

Fund Source Report

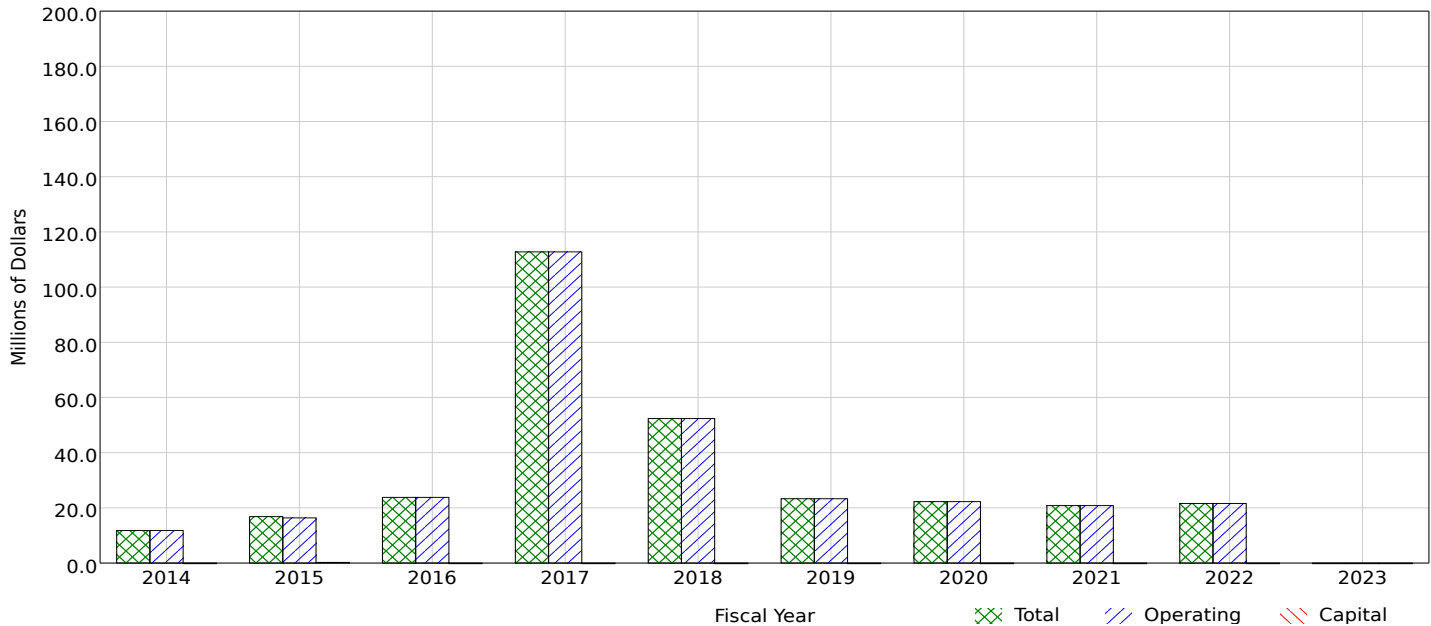
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High Ed

Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund

Year Authorized FY13	Year Repealed	Active? Yes	Mental Health? No	Duplicated? No	Fund Group Designated General
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Operating and Capital Appropriations



Legal Authority

AS 37.14.750 (fund)
AS 14.43 (program)

Source of Revenue

The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund: investment income; donations; and surplus amounts available for awards under AS 14.43.

Restrictions on Use

Seven percent of the prior year-end market value of the fund is available for appropriation to the grant account (one-third of the amount available) and to the scholarship account (two-thirds of the amount available). The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education may award grants and scholarships from the respective accounts, and money not awarded is returned to the fund.

Description and History

May 2013

\$400 million was deposited into the Alaska Housing Capital Corporation (AHCC) savings account in FY12, with appropriation from the AHCC to this fund contingent on adoption of a bill establishing a fund for education grants/scholarships. When this fund was not established in FY12, general funds were used for grants (\$2.8 million) and scholarships (\$3.0 million).

Chapter 74, SLA 2012 established a grant/scholarship program and this fund, which triggered the appropriation of \$400 million from the AHCC to this fund. FY13 grants were funded with \$3 million from the general fund and \$1 million from this fund. Scholarships were funded with \$3.1 million from ACHH and \$4.9 million from this fund.

Beginning in FY14, all funding for grants and scholarships is expected to come from this fund; \$4 million was appropriated for grants and \$8 million was appropriated for scholarships.

AS 14.43.820 outlines scholarship eligibility requirements; AS14.43.825 provides a sliding award scale based on GPA and test scores; and .830 limits attendance to Alaska postsecondary institutions.

Grants funded from this fund follow the rules established in AS 14.43.400-.420.