

**Department of Education and Early Development
FY23 Mid-Year Status Report**

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1	K-12 Support / Residential Schools Program	Increment for the Lower Yukon School District's Career and Technical Education Residential Program	\$228.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>The Lower Yukon School District's current residential school program serves a maximum of 50 11th or 12th grade students who leave their community for up to nine weeks to receive career and technical training from Anchorage School District instructors.</p> <p>The additional budget authority will allow the program to be expanded from 50 to 70 students, and increase the bed count to accommodate up to 20 additional students from other rural districts so that they can attend Alaska Middle College year-round. The additional 20 students will reside at the residential school the full year.</p>	How many students are currently participating in the program? How many students are attending for a full school year?	In FY2023, 35 Lower Yukon School District students were attending on the funding count date, and eligible for stipends and travel expenses. Lower Yukon School District's program is a variable-term, so there are no students who attend the full school year.
2	K-12 Support / Residential Schools Program	Sec 65(e), HB 281 Increase Funding to Residential Schools Using Same Ratio Under AS 14.16.200	\$2,133.9 Gen Fund (UGF)	The legislature added \$4,267.9 to expand reimbursement to school districts under the Residential Schools Program. Reimbursements to school districts include costs incurred for one round trip ticket between each student's community of residence and the school, and a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses. The Governor vetoed \$2,134.0, half of the legislature's addition.	<p>How much of this funding has been distributed to school districts?</p> <p>Does the current funding level allow full reimbursement under AS 14.16.200 for all eligible students/schools?</p>	<p>In FY2023, \$8,109,214 of program funding went to school districts for eligible students. There were 416 students eligible for funding through the \$8.1 million paid. Some districts are operating below their full capacities, and the North Slope Borough School District's program was not open.</p> <p>The current funding level for the program allows reimbursement for one round-trip ticket per eligible student between the student's community of residence and the school as well as a stipend. Trips home over winter/spring break are not covered.</p>

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3	Education Support and Admin Services / Student and School Achievement	Ch. 40, SLA 2022 (HB 114) EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS	\$801.8 Gen Fund (UGF) 8 PFT Positions	This covers three of the provisions under HB 114, the comprehensive reading intervention program, the virtual education consortium, and the school improvement reading program. For the latter program, funding for five reading specialists was added.	Has the agency been successful in recruiting the reading specialist positions, and if so, when did/will these positions be filled?	<p>These positions are currently in the recruitment process. Late December through early March is the prime season for recruitment of certificated teaching staff. We are hopeful that a pool of well-qualified applicants will be identified within the next few weeks.</p> <p>The department plans on utilizing funding from the vacancies to address an anticipated increase to the legal costs associated with the regulations to implement HB 114. Additionally, the department plans to conduct a "Road Show" to promote the Alaska Reads Act to educators and stakeholders across the state, which will involve travel expenses for staff.</p> <p>In addition, the department is examining World and Alaska Native language programs across the state in order to gain knowledge and resources to assist school districts with developing culturally responsive materials, strategies, and professional development; this work also involves some travel expenses for staff.</p>

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4	Education Support and Admin Services / Early Learning Coordination	Ch. 40, SLA 2022 (HB 114) EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS	\$385.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions	<p>Three new positions are tasked with creating the standards for high-quality pre-K programs, seeking the State Board of Education and Early Development's approval of those standards, and providing on-going support to grantees. Funding is also provided for department chargebacks, supplies and equipment and development of regulations.</p> <p>The total FY23 program cost is \$860.3, but \$474.7 of the cost is funded through the base budget.</p>	Has the agency been successful in recruiting these new positions, and if so, when did/will these positions be filled?	<p>One of these positions has been filled (Administrative Officer – 10/3/22). The others are currently in the recruitment process.</p> <p>The department plans on utilizing funding from the vacancies to address an anticipated increase to the legal costs associated with the regulations to implement HB 114. Additionally, the department plans to conduct a "Road Show" to promote the Alaska Reads Act to educators and stakeholders across the state, which will involve travel expenses for staff.</p> <p>In addition, the department is examining World and Alaska Native language programs across the state in order to gain knowledge and resources to assist school districts with developing culturally responsive materials, strategies, and professional development; this work also involves some travel expenses for staff.</p>
5	Education Support and Admin Services / Pre-Kindergarten Grants	Pre-Kindergarten Grants Two-Year Temporary Increment for \$2.5 million in FY23 and in FY24 (FY23-FY24)	\$2,500.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncT	The legislature appropriated a \$2.5 million increase to Pre-Kindergarten grants to restore a portion of the multi-year funding that ended in FY20.	<p>Does the agency anticipate distributing all available grant funds?</p> <p>How does grant funding availability compare to the volume of applications?</p>	<p>The \$2.5 million for FY2023 has been awarded to 17 school districts and the department anticipates all funds will be fully expended.</p> <p>During the last round of applications in FY2021, the department received more applications than awards provided. The next application period will be available in FY2024.</p>

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6	Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums / Broadband Assistance Grants	Reverse Internet for Schools (SB74) (Sec2 Ch8 SLA2020 P41 L23 (HB205))	(\$771.5) Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>The school Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG) program was expanded through the passage of SB 74, Internet for Schools, during the 2020 legislative session. The original fiscal note calculation had a \$228.5 reduction for FY23, however, the enacted reduction included an additional \$771.5 for a total decrease of \$1 million in FY23.</p> <p>This reduction does not represent the full excess authority, and instead reserves approximately \$600.0 to accommodate any new applications during FY23.</p>	Does the agency anticipate receiving any new applications during FY23?	The Division of Library, Archives and Museums anticipates receiving new applications in FY2023.
7	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education / Program Administration & Operations	Ch. 40, SLA 2022 (HB 114) EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS	\$1,019.5 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>HB 114 changes the definition of rural for the Alaska Teacher Education Loan Program (TEL) administered by the Commission. Under this bill, Kodiak and Bethel become communities eligible for TEL forgiveness.</p> <p>The \$1,019.5 estimated cost is based on 20 TEL borrowers becoming eligible under the new rural definition at a cost of \$50,874 per TEL borrower for a total of \$1,017.5 in loan forgiveness plus \$2.0 to support an existing position.</p>	Does the Department have an updated lapse estimate for FY23?	<p>To date, ACPE has processed TEL forgiveness under the statutory changes for expanded eligibility for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 teachers – Bethel – \$80,027 • 2 teachers – Kodiak – \$73,069 <p>Total: 5 teachers at \$153,096</p> <p>All forgiveness applications received have been processed. This is the total based on the outreach to all TEL borrowers that may have eligibility.</p> <p>There may be additional expenditure for borrowers that have not contacted ACPE yet.</p>

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8	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education / WWAMI Medical Education	Sec 65(d), HB 281 Expand the WWAMI Medical Education Program Class Size from 20 to 30 Students (FY23-FY24)	\$1,647.5 Gen Fund (UGF) MultiYr Language	The FY23 WWAMI contract provides \$3,294.9 to fund 20 students for four years. Expanding the program to include an additional ten students (for a total of 30) is projected to increase the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) contract cost by approximately \$1,647.5.	The Department's Legislative Intent Response states that class size expansion would not occur until FY25. The Governor's FY24 budget proposal includes a \$1,647.5 base increment for class size expansion. Has any of the multi-year appropriation been spent, and are these funds still needed?	There have been no expenditures from the WWAMI expansion multi-year appropriation to date. There are no anticipated expenditures for this increment with the inclusion of \$1,647.5 in the Governor's FY2024 Proposed Budget.