

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 258  
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Identifier: HB258-DOH-GRA-01-25-24  
Title: GENERAL RELIEF & BURIAL ASSISTANCE  
Sponsor: STAPP  
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health  
Appropriation: Public Assistance  
Allocation: General Relief Assistance  
OMB Component Number: 221

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	(76.4)		(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(76.4)		(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>	<b>(76.4)</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/25**

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable; initial version

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Agency: <u>Department of Health</u>	

**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. HB258**

**Analysis**

The proposed legislation more precisely outlines burial assistance within the General Relief Assistance program.

In recent years the division saw a decline in shelter, utilities and certain medical assistance payments through the General Relief Program due to other available options. Due to this, this fiscal note reflects a reduction based on a five year average for benefits related to shelter, utilities and identified medical assistance.

Total five year average by benefit type based on actual benefits issued FY2019 - FY2023:

Fiscal Year	Expenditures					Total
	Rent	Utilities	Food	Misc.	Burial	
FY2019	\$ 117,173	\$ 56,585	\$ 226	\$ 2,296	\$ 741,590	\$ 917,870
FY2020	\$ 91,445	\$ 44,718	\$ 464	\$ 1,240	\$ 630,418	\$ 768,285
FY2021	\$ 22,944	\$ 6,827	\$ -	\$ 186	\$ 571,237	\$ 601,194
FY2022	\$ 15,510	\$ 12,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 634,658	\$ 663,104
FY2023	\$ 8,400	\$ 5,323	\$ -	\$ 1,028	\$ 597,613	\$ 612,364
<b>5 Yr Avg</b>	<b>\$51,094</b>	<b>\$ 25,278</b>	<b>\$ 138</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>	<b>\$ 635,103</b>	<b>\$ 712,563</b>

Five year total for proposed removal of rent and utilities - \$76.4

If passed, the department will revise materials and information to align with the updated program name. The program's renaming may highlight the burial benefit and applications for assistance.