



Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2022 Overview

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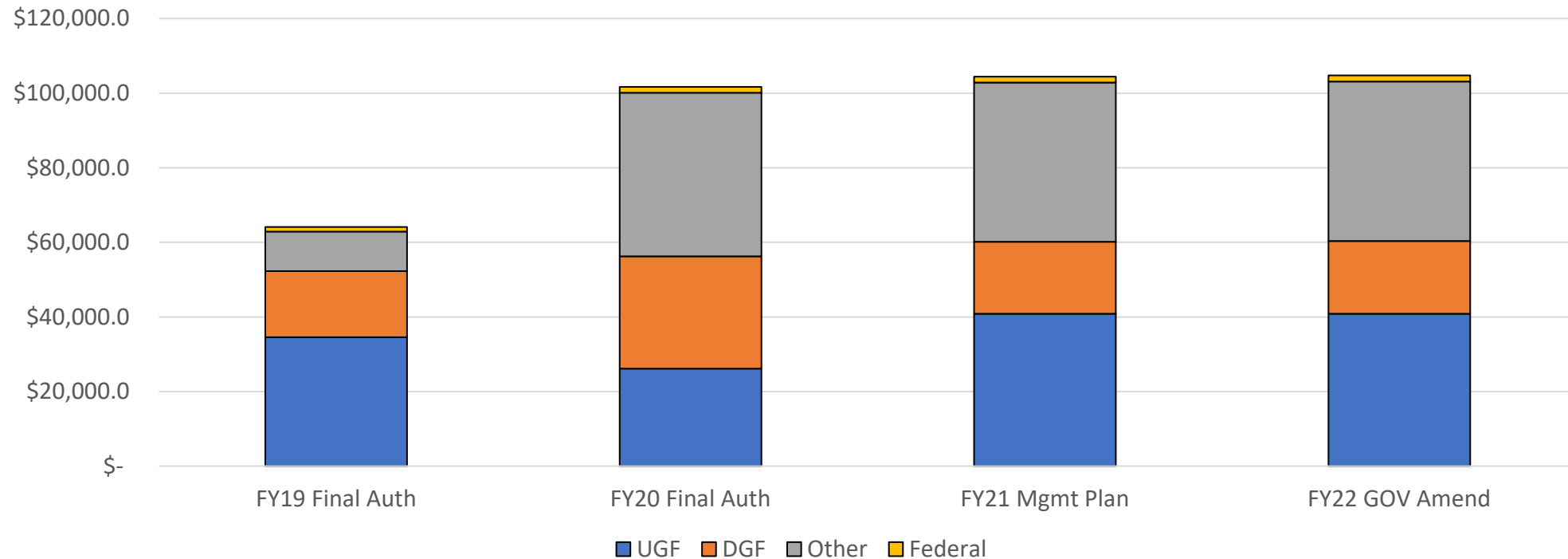
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Alaska Pioneer Homes Operating Budget Comparison FY2019-FY2022 (in thousands)



	FY19 Final Auth	FY20 Final Auth	FY21 Mgmt Plan	FY22 GOV Amend	Difference FY19 and FY22	% Difference FY19 and FY22	Difference FY21 and FY22
UGF	\$ 34,592.8	\$ 26,157.2	\$ 40,838.6	\$ 40,861.8	\$ 6,269.0	18.1%	\$ 23.2
DGF	\$ 17,730.7	\$ 30,139.2	\$ 19,356.2	\$ 19,490.8	\$ 1,760.1	9.9%	\$ 134.6
Other	\$ 10,552.8	\$ 43,832.3	\$ 42,668.5	\$ 42,804.5	\$ 32,251.7	305.6%	\$ 136.0
Federal	\$ 1,241.0	\$ 1,577.8	\$ 1,591.9	\$ 1,602.9	\$ 361.9	29.2%	\$ 11.0
Total	\$ 64,117.3	\$ 101,706.5	\$ 104,455.2	\$ 104,760.0	\$ 40,642.7	63.4%	\$ 304.8



Alaska Pioneer Homes

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

- The Alaska Pioneer Homes provide a wide range of assisted living and pharmaceutical services to qualified Alaskan elders in six communities: Sitka, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Ketchikan, Palmer, and Juneau
- There are a total of 497 beds and five levels of service within the homes
- The Homes are operated in accordance with state statutes (AS 47.55) and regulations (7 AAC 74) pertaining to both assisted living homes and the Pioneer Homes themselves
- Homes are managed on-site by administrators appointed by Alaska's governor. The governor also appoints the Pioneer Homes Advisory Board
- The board is the established link between the public and policymakers to provide community feedback



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Occupancy

- Current Census as of March 1st: 446

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021*
Division Wide	90.5%	90.6%	88.5%
Anchorage Pioneer Home	87.3%	86.8%	82.3%
Alaska Veterans Pioneer Home	94.0%	89.5%	91.0%
Fairbanks Pioneer Home	90.9%	93.2%	91.8%
Juneau Pioneer Home	97.7%	95.6%	94.3%
Ketchikan Pioneer Home	90.6%	93.0%	90.6%
Sitka Pioneer Home	89.5%	92.9%	91.3%

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Number of Elders Served

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021*
Total Elders Served	592	594	550
Elders Served Aged 60 to 64	N/A**	N/A**	6
Percentage of Elders Served by Level of Care	Level 1: 13.3% Level II: 30.9% Level III: 56.0%	Level 1: 10.7% Level II: 22.9% Level III: 17.6% Level IV: 48.8%	Level 1: 9.0% Level II: 24.6% Level III: 17.7% Level IV: 48.6% Level V: 0.0%
Veterans Served	173 (65 resided at Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home)	160 (71 resided at Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home)	136 (56 reside at Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home)
Percentage of Elders Served with Dementia	49.5%	41.8%	56.1%

*FY2021 data as of March 1st

**Pioneer Homes lowered the age limit from 65 to 60 on July 1, 2020 as part of a statutory change in HB96



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Payment Types

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021*
Medicaid Waiver	20.9%	24.8%	27.1%
Private Pay (includes long-term care insurance)	50.8%	39.4%	38.6%
Payment Assistance	28.3%	35.8%	34.3%

- Currently there are 34 residents that receive funding from Veterans Affairs

*FY2021 data as of March 11th

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Waitlists

- An applicant with a desire to move into a home within 30 days is placed on the Active List
- An applicant who desires to move into a home at a later date is placed on the Inactive List
- Applications are ordered by date received
 - When an inactive applicant chooses to activate, they are placed on the list based on their original inactive application date

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021*
Active	226	164	156
Inactive	5,385	5,529	5,652
Total	5,611	5,693	5,808

Alaska Pioneer Homes: HB96 Impact on Waitlist

- The full impact of HB96 is not clear as COVID-19 has had an impact on our waitlists
- There has been an increase in active applicants since July 2020
- There has been a notable increase in the number of inactive applicants the division has received
 - FY2020 - 137
 - FY2021 as of March 2nd – 157
- The reduction of the minimum age requirement has had a positive impact on our waitlists
 - Current residents under 65 years old: 6
 - Current applicants under 65 years old: 50
 - Active waitlist: 7
 - Inactive waitlist: 43

Alaska Pioneer Homes: COVID-19 Impact on Residents and Homes

	As of 3/1/2021
Residents Who Moved Out Due to COVID-19 Risks or Restrictions	5
Active Waitlist Applicants that Passed on a Room Offer/Assessment	15
Total COVID-19 Cases at Pioneer Homes	173
Resident COVID-19 Cases	83
Staff COVID-19 Cases	90
COVID-19 Outbreaks	Five outbreaks across two homes
COVID-19 Related Deaths	Ten across two homes

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Keeping Elders Connected

- COVID-19 has caused more loneliness and separation from families and friends for our elders
- The Homes purchased tablets to connect virtually with loved ones
- The Homes installed limited Wi-Fi to enable virtual visitation
- The Homes resumed in-person visits when community case counts were low
- The Homes continue to work towards expanding Wi-Fi to meet the need of connectedness throughout each Home
- Currently vaccination rates are high, and Homes are implementing in-person visits; if there is a positive test result, in-person visits will cease until deemed safe again

Alaska Pioneer Homes: COVID Vaccinations and Testing

- Residents vaccinated: 87% (81% to 93% by Home)
- Staff vaccinated: 55% (35% to 72% by Home)
- **23,776** test samples collected and analyzed at the Alaska State Public Laboratories from April 2020 to March 1, 2021
- **2,253** test samples collected and analyzed at Alaska Pioneer Home from September 2020 to March 1, 2021
 - Cepheid GeneXpert Xpress (molecular): 735
 - Abbott BinaxNow (antigen): 1,175
 - Abbott ID Now (molecular): 343
- **26,029** COVID-19 tests completed for the Alaska Pioneer Homes as of March 1, 2021



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Certified Nursing Assistant Apprenticeship Program

- Started in 2017, this grant funded program created by Alaska Pioneer Homes, certified by the US Department of Labor, is offered to Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) working in the Homes
- A grant from the American Apprenticeship Initiative, provides \$60,000/year for four years. The grant pays for the Relias Learning Training System, used by all employees, to support the trainings required for the program
- Training consists of online and in person trainings, and side by side support with a mentor
- The first three years yielded 38 trained apprentices and this year there are 13 enrolled
- Completion of the one-year program awards apprentices with a specialty certification in dementia care

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Looking Forward

- Gerontological Nursing Certification Program
 - Continuing Education Program offered on-line through University of Nebraska
 - ASHNA grant
 - Eight Alaska Pioneer Home Registered Nurses currently enrolled who will provide nursing expertise for the elders living in the homes
- Anchorage Pioneers Home
 - 4th floor remodel for Complex Care Neighborhood
 - Construction begins in early April, expected completion in August
 - This will enable Anchorage Pioneer Home to provide care for nine (9) elders with complex care needs related to dementia diagnosis



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