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1	Fire and Life Safety / Fire and Life Safety	Add Deputy Fire Marshal 1/2 (12-#017) for Inspections and Investigations in Southeast Alaska	\$219.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has the agency filled this position and procured the associated vehicle?
<p>Agency Response The position posting was closed on December 20, 2023. DPS Recruitment Unit is in the process of reviewing applicants and will proceed to the background step in the hiring process. Vehicle procurement is underway.</p>				
2	Alaska State Troopers / Rural Trooper Housing	Rural Trooper Housing Leases	Total: \$1,387.0 \$887.0 Gen Fund (UGF) \$500.0 GF/Prgm (DGF)	Have there been any modifications to the agency's plans to expand rural trooper housing? Kotzebue 12-Plex emergency lease extension: \$360.0 Nome housing facility: \$236.2 Anticipated rent increases in seven housing units: \$200.0 New construction leases (Kotzebue, Nome, Dillingham): \$590.8
<p>Agency Response Bethel: The Department is seeking additional rural trooper housing units in Bethel and is currently managing a build-to-suit lease agreement for additional housing units in Nome. Kotzebue: The Department entered into a 15-year extension in an existing 7-plex facility and leased one additional stand alone unit. Nome: The Department entered into a build to suit agreement for 14 units. Construction should be complete in FY2024 and leases two additional standalone units. Multiple Communities: The Department continues to seek housing units in St Mary's, Yakutat, Dillingham, Galena, and King Salmon.</p>				
3	Alaska State Troopers / Rural Trooper Housing	Federal Congressionally Directed Spending Grant for Housing	\$3,000.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	What is the timeline on these federal grants? Has the agency identified properties for acquisition? Will ownership reduce the need for future lease subsidy funding?
<p>Agency Response The Department has submitted grant documents and is waiting for federal approval to move forward on purchasing a single unit in Aniak, 2 units and equipment storage in Dillingham, and 3 units with a post in St. Marys. Lease funding may be reduced with ownership, setting aside funding for maintenance and improvements. The need for rural trooper housing exceeds current inventory. The department may seek new leases to ensure available and quality housing for its employees.</p>				

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4	Alaska State Troopers / Rural Trooper Housing	GA 4/18 - Subsidize Rural Housing Rent for Troopers Assigned on Two-Week Basis	\$208.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Is this level of funding sufficient to subsidize rent for all Troopers using State-owned housing while on two-week shift rotations?
				Has this improved morale or Trooper interest in shift rotations away from home? Retention?
<p>Agency Response The level of funding added to the DPS budget to subsidize housing rent for troopers assigned on a two week basis was sufficient. There has been positive feedback from the troopers currently working on a two week basis. However, the department has not bid any two week basis positions since the change so it is unknown if this change will increase the interest in the positions because of the change.</p>				
5	Alaska State Troopers / Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement Unit	Add Criminal Justice Technician 1/2 (12-#007) for Anchorage Airport Interdiction	\$112.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response PCN 12-2154 was filled 12/23/2023.</p>				
6	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Criminal Justice Technician 1/2 (12-#059) for Statewide Evidence Entry	\$112.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response PCN 12-2159 was filled 1/8/2024.</p>				
7	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Mental Health Clinician 2 (12-#058) to Expand Wellness Program	\$162.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
				What additional services are provided through the wellness program? How many Troopers have used these resources so far in FY24?
<p>Agency Response Interviews are scheduled to be conducted 1/10/24. The department is confident that there is a qualified candidate for the position.</p>				

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8	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Training Specialist to Expand Training Options and Meet Professional Police Training Demands	\$153.8 GF/Prgm (DGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when? Does the agency generally hire training specialists from within?
<p>Agency Response PCN 12-2160 is in recruitment and interviews have been conducted. The final selection process is underway and it is very possible a successful candidate will be selected. While it is ideal for a training specialist to come from within, it is not a requirement. This position, was advertised statewide.</p>				
9	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Public Safety Technician 2 (12-#049) for Asset Management	\$102.2 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response PCN 2164 is currently begin established for recruitment.</p>				
10	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Transition to Digital Evidence Management Software for Online Evidence Management	\$300.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	What is the status of this project, and will the full amount of funding be required on an ongoing basis? Will these result in any cost savings?
<p>Agency Response The department is completing discovery, is halfway through business analysis, and is starting product configuration. Cost savings estimates are difficult to estimate, however the preparation of electronic evidence to include burning to CD and logging electronic evidence alone will save at least 6000 Trooper hours per year across the department.</p>				
11	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Funding for Increased Moving Costs for Troopers	\$359.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	How much does the agency anticipate spending on trooper moves in FY24 compared to FY23?
<p>Agency Response FY2023 moves w/ tax gross up: \$2,257,695; BFY24 is estimated to be \$2,003,300 w/ tax gross up. The department's estimate for FY2024 is based on an average of actual costs for FY2022 and FY2023.</p>				

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12	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Expand Internet Connectivity in Rural Posts (FY24-FY28)	\$582.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncT	Which rural trooper post locations will benefit from this expansion in FY24?
				Does the agency foresee this effort being replaced by federal broadband expansion funds prior to FY28?
<p>Agency Response The department has completed bandwidth expansion in Dillingham, Emmonak, King Salmon, Togiak, Coldfoot, and Hoonah; and is in the process of expanding Dutch Harbor, Aniak, and King Salmon. Future expansion planning is underway for McGrath, Selawik, Delta Junction, Nenana, Haines, Galena, - Sitka, and Petersburg.</p> <p>DPS offices throughout the state were submitted as community buildings under the federal broadband project, however the priority for these locations is lower than homes and we do not expect federal broadband funds to directly replace connectivity expenses for the department. However, the federal dollars may result in more reliable and competitive internet offerings across the state. Better, reliable connectivity will result in an increase in department's budget as existing connectivity remains insufficient. The department will likely seek permanent or an extension of temporary internet connectivity funding wafter FY2029.</p>				
13	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Funding for Increased DOT Chargeback Rates for Vehicle Operations, Maintenance, Repairs, and Fuel	\$2,430.6 Gen Fund (UGF)	What was the chargeback rate increase for FY24?
				How many DPS vehicles are currently a part of the State Equipment Fleet? Are DPS vehicles adequately supported and maintained through this agreement with DOT, or are there any service gaps?
<p>Agency Response The chargeback rate increase in FY2024 was \$933,098. There are a total of 807 fleet assets , 673 of them are vehicles. Department vehicles are adequately supported and maintained through the agreement with the DOT, there are no service gaps.</p>				
14	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add a State Trooper Position in Western Alaska	\$250.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
				Where will this trooper position be stationed?
<p>Agency Response PCN-2155 has been assigned to the St. Mary's post and is currently vacant.</p>				
15	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Two Forensic Technician 2 (12-#027, 12-#028) for Crime Scene Response	\$261.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions	Have these positions been filled, and if so, when?
				How has added Forensic Technician support enhanced investigative capacity and outcomes?
<p>Agency Response PCNs 12-2162 and 12-2163 have been assigned to Wasilla and Kenai and have not been filled after multiple failed recruitments. The department will reclass the positions to Forensic Technician 1/2 flex in order to increase the viable candidate pool.</p>				

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16	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Funding and State Trooper Investigator Positions to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons	\$250.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 TMP Positions	How many positions is this currently supporting? What is their current and projected ongoing caseload?
Agency Response This funding supports two positions. On going and projected case load is between 10 and 15 cold cases.				
17	Alaska State Troopers / Aircraft Section	Add Public Safety Technician 2 (12-#064) to Increase Operational Capacity	Total: \$102.7 \$95.0 Gen Fund (UGF) \$7.7 I/A Rcpts (Other) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been hired, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-2156 will be stationed in Fairbanks and is in recruitment.				
18	Alaska State Troopers / Aircraft Section	Add Aircraft Pilot 1 (12-#061) to Increase Operational Capacity	\$259.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been hired, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-2157 will be stationed in Bethel and is in recruitment.				
19	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Add Full Funding for Three State Trooper Positions (in Galena, Saint Mary's, & Yakutat) Provided in FY23 without Funding	\$942.8 Gen Fund (UGF)	Have these positions been filled, and if so, when? Was the agency able to establish them in the planned communities? Have housing barriers been resolved?
Agency Response PCN 12-2140 was originally to be stationed in Yakutat and was moved to Sitka due to difficulties locating housing for a prospective employee. A bid for the position has been awarded and will be filled effective March 30, 2024. PCN 12-2141 (St Marys) due to lack of housing this position has not been filled. Housing is expected to be available July 2024 with recruitment to follow. PCN 12-2142 (Galena) a bid to fill the position was recently awarded the PCN is filled with a future start date of May 2024.				

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20	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Add a Criminal Justice Technician 1/2 (12-#070) for Field Support	\$120.3 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response PCN 12-3178 will be stationed in Kodiak and remains vacant. Recruitment is ongoing.</p>				
21	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Expand the Village Public Safety Officer Program by 10 Officers to Better Serve Rural Communities	\$2,830.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>What is the status of hiring these positions?</p> <p>How many VPSO candidates are expected to attend the academy this year compared to last year, or years prior if that's available?</p>
<p>Agency Response The regional programs have hired 19 VPSO so far this fiscal year and the current number of VPSO serving is 69. 15 VPSO are expected to attend the academy 24-01 starting on January 28th.</p>				
22	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Add Funding for Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Positions in the Northwest Arctic Borough Area	\$500.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>How many positions will be supported with this funding, and where will they be stationed?</p> <p>What is the hiring status?</p>
<p>Agency Response The funding is supporting five positions in Ambler, Kiana, Deering, Noatak, and Noorvik. Currently, the NAB program has hired two new VPSO for the community of Noatak. An additional five applicants are in the hiring process (not every applicant is hired).</p>				
23	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault / Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Replace Insufficient Federal Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant Funding	\$3,000.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	<p>Does the agency have any updates on projected VOCA receipts?</p> <p>If this funding is not continued in FY25, how will this affect grantees?</p>

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<p>Agency Response Below are VOCA allotments by fiscal year. The fund source continues to fluctuate. FFY2018 - \$7,912,465 FFY2019 - \$5,462,248 FFY2020 - \$4,117,817 FFY2021 - \$2,840,754 FFY2022 - \$3,573,803 FFY2023 - \$3,381,187</p> <p>VOCA projects a 37 percent reduction in the Crime Victims Fund from FFY2023, a reduction in FFY2205 of \$1,251,039. Grantees will be impacted since there is not currently a UGF appropriation to offset the loss in VOCA federal funding. If funding is not continued, subgrantees receiving Victim Services Funding (DV/SA programs and Child Advocacy Centers) will receive a decrease in funding.</p>				
24	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault / Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Increase and Enhance Community-Based Prevention and Battering Intervention Program Activities	\$1,200.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>Please describe how this funding has been used to initiate or augment community-based prevention and battery intervention programs?</p> <p>How will the agency measure the efficacy of these programs?</p>
<p>Agency Response The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) awarded \$70,465 to six current community based battering intervention programs (BIP) to increase capacity and offer training opportunities for BIP facilitators. Current BIP Standards are undergoing revisions based on the recommendations of a two year study by the Perpetrator Rehabilitation Workgroup and updated national standards that recommend a coordinated community approach to increase accountability, decrease recidivism and address root and co-occurring causes of violence. Additional funding will be used to expand BIP programming throughout the state. In addition, \$268,440 was awarded to twelve community based prevention programs to increase capacity and offer programming to more youth. A new grant cycle for violence prevention programs is anticipated for FY2025 and CDVSA intends to increase the capacity of these programs. Efficacy will initially be measured by increasing the number of programs and community coalitions and increasing the number of youth participating in the programming. Long term efficacy will be measured by reducing reports of DV/SA and measuring other health outcomes like substance use, suicide, and ACES.</p>				
25	Statewide Support / Commissioner's Office	Add Administrative Assistant 2 (12-#018) for Public Information Office	\$109.8 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has the agency filled this position, and if so, when?
<p>Agency Response PCN 12-4430 had an unsuccessful recruitment in Q4 2023. It is currently being recruited for again and is in the interview process.</p>				

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26	Statewide Support / Commissioner's Office	Increase Public Information Office Staffing to Meet Statutory Requirements Related to Body-Worn Cameras	\$471.7 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions	What is the status of the body-worn camera initiative implementation? Have these positions been filled?
Agency Response One position has been filled and is developing the procedures for the unit and handling the requests that have been made during a pilot program. Two other positions are expected to enter recruitment in Q1 2024 with the fourth in Q2 2024. All commissioned law enforcement officers that are employed by the department have been issued a body worn camera - some areas of the state that have bandwidth constraints are awaiting for improvements to allow the cameras to securely upload video to an evidence server.				
27	Statewide Support / Administrative Services	Add Administrative Operations Manager 2 (12-#029) to Expand Centralized Administrative Support Services	\$182.1 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has the agency filled this position, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-4256 will be assigned to Juneau and has not been filled after one failed recruitment. The department is revising the recruitment and will post the position again Q1 2024.				
28	Statewide Support / Administrative Services	Add Two Maintenance Generalist Journey (12-#091, 12-#092) to Maintain Housing in Rural Trooper Stations	\$269.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions	Have these positions been filled, and if so, where will they be based out of?
Agency Response PCN 12-4257 and PCN 12-4258 are not filled. The department has been negotiating with Alaska Public Safety Communications Services for shop and office space for the new staff. Recruitment will begin Q1 2024.				

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29	Statewide Support / Alaska Public Safety Communication Services (APSCS)	Add Stocks and Parts Services 3 Position (12-#077) for Inventory Support	\$124.1 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-4249 is not filled. The position was posted and interviews were conducted in September; two separate job offers were made and declined, the last declination in early November. The position was reposted, again with two separate applicants being approved for hire, but no offers were accepted. The position is anticipated to be reposted this month.				
30	Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Add Fingerprint Technician 1/2 (12-#080) to Meet Federal National Fingerprint File Compliance Requirements	\$120.9 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-4253 is not filled. The position is currently pending HR approval to hire; anticipate filling the position late January 2024.				
31	Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Add Criminal Justice Planner (12-#090) for Records Management Support	\$167.9 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?
Agency Response PCN 12-4255 was filled 10/16/2023.				
32	Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Sec 27(a), HB39 - Add Program Receipt Authority due to Increased Criminal Background Check Activity (FY23-FY24)	\$900.0 GF/Prgm (DGF) MultiYr	Which new or existing projects does this funding support? Will the agency have sufficient time to expend the funds?

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		<p>Agency Response</p>		<p>This funding is currently being used to partially fund positions within the Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Program component as well as funding parts of the CJIS Modernization project. That project has multiple funding sources to include a FY2024 capital allocation, federal grants , and the general fund program receipts (DGF) currently in the base budget. The project is comprised of several components to move numerous systems off the legacy mainframe system. These systems and the information in the systems are used daily by law enforcement and criminal justice agencies statewide, by licensing and employing agencies, and the public. The department is working to maximize federal funding for the project and is coordinating with multiple vendors involved. Project timelines routinely need to be addressed. This funding is a critical component necessary to complete the project, which has a completion target date of 1/2026. While every effort and intention is to fully exhaust this funding, the overall project timeline may necessitate an extension to exhaust this funding to ensure the federal funding is fully expended by grant project period timelines.</p>