

Alaska Pioneer Homes FY2023 Overview

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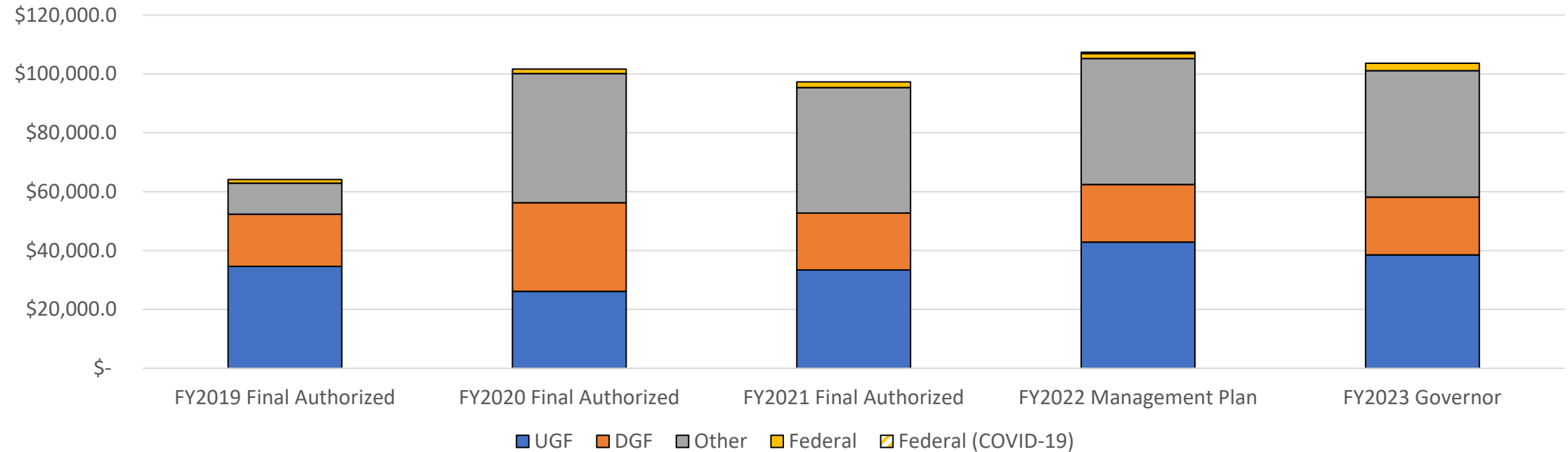
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Alaska Pioneer Homes Operating Budget Comparison FY2019-FY2023 (in thousands)



	FY2019 Final Authorized	FY2020 Final Authorized	FY2021 Final Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	Difference FY2019 and FY2023
UGF	\$ 34,592.8	\$ 26,157.2	\$ 33,406.2	\$ 42,903.8	\$ 38,523.9	\$ 3,931.1
DGF	\$ 17,730.7	\$ 30,139.2	\$ 19,356.2	\$ 19,532.8	\$ 19,645.5	\$ 1,914.8
Other	\$ 10,552.8	\$ 43,832.3	\$ 42,668.5	\$ 42,862.0	\$ 42,976.5	\$ 32,423.7
Federal	\$ 1,241.0	\$ 1,577.8	\$ 1,849.9	\$ 1,682.5	\$ 2,491.9	\$ 1,250.9
Federal (COVID-19)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408.1	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 64,117.3	\$ 101,706.5	\$ 97,280.8	\$ 107,389.2	\$ 103,637.8	\$ 39,520.5



Other Fund Sources

Other

- Interagency Receipts
 - Interagency receipt authority resulting from billing Medicaid for long-term waiver services provided to Medicaid-eligible Pioneer Home residents.
 - Interagency receipt authority to draw from the Payment Assistance Component as needed to subsidize elders' resources to meet the need of care.
- Statutory-Designated Program Receipts
 - These receipts represent resident and third-party insurance payments for the residential service rates and for pharmaceuticals dispensed from the centralized Pioneer Home Pharmacy.

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 AS 47.33) and regulations (7 AAC 74, 7 AAC 75, and 7 AAC 47), pertaining to both assisted living homes and the Pioneer Homes
- 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 January 20th: 454

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022*
Division Wide	91%	90%	92%
Anchorage Pioneer Home	87%	83%	88%
Alaska Veterans Pioneer Home	90%	93%	92%
Fairbanks Pioneer Home	93%	93%	93%
Juneau Pioneer Home	96%	95%	99%
Ketchikan Pioneer Home	93%	93%	86%
Sitka Pioneer Home	93%	93%	97%

*FY2022 data as of January 20th

Alaska Pioneer Homes: Number of Elders Served

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022*
Total Elders Served	594	607	537
Elders Served Aged 60 to 64	N/A**	6	7
Percentage of Elders Served by Level of Care	Level I: 11% Level II: 22% Level III: 18% Level IV: 49%	Level I: 9% Level II: 22% Level III: 17% Level IV: 52%	Level I: 8% Level II: 23% Level III: 17% Level IV: 52%
Veterans Served	160 (71 resided at Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home)	160 (66 resided at Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home)	141
Elders Served with Dementia	269	342	285

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**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

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022*
Medicaid Waiver	25%	20%	27%
Private Pay (includes long-term care insurance)	39%	46%	38%
Payment Assistance	36%	34%	35%

Currently there are 34 residents living at the Alaska Veterans' and Pioneers' Home that receive funding from Veterans Affairs

- Three levels of funding from VA
 - Nursing Home Level of Care \$117.93/day
 - Service Connected \$547.07/day
 - Domiciliary \$50.91/day

*FY2022 data as of January 20th



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

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022*
Active	164	186	220
Inactive	5,529	5,744	5,864
Total	5,693	5,930	6,084

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Alaska Pioneer Homes: Keeping Elders Connected

- Alaska Pioneer Homes pride themselves in being an inclusive part of the surrounding communities
- The Homes have an open-door policy, welcoming families and volunteers
- The Homes strive to be flexible in meeting the needs of the elders by staying open for visitation while maintaining safety
- The Homes continue to connect virtually with loved ones when needed and are installing expanded Wi-Fi to enhance these connections
- The Homes are currently upgrading their cable TV service so that all residents can have easy to operate, cable TV, free of charge



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 (C.N.As) working in the Homes
- Received the SAEEI (State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation) grant in December 2021 of \$200,000 to help fund the next 4 years of the program
- The grant pays for the Relias Learning Training System, used by all employees, to support the trainings required for the program; and the certification of trainers through Positive Approach to Care
- Training consists of online and in-person trainings, and side-by-side support with a mentor
- The first four years yielded 50 trained apprentices and this year there are currently 14 enrolled
- Completion of the one-year program awards apprentices with a specialty certification in dementia care



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Achievements

- Anchorage Pioneer Home's fourth floor Complex Care Neighborhood was completed in December 2021 and adds 9 beds that serve elders with high needs
- The Homes are currently upgrading their cable TV service
- Expansion of Wi-Fi for elders' use is scheduled for Spring
- State Secured Wi-Fi equipment has been ordered
- Added 7 new Positive Approach to Care (PAC) certified trainers and coaches for a total of 17 trainers and 4 coaches across all Homes



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Looking Forward

Recruiting, Training and Retaining Staff

- Developed a letter of agreement to improve recruitment of new staff
- Continued use of Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) education grant to offer online geriatric nursing certification course
- Maintain C.N.A. Apprenticeship Program
- Working on a new apprenticeship program for Assisted Living Aides

Capital Projects

- JPH backyard is in design phase and plan options are being considered
- AVPH roof funding awaiting matching grant award from Veterans Affairs (Spring 2022)
- KPH H-VAC and water line replacement
- FPH plan development to address deferred maintenance needs



Alaska Pioneer Homes: Executive Order

Potential benefits of the split to agencies and employees:

- A smaller department, consisting of divisions that are providing direct services to clients, will better coordinate care, consolidate services, share resources, policies, and procedures as appropriate.
- The new department support team will have more focus and understanding of the needs of the employees who are working in facilities that operate 24/7.

Potential benefits to the public, DHSS clients, and partner organizations:

- Any change which simplifies department processes is a benefit to the clients we serve as the division will have more time available to meet the clients' needs. A smaller department means less coworkers to discuss how best to make changes and the discussions will be happening with coworkers who have similar needs.



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Thank you

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