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Village Public Safety Officer Program

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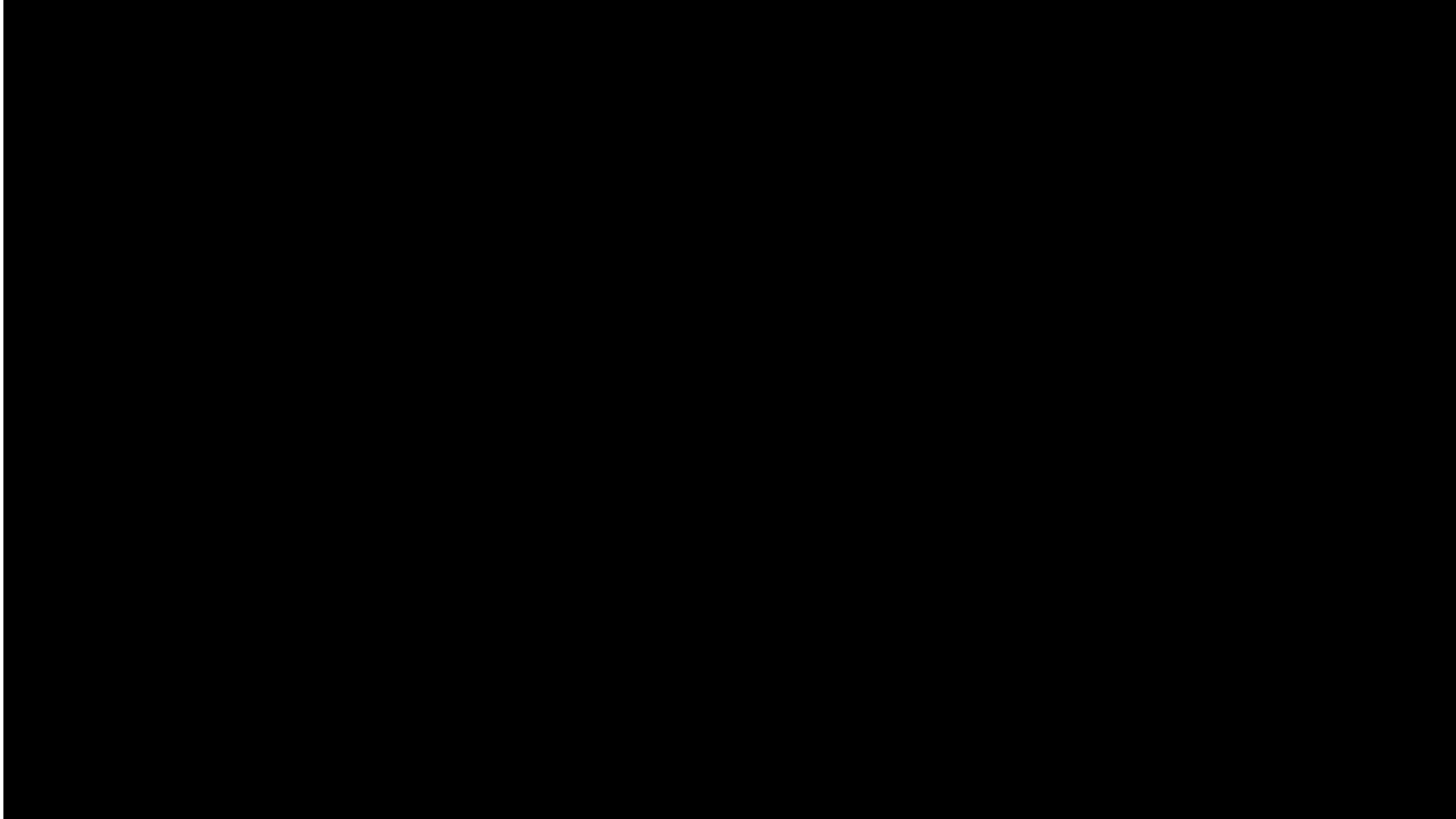
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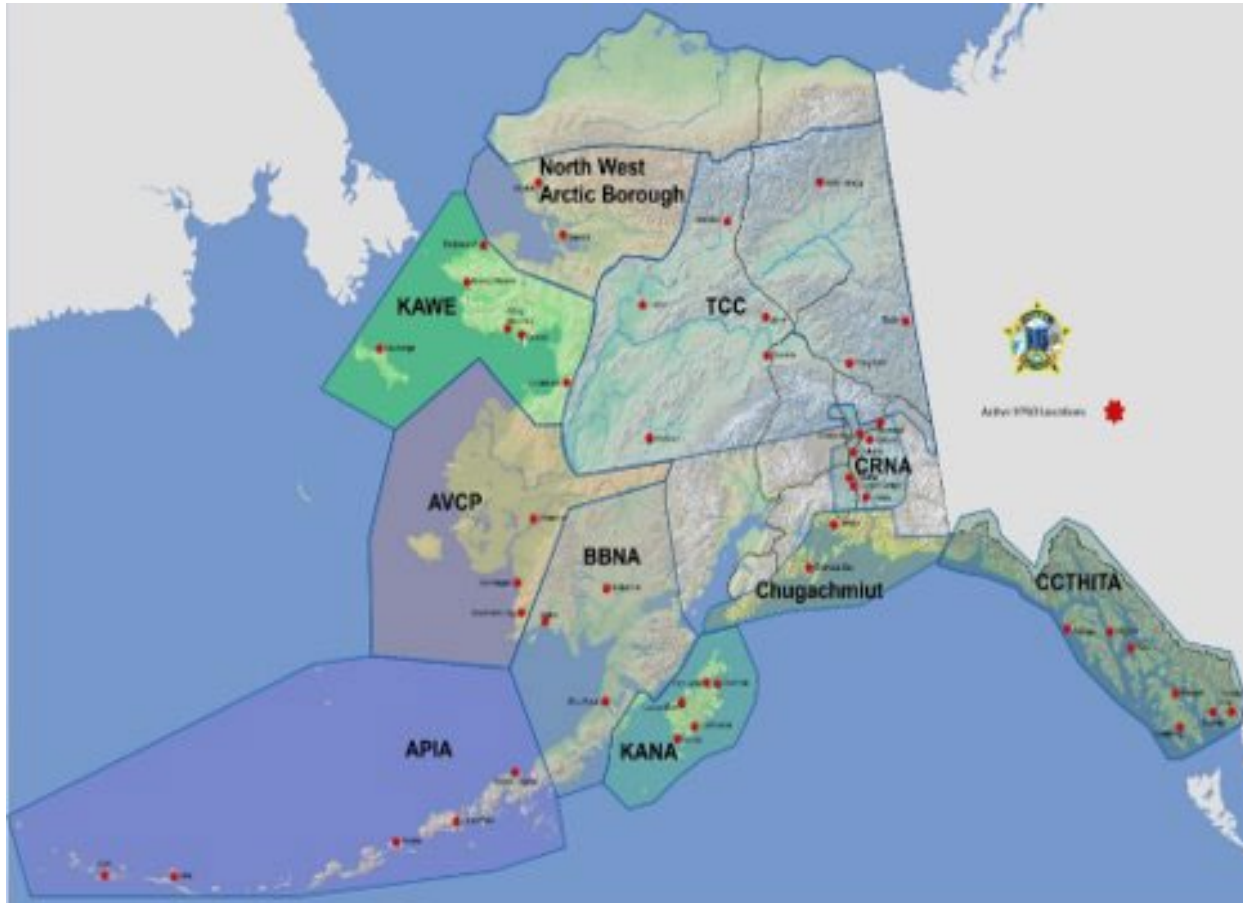
Program Purpose: Bridging the department's public safety responsibility with tribal partners.





Village Public Safety Officer Program

Regional Village Public Safety Officer Programs



- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes
- Chugachmiut
- Copper River Native Association
- Kawerak, Inc.
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Northwest Arctic Borough
- Tanana Chiefs Conference



Village Public Safety Officer Program

2022 Reform



- Added program clarity
- Improved wages
- Prioritized supports
 - Multi-officer assignment
 - Traveling VPSOs
 - Reformed training; 11 weeks all inclusive (from 19+)
 - Tribal relationships – 1st Tribal Liaison hired



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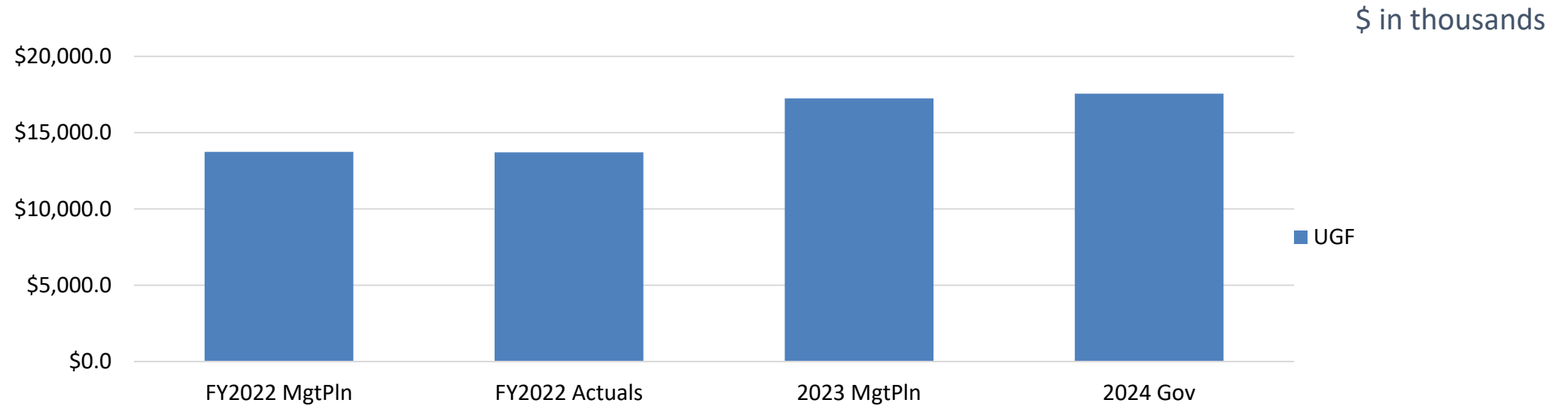


FY2017 – 2023 Progress

- Robust recruitment and hiring



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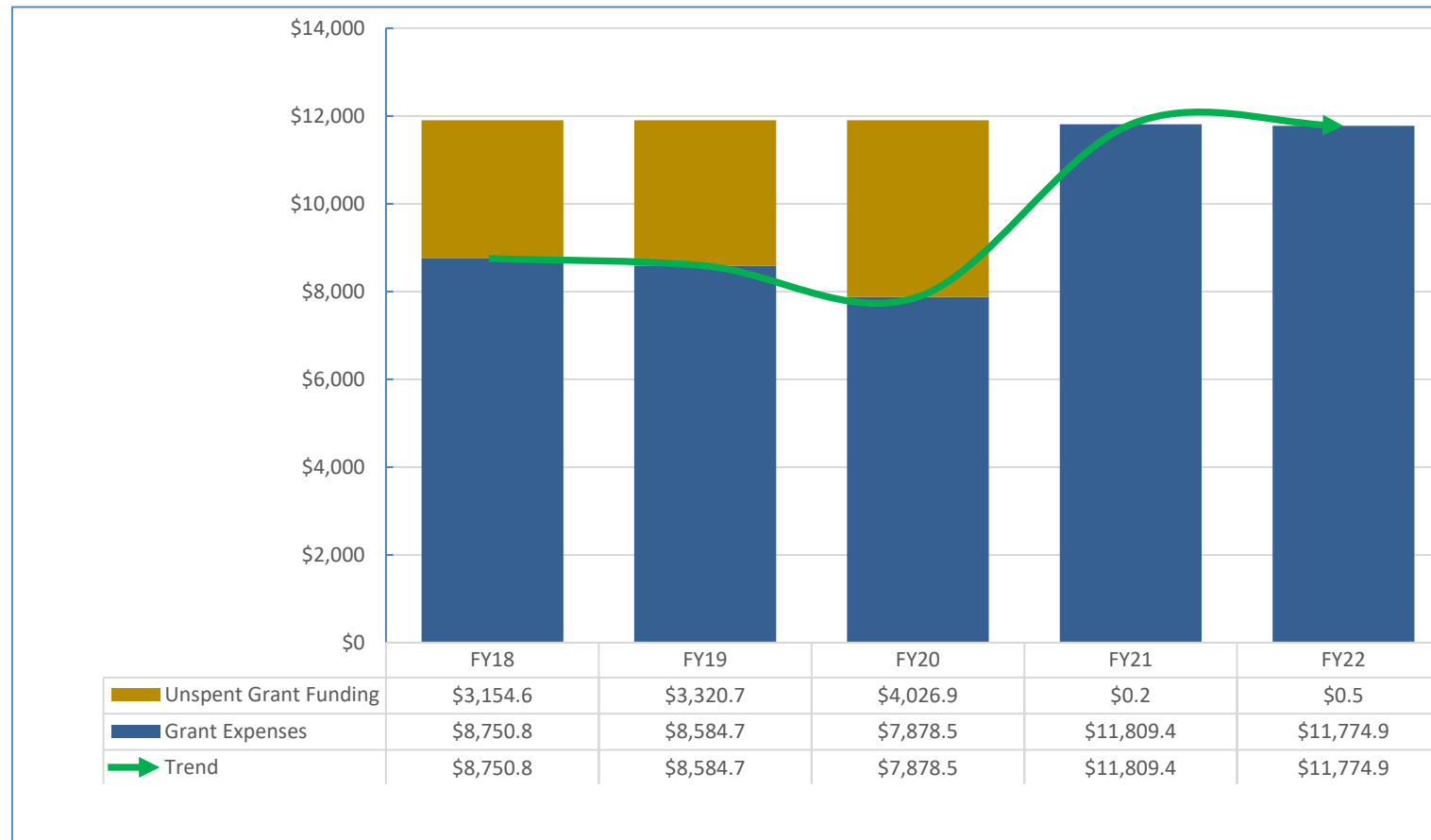
	FY2022 MgtPlan	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 MgtPln	FY2024 Gov	Difference FY2023 to FY2024	% Difference FY2023 to FY2024
UGF	\$13,740.7	\$13,711.2	\$17,248.4	\$17,558.6	\$310.2	1.8%



Village Public Safety Officer Program

\$ in thousands

Grantee Spending





Village Public Safety Officer Program

\$ in thousands

FY2024 Significant Operating Budget Changes

FY2024 Operating Budget Changes	Amount	Fund Source	Impact
Policy and Programs Director (personal services, travel, services, commodities)	\$196.5	UGF	Program stability and growth



Fire and Life Safety Division

Pipeline Education, Engineering, Inspection

Commercial Building Plan Reviews

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Fire Investigations

Fire Training

Fire Safety Education

Firefighter Certifications



TransAlaska Pipeline Fire Safety Liaison

Plan Review Bureau

Life Safety Inspection Bureau

Bureau of Fire Accreditation, Standards and Training

Alaska Fire Standards Council



Fire and Life Safety Division

Sucesses

- Over 600 building inspections conducted
- Over 700 fire and building plan reviews completed
- Two new positions (FY22) are reducing plan review turnaround time by over 33%
- Investigated 45 fires involving fatalities and/or significant damage.
- Issued fire certification for 1093 applicants
- Worked with Village Public Safety Officers to improve fire safety in rural Alaska.

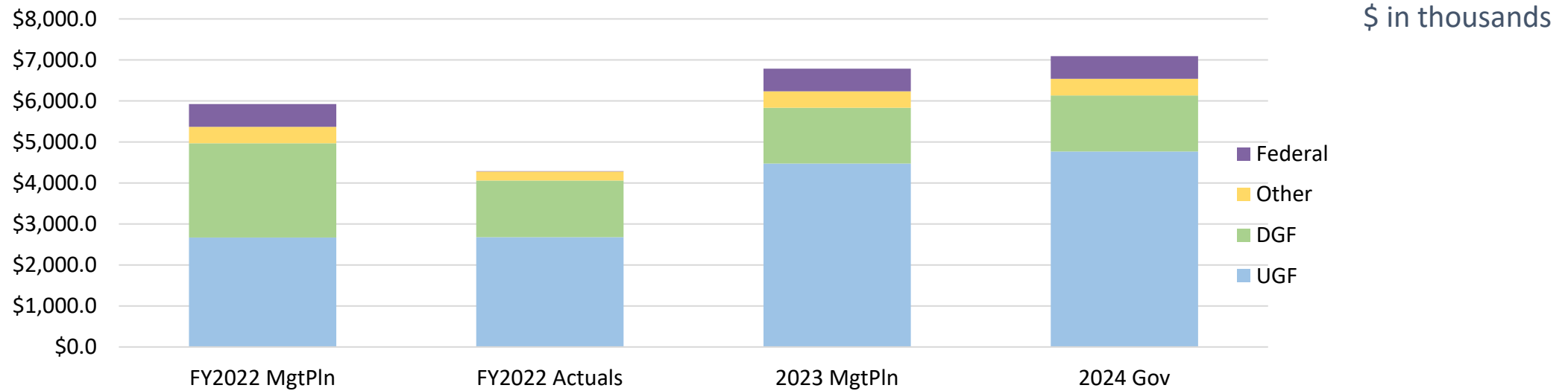
Challenges

- Residential fires are Alaska's largest number of structure fires
- No authority to enforce single-family residential code requirements
- Many rural fire departments require significant and essential support from the Division and lack fully qualified personnel





Fire and Life Safety Division



	FY2022 MgtPlan	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 MgtPln	FY2024 Gov	Difference FY2023 to FY2024	% Difference FY2023 to FY2024
Unrestricted General Fund (UGF)	\$2,669.0	\$2,679.2	\$4,473.5	\$4,768.8	\$295.3	6.6%
Designated General Fund (DGF)	\$2,298.4	\$1,379.6	\$1,359.7	\$1,365.4	\$5.7	0.4%
Other	\$402.4	\$220.7	\$402.1	\$405.4	\$3.3	0.8%
Federal	\$553.2	\$7.9	\$553.2	\$553.2	\$0.0	0.0%
Total	\$5,923.0	\$4,287.4	\$6,788.5	\$7,092.8	\$304.3	4.5%



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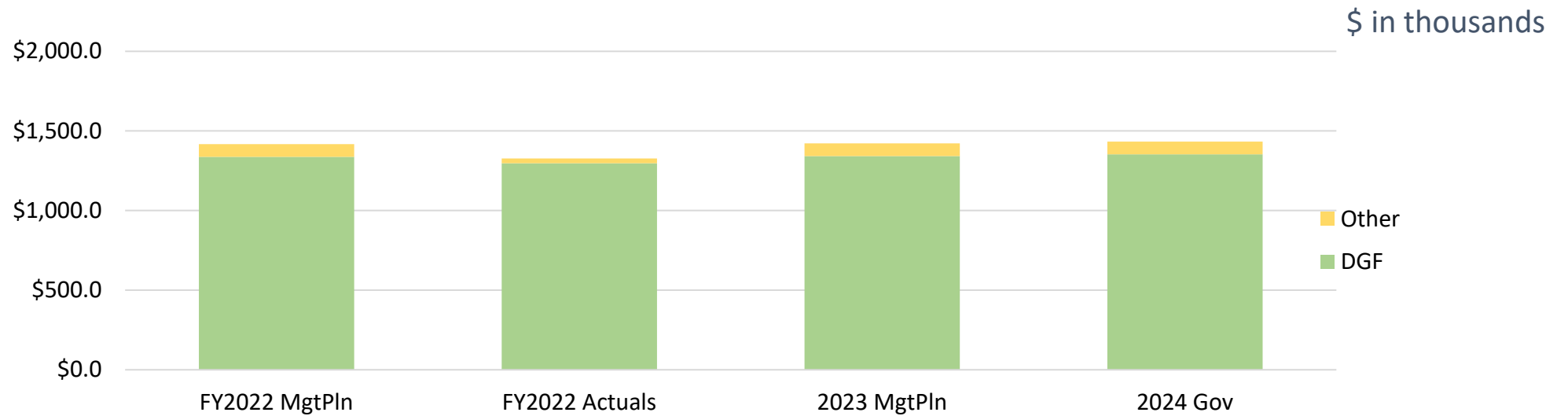
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FY2024 Operating Budget Changes	Amount	Fund Source	Impact
Deputy Fire Marshal 1/2, Juneau (personal services, travel, services, commodities, capital outlay)	\$219.5	UGF	Address delayed responses to fire investigations and improve the preservation of fire evidence. Minimizes delays in serving rural and urban southeast communities.



Alaska Police Standards Council

Produce and maintain highly trained and positively motivated professional officers, capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance.



	FY2022 MgtPlan	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 MgtPln	FY2024 Gov	Difference FY2023 to FY2024	% Difference FY2023 to FY2024
Designated General Fund (DGF)	\$1,336.9	\$1,296.7	\$1,341.7	\$1,352.8	\$11.1	0.8%
Other	\$80.0	\$30.4	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Total	\$1,416.9	\$1,327.1	\$1,421.7	\$1,432.8	\$11.0	0.8%



Thank You

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