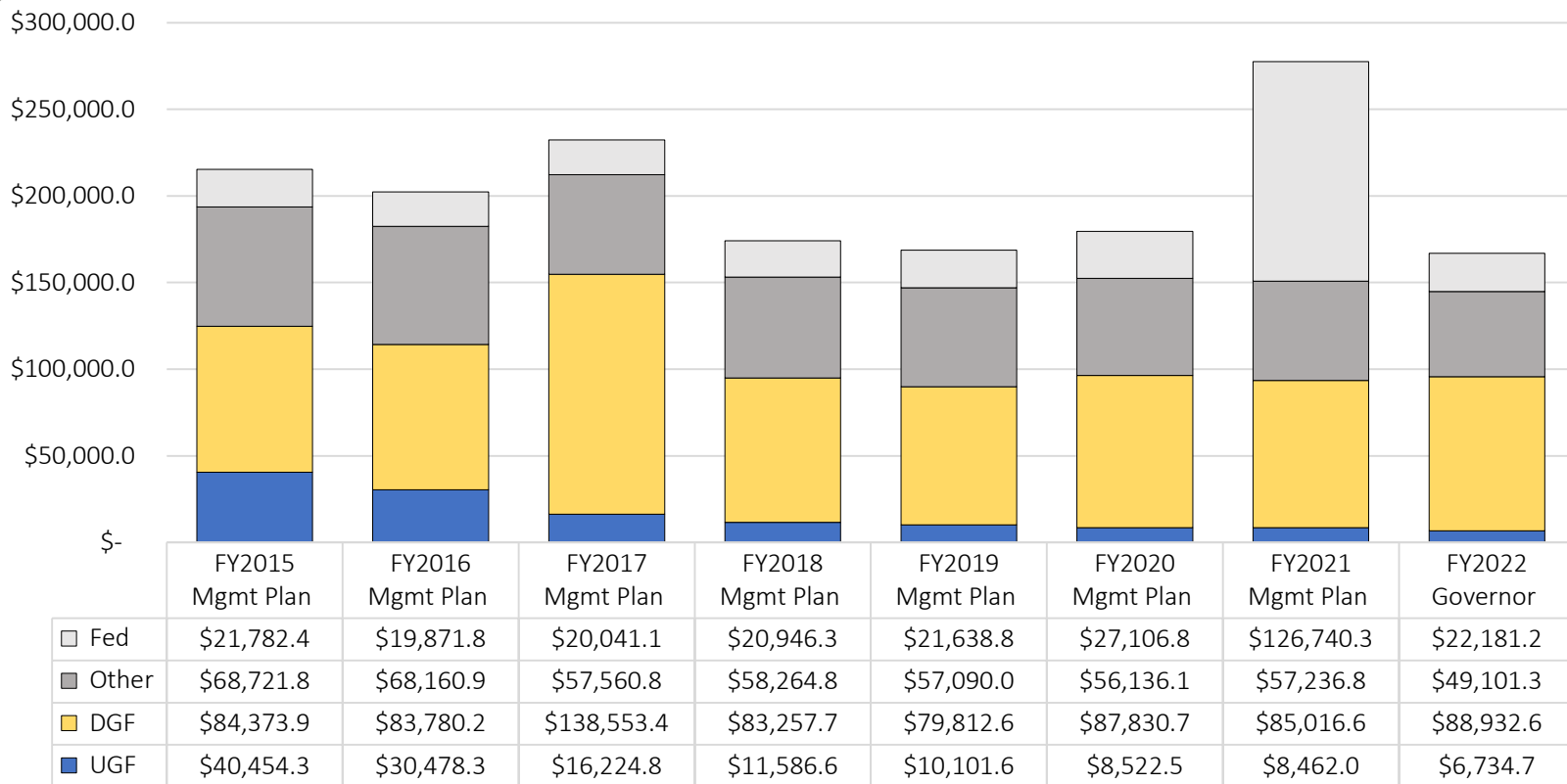
Commissioner Julie
Anderson



Director
Micaela Fowler



Department Budget Lookback





RPLs in FY2020 and FY2021

In addition to funding appropriated through SB241 in SLA2020, the following Revised Program Legislative appropriations were approved by the Legislature:

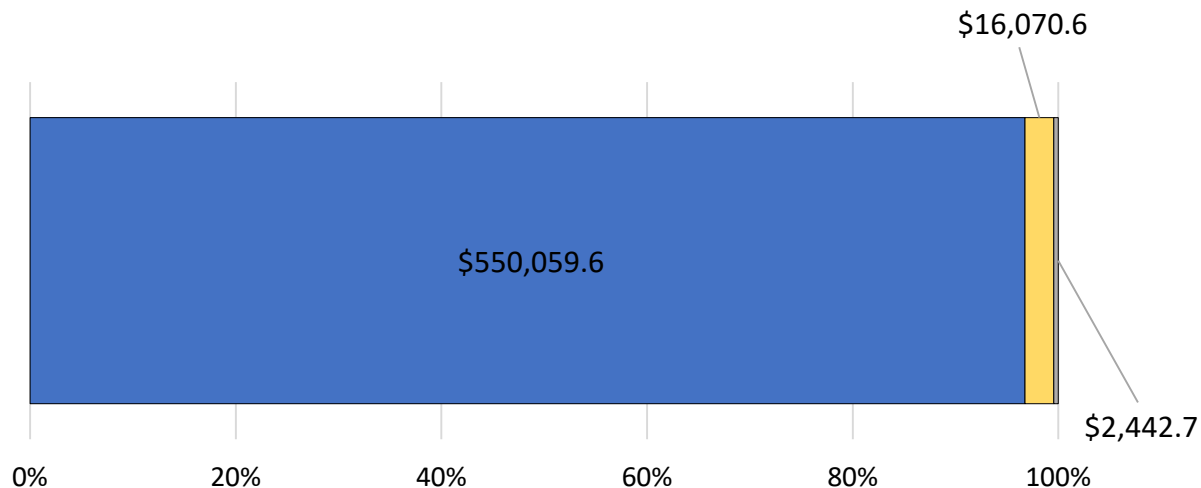
ADN	Title	Amount	Approved	Notes
08-2020-0054	COVID-19 Economic Stimulus for Alaskan Fisheries	\$100,000,000	05/11/2020	Federal approval is \$50,000,000. May not be distributed by DCCED, instead go to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.
08-2020-0105	AOGCC US EPA Multipurpose Grant	\$51,196	10/31/2019	Increase requested in FY2022 budget to avoid future RPLs.
08-2020-0250	COVID-19 Community Distributions	\$257,548,754	05/11/2020	CARES Act
08-2020-0251 amended by 08-2021-0184	COVID-19 Small Business Relief	\$290,000,000	05/11/2020 08/27/2020	CARES Act
08-2020-0260 through 08-2020-0385	COVID-19 Community Direct Costs	\$311,024,132	05/11/2020	CARES Act
08-2021-0278	ASMI Market Access Program & Cochran Missions	\$850,000	12/10/2020	Funding extension due to the pandemic. Additional authorization requested in FY2022 budget to avoid future RPLs.
08-2021-0279	AOGCC US EPA Multipurpose Grant	\$26,302	12/10/2020	Increase requested in FY2022 budget to avoid future RPLs.
08-2021-0296	Alaska Energy Authority Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project	\$3,000,000	12/10/2020	New federal funding
08-2021-0319	Additional Federal Authority for Community Block Grants	\$2,536,801	12/10/2020	CARES Act



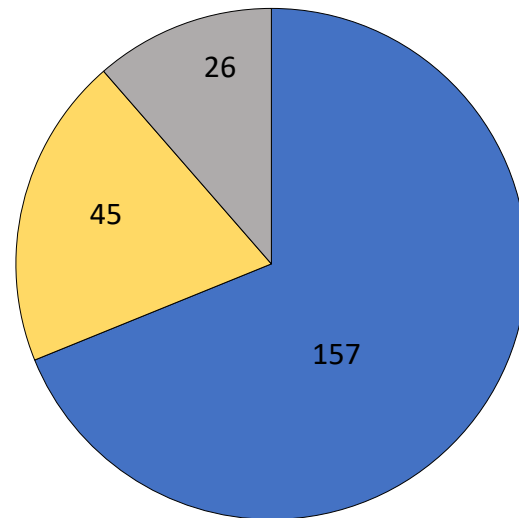
Community CARES Act Distribution

Status of RPLS 08-2020-0250 and 08-2020-0260 through 0385 (\$568,572.9) as of 2/10/21.

Funding Status



Status by Community



■ Distributed

■ Pending Subsequent Distribution

■ Pending Initial Distribution



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