

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	(76.4)		(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	(76.4)	0.0	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(76.4)		(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)
Total	(76.4)	0.0	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)	(76.4)

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/25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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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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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
5 Yr Avg	\$51,094	\$ 25,278	\$ 138	\$ 950	\$ 635,103	\$ 712,563

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.