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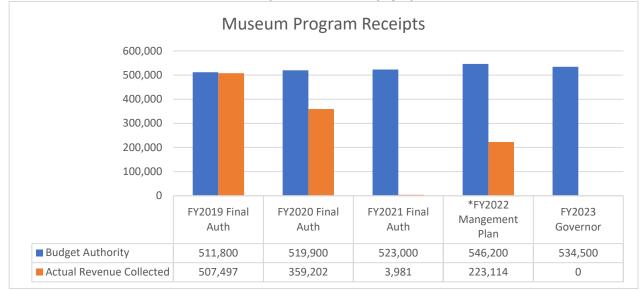
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House Finance Subcommittee Hearing – Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums Budget Overview Follow-up on Committee Member Comments Prepared by DEED Staff Contacts: Kollette Schroeder, DEED Legislative Liaison, <u>kollette.schroeder@alaska.gov</u> Heidi Teshner, Acting Deputy Commissioner, <u>heidi.teshner@alaska.gov</u> Lacey Sanders, Administrative Services Director, <u>lacey.sanders@alaska.gov</u>

Provide the White Paper on Funding Request for SLED and the Alaska Library Catalog and a list of Small Library Grant Applications submitted and not funded in FY2021 and FY2022. How have small library grants been affected by using the funds for SLED and the Alaska Library Catalog? Which libraries have seen decreases? Which libraries are applying and not receiving any funds? What did the grant program look like before allocating funds for SLED and the Alaska Library Catalog?

Attached is the White Paper on Funding Request for SLED and the Alaska Library Catalog and a list of the Interlibrary Cooperation Grant applications that were not awarded funding in FY2021 and FY2022. A historical summary of the grants awarded is included at the top of this list.

Each year libraries may submit an application for funding. The libraries submitting applications and the uses for the funding requested in the applications will vary from year to year.



Provide Museum Revenue Collections compared to Authority (graph or table).

The decrease in revenue collection for FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 is due to the decline of tourism, as a result of the COVID-19 health pandemic. To address the shortfall in revenue, museum positions have been held vacant, museum hours were adjusted for the public, staff have searched for additional revenue opportunities, and operational expenses were reduced to balance revenues with expenditures.

^{*}FY2022 - Actuals as of 2/1/2022

Provide the Statewide Broadband Taskforce Report.

The November 2021 State of Alaska Governor's Task Force on Broadband Final Report can be found here: <u>https://indd.adobe.com/view/42ddcfe3-5ea9-4bcb-bd09-a71bcb63869a</u>.

Provide which schools are using the Broadband program.

Attached is a spreadsheet that shows the school districts and individual schools that received School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) funds during FY2022.