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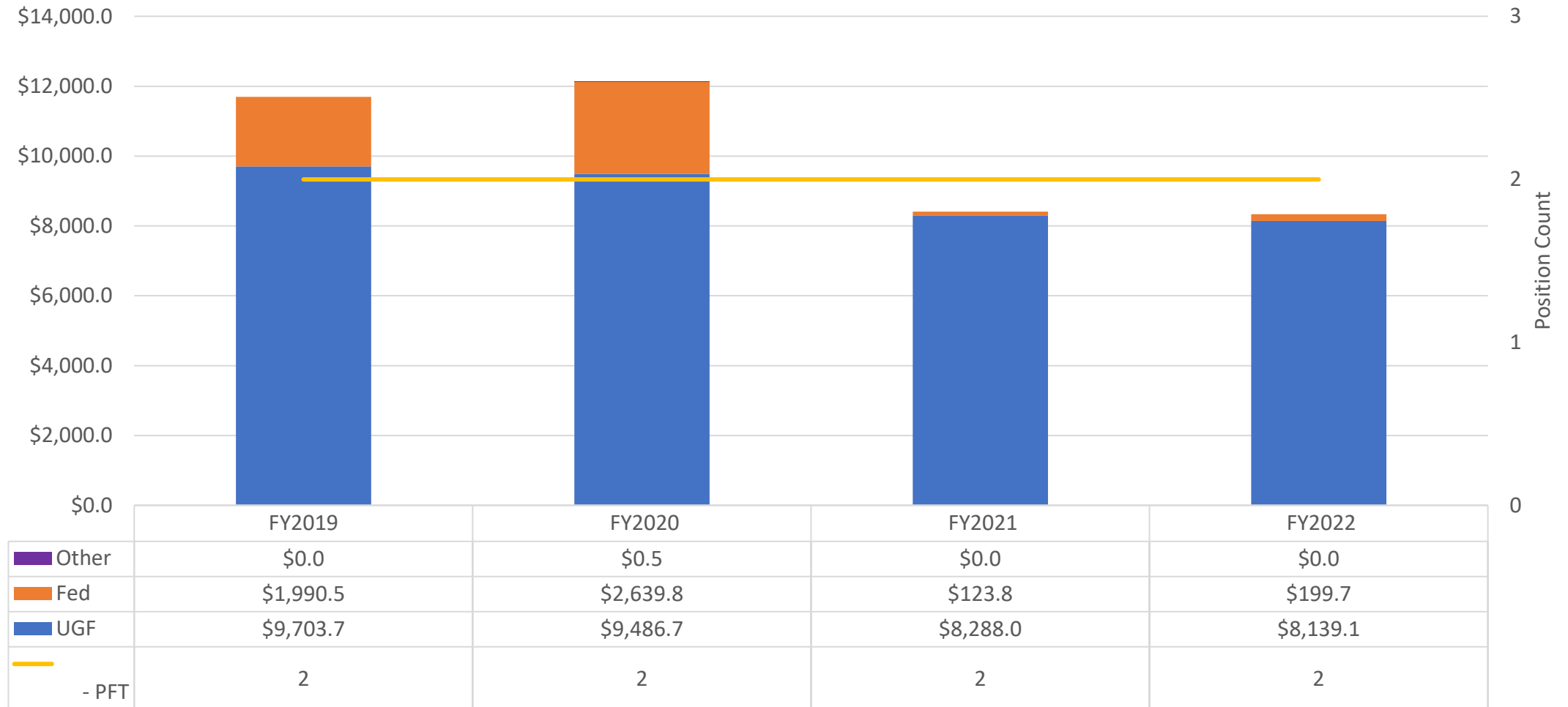
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Budget Component: Early Learning Coordination

(\$ thousands)

Funding and Position History





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- › Provide support services and grants that provide locally designed comprehensive child development programs encompassing all aspects of a child's development and learning, with a focus on school readiness
 - Programs include: Head Start and Early Head Start Grants, Best Beginnings, Parents as Teachers
- › FY2022 Governor's Budget Changes from FY2021
 - \$2.0 (\$1.1 UGF, \$0.9 Fed) Contractual Salary Adjustments
 - (\$75.0) UGF reduction in supply costs due to virtual meetings and conferences
 - Net \$0.0 Change (\$75.0 Fed, (\$75.0) UGF) adjust funding source for an Education Specialist II position



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- › Head Start and Early Head Start Program
 - Federal program that promotes school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families
 - Each Head Start program receives a 5-year federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Social Services, which includes 80% of their proposed project budget
 - Head Start programs are required to provide a 20% non-federal share
 - › The State provides \$6.8 million towards this non-federal share
- › Parents as Teachers Program
 - Collaboration with the State Department of Health & Social Services to offer children and their parents/caregivers home-based services during the early years of child development
 - Grants are awarded through a competitive application process
 - Since FY2018, DHSS has provided assistance for the program through a reimbursable services agreement with DEED
- › Best Beginnings
 - Partnership with DEED to promote early literacy information to help ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed
- › Head Start Collaborative Grant (federally funded)
 - Funds the Head Start Coordinator position at DEED and supports Early Learning initiatives

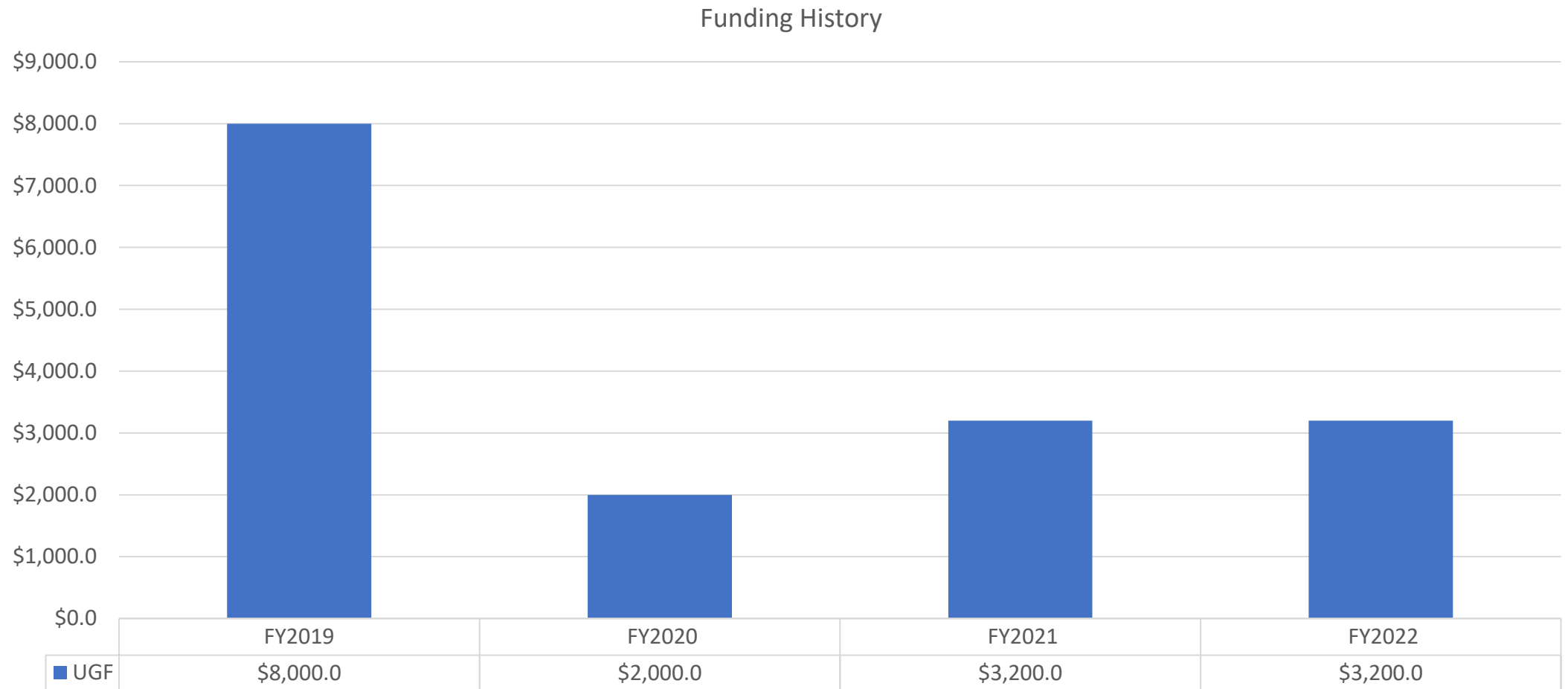


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	State Funds (in thousands of dollars)		
	FY20	FY21	FY22
Best Beginnings	\$ 320.0	\$ 320.0	\$ 320.0
Parents as Teachers	\$ 474.7	\$ 474.7	\$ 474.7
Head Start Grants	\$ 6,785.1	\$ 6,853.0	\$ 6,853.0



Budget Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (\$ thousands)



Position support for Pre-Kindergarten Grants is provided by staff in the Early Learning Coordination component.



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- › Provide a voluntary, comprehensive, half-day preschool program for four- and young five-year old's (five-year old children who do not meet the cutoff date for Kindergarten entry) through school districts, based on the guiding principles and goals set forth in the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines
 - State Board of Education adopted revised [Alaska Early Learning Guidelines](#) in January 2021
- › The focus is improving standards, assessments, and accountability for early childhood education programs by developing active partnerships between families, schools, and community-based entities
- › No FY2022 Governor's Budget Changes from FY2021



Budget Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

State Funds (in thousands of dollars)					
		FY20		FY21	FY22
Pre-Kindergarten Grants	\$	1,882.3	\$	3,200.0	\$ 3,200.0
Early Learning Grants*	\$	1,379.6	\$	-	\$ -

**In FY20, funding appeared in the Early Learning Coordination component*



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