

**Department of Public Safety
FY22 - Mid-Year Status Report**

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1	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Fully Fund Positions That Had Been Added in FY21 with 75% Funding	\$212.3 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>In FY21, the legislature approved the Governor's proposal to add 36 new positions in the Alaska State Troopers appropriation, but funded them at 75% to account for the time that would be required to recruit and fill those positions.</p> <p><u>Still Funded at 75% Due to Ongoing Recruitment</u></p> <p>Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services: \$17.0 UGF Office Assistant II - Actively recruiting AST Detachments: \$1,457.4 UGF (15) State Troopers - Five filled, two actively recruiting, working to identify office space and housing for remaining eight positions (5) Court Service Officer - Two filled, three actively recruiting (5) Criminal Justice Technician II - One filled, one actively recruiting, three awaiting OPD action Public Safety Technician II - Awaiting OPD action Office Assistant II - Actively recruiting Administrative Assistant I - Filled</p>	<p>Please provide an update on hiring efforts for these added positions.</p> <p>How has the overall vacancy rate for the Alaska State Troopers changed since the beginning of the FY22 fiscal year?</p>	<p>Of the 36 total new positions, 23 are currently filled. Four lack adequate housing, though the department is working on a solution to secure housing for two positions. Nine are currently being actively recruited.</p> <p>(15) State Troopers - Eight filled (5) Court Service Officer - Two filled (5) Criminal Justice Technician II - Five filled Public Safety Technician II - Office Assistant II - Previously filled, currently vacant and working to fill again. Administrative Assistant I - Filled</p> <p>See attached for the vacancy rate.</p>

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2	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Implement Operating Reductions to Maintain Department's Core Activities	(\$340.8) Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>The Department identified potential savings in the Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) administrative expenses. While this decrement did not impact the grants line, this funding could have been transferred to the grants line where VPSO grantee requests exceeded available grant funding.</p> <p>Fiscal Analyst Comment: In FY21, the agency distributed all available grant funds to VPSO grantees, and is working with the recipients to ensure that the funds are spent.</p>	Please describe the impacts of this decrement.	The program has not experienced a significant impact due to the decrement at this time because the decrement was for departmental administrative costs; however, with the desire to increase the program additional administrative funding may be needed in the future.
3	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault / Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Sec 22, HB 69 ARPA CSLFRF - Protecting Alaskans: Grant Support for Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and DV (FY21-24)	\$8,000.0 CSLFRF (Fed) MultiYr	<p>The legislature appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund (CSLFRF) grant support for sexual assault, human trafficking, and domestic violence. COVID-19 isolation has been linked to increased domestic violence; this grant support will work towards the CSLFRF allocation goal of protecting Alaskans impacted by COVID-19. A total of \$8 million will be distributed to existing recipients of the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) funding to ensure that services can continue. The appropriated amount is available over several years to enable CDVSA to gradually bring overall grant funding to a sustainable level.</p>	Was this Multiyear appropriation sufficient to meet the needs of grantees?	This appropriation significantly helped CDVSA back-fill reduced funding from our annual VOCA formula funding, with a portion of the ARPA \$8.0 million available to carry over into FY23. But the FY22 \$8.0 ARPA allocation will not fully meet the sub-grantee needs for FY23 and will provide no additional funds for FY24 and FY25. It is hoped that by FY23, the CDVSA VOCA annual allocation will begin to increase, due to the VOCA Fix legislation, unfortunately it will still be significantly less than in past years.

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4	Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Extend Temporary Funding for Four NIBRS Positions (FY22-FY24)	\$396.7 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions IncT	The legislature extended funding through FY24 for the agency's work with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). A temporary increment was initially authorized from FY19 through FY21 to support four temporary positions whose ongoing work will establish the State's interface and coordination with this Federal Bureau of Investigation database.	Will the agency still need this UGF increment in light of the increased availability of federal funding for this purpose, as described in RPL# 12-2022-0105?	Yes. The additional federal authority is not related to the 4 NIBRS Positions.
5	Various	SB 55, Ch. 9, SLA 2021 Employer Contributions to PERS	\$6,713.7 Gen Fund (UGF)	SB 55 removes the 22% cap on payroll contributions to the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) for the State of Alaska as a PERS employer. The budgetary impact of this legislation is reflected as a shift from the direct appropriation to PERS (which is typically funded with UGF) to agency payroll, where the cost can be spread across all fund sources. This shift results in a UGF increase to Agency Operations of \$72,871.7, and a UGF decrease to Statewide Items of \$95,794.5, for a net statewide UGF savings of \$22,922.8. Specifically, the UGF impact to the Department of Public Safety is \$6,713.7 spread across multiple appropriations.	How has SB 55 impacted your agency? Have your non-UGF fund sources been sufficient?	As part of the fiscal note process for SB55, OMB worked with departments to identify fund sources that would not be realizable and backfill them with UGF. The department is not aware of any additional areas of concern at this time. The department will continue to monitor this through the projections process and will notify OMB if there are any concerns identified.