

**State of Alaska
FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health
General Relief Assistance
Component Budget Summary**

Component: General Relief Assistance**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The General Relief Assistance component promotes and protects the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance.

Core Services

- Provide for indigent burials, emergency food, shelter, and clothing for low-income Alaskans who have no other resources available.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2023

- The General Relief Assistance program issued an average benefit amount of \$1,205 per recipient.

Key Component Challenges

- Meeting the expectation to significantly reduce expenditures while continuing to help Alaskan families experiencing extreme financial crisis meet their immediate basic needs.
- Policy unit, rather than eligibility staff, conducts the review and preauthorization of all payment requests for additional services from funeral homes.
- The division has experienced a backlog on General Relief applications.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

- No significant changes in results to be delivered.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.25.120-300	General Relief Assistance
7 AAC 47.020-290	General Relief Assistance
Chapter No. 2, 4	SSLA 2008 (SB4002)

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)
RDU: Public Assistance (73)

Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor		
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
3000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
4000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
7000 Grants, Benefits	591.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	2,105.4	1,500.0	247.8%	
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Totals	591.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	2,105.4	1,500.0	247.8%	
Fund Sources:									
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	591.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	2,105.4	1,500.0	247.8%	
Unrestricted General (UGF)	591.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	605.4	2,105.4	1,500.0	247.8%	
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Positions:									
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)
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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled												
1004 Gen Fund	Enrolled	605.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	605.4	0.0	0	0	0
	Subtotal	605.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	605.4	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
Provide Support to Alaskan Food Banks and Pantries to Promote Food Security												
1004 Gen Fund	IncOTI	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,500.0	0.0	0	0	0
	Totals	2,105.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,105.4	0.0	0	0	0

Alaskan food banks and pantries continue to struggle with a high volume of requests, partially due to soaring rates of inflation. The Governor's Food Security Task Force predicts that these organizations will be unable to meet demand until task force recommendations can be implemented. This one-time funding increment will support Alaskan food banks and pantries; allowing them to adequately serve communities. Funding will be distributed through a grant application process.

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Health
Grants, Benefits

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		591.4	605.4	2,105.4
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	591.4	605.4	2,105.4
7002	Benefits	AS 41.15.120 provides vendor payments on behalf of eligible individuals for shelter, burial assistance, and other emergent needs.	591.4	605.4	2,105.4

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Health

Component: General Relief Assistance (221)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code)	Component	Comment	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
Revenue Source					
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			0.0	0.0	0.0
6047 General Fund - Miscellaneous		General fund	0.0	0.0	0.0