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1	Fire and Life Safety / Fire and Life Safety	Add Full-time Deputy Fire Marshal 2 (12-#230) for Rural Fire Investigations	\$392.2 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	A full-time Deputy Fire Marshal will be established in Bethel to assist with rural fire and life safety issues. This increment includes \$170.0 UGF for ongoing annual contractual costs, including lease and utility costs, consumables, and departmental charge-backs such as OIT and Shared Services.	Has the agency been successful in recruiting this position, and if so, when did/will that position be filled?	Department adjusted the position to a Deputy Fire Marshal 1/2 flex, which was fully established 11/17/2022. Position is currently in recruitment and the posting has closed with five applicants.
2	Fire and Life Safety / Fire and Life Safety	Rural Fire Training and Education	\$282.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	This increment will be used to establish a new Rural Fire Training and Education Program. This will allow fire training specialists to travel to rural locations to provide hands on training and education to rural fire departments. The program will provide funding for rural fire officers and the chief to attend training in urban locations in Alaska. It will also provide public education on fire prevention through the distribution of materials such as kid-friendly tangibles, smoke detectors, and fire prevention information.	How has this funding been used?	Short staffing in the first three months of the fiscal year has delayed program development. Now that the fire training staff are fully staffed, administrative positions are vacant. To complete the development of the program, the division will pool its staff resources.
3	Fire and Life Safety / Fire and Life Safety	Add a Deputy Fire Marshal in Fairbanks	\$146.9 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	The legislature added funding and a position for a new Deputy Fire Marshal to be located in Fairbanks.	Has the agency been successful in recruiting this position, and if so, when did/will that position be filled?	Position has not yet been established. The department intends to post for recruitment when finalized. The position is currently with the classification section of the Department of Administration, Labor and Personnel Relations.

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4	Alaska State Troopers / Dispatch Services	Reduce Funding for Dispatch Services	(\$1,000.0) Gen Fund (UGF)	The legislature agreed to increase the amount of funding for Dispatch Services, but provided \$1,000.0 less than the Governor's request.	How has the agency moved forward with this level of funding?	The DPS Commissioner's Office negotiated a new contract with the Kenai Borough reducing the cost of the dispatch contract to \$1,497.5. DPS still has a \$678.1 shortfall for dispatch services in FY23.
5	Alaska State Troopers / Various	Reduction of Funding from Various Programs to Support Increments in Alaska State Trooper Detachments (Inc/Dec Pairs)	Net Zero	<p>The legislature supported the Governor's proposal to delete a total of \$1,075.2 UGF from various allocations in order to add that same amount to the Alaska State Trooper Detachments allocation, changing the purpose of those funds with a net-zero impact to the Alaska State Troopers appropriation.</p> <p>Total funds added to Alaska State Troopers Detachments: \$1,075.2 UGF</p> <p>Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services: (\$241.8) 5% reduction</p> <p>Prisoner Transportation: (\$249.9) 13% reduction</p> <p>Search and Rescue: (\$258.5) 45% reduction</p> <p>Rural Trooper Housing: (\$325.0) 11% reduction or 25% UGF reduction</p>	How has this funding been used, and has there been any impact to the allocations that were decremented to support this increment?	<p>The \$1,075.2 UGF was used to cover AST Detachment travel and services.</p> <p>Prisoner Transportation and Rural Trooper Housing are both projecting overspending their budgeted allocation. The department is able to transfer between allocations to offset any shortfalls.</p>

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6	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Troopers in Anchorage (1), Tok (1), Palmer (2), Wasilla (1), & Public Safety Techs in Juneau (1), Soldotna (1)	7 PFT Positions	<p>The legislature approved the addition of seven State Trooper positions, in contrast to the 14 positions included in the Governor's request. In keeping with the Governor's proposal, the positions were added without funding until the agency can demonstrate the ability to hire and fill them. The unfunded costs associated with these seven positions are as follows:</p> <p>Unfunded annual operating costs:            \$1,578.0            Personal Services - \$1,081.5            Travel - \$118.8            Services - \$239.9            Commodities - \$47.1            Capital Outlay - \$90.8</p> <p>Unfunded one-time costs: \$410.9            Services - \$69.9            Commodities - \$27.5            Capital Outlay - \$313.5</p>	Has the agency been able to increase the total number of Alaska State Troopers, and if so, how are they being funded?	<p>Five Trooper positions have been filled.</p> <p>The two Public Safety Technician positions are being actively recruited. The Juneau position was moved to Ketchikan, which has delayed recruitment.</p> <p>The positions will primarily be funded with available funds in the personal services line. The department's ability to continue to fund positions with available funds due to vacancy will become more difficult as recruitment and retention improves.</p>

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7	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Expand Alaska State Trooper In-Car Video Storage Services	\$631.5 Gen Fund (UGF)	The agency will establish a contract with FirstNet for secure cloud storage of video footage recorded by cameras installed in troopers' vehicles. In addition to data storage services, the contract will cover expanded camera placement in trooper vehicles across the state, as well as equipment service and replacement.	Has this contract been initiated, and if so when did it begin and how is it being implemented?	The contract has initiated. All cars on the state road system and some in Southeast Alaska are online with this video storage system. Systems continue to be deployed on replacement vehicles as they enter service.
8	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Funding to Establish Office Space for Troopers Stationed in Togiak and Hooper Bay	\$200.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Troopers stationed in Togiak and Hooper Bay are currently working out of their homes due to a lack of office space. This increment provides \$100.0 annually for office space for each trooper, or \$8,333 monthly.	How (specifically) has this funding been implemented and what is the ongoing cost projection?	Hooper Bay is currently being completed at no cost to DPS.  Togiak will have an all-in cost of \$70.8 and is currently being completed, as well.

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9	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Seven Positions and Funding to Address Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Missing/Murdered Indigenous Persons	\$818.8 Gen Fund (UGF) 7 PFT Positions	<p>Seven positions are added to establish and support a victim/witness coordination program to support the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) campaign as well as to provide Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault training for law enforcement.</p> <p>Positions are added in the following locations:            Four Victim/Witness Paralegal I positions, range 14 - Anchorage            Training Specialist I, range 16 - Anchorage            Program Coordinator I, range 18 - Anchorage            Forensic Technician II, range 15 - Bethel</p>	Has the agency been able to fill these positions, and if so when?	<p>Four Victim Witness Paralegal positions will be recruited now that their supervisor, the Program Coordinator 1 has been hired.</p> <p>The Training Specialist 1 has been hired.</p> <p>The Program Coordinator 1 has been hired with a future start date.</p> <p>The Forensic Technician 2 recruitment is ongoing. After two postings there have been no qualified applicants since the Anchorage Muni pays a hire rate than the State of Alaska for similar postions.</p>
10	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Add Four Criminal Justice Techs in Anchorage (2), Soldotna (1), and Juneau (1) to Enhance Timely Response	\$404.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions	Four Criminal Justice Technician I positions are added to enhance timely response to incidents by providing additional administrative support.	Have these positions been filled, and if so, have they created efficiencies in incident response time, evidence handling, or Trooper support?	<p>The Soldotna and Anchorage Criminal Justice Technician position have been filled.</p> <p>The Juneau Criminal Justice Technician positions is in recruitment.</p>

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11	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Two Criminal Justice Technicians and Two Office Assistants in Anchorage to Increase Operational Capacity	\$395.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 4 PFT Positions	<p>Administrative Staff are added to support the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. In the FY22 Management Plan, a total of 25 State Troopers and three administrative staff were moved from the Alaska State Trooper Detachments to the Alaska Bureau of Investigations. This added administrative capacity will support the recently-augmented component.</p> <p>Positions are added in the following locations:            Criminal Justice Tech I, range 12 - Anchorage - Missing Persons Clearinghouse            Criminal Justice Tech I/II, range 12/14 - Anchorage - Child Abuse Investigative Unit            Office Assistant III, range 11 - Anchorage - Support the rural Bethel unit            Office Assistant II, range 10 - Anchorage - Public Information Requests</p>	Have these positions been filled, and if so when?	<p>Criminal Justice Technician 1 for the missing persons clearinghouse in Anchorage is filled as of early January.</p> <p>The Criminal Justice Technician 1/2 in Anchorage for the child abuse investigative unit started in mid-January.</p> <p>The Office Assistant 3 in Anchorage to support the rural Bethel unit was reclassified to an Office Assistant 2 and moved to Juneau and is still in recruitment.</p> <p>The Office Assistant 2 to support public information requests are both still in recruitment after multiple unsuccessful postings.</p>

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12	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Two Criminal Intelligence Analyst I Positions for the Digital Forensics Laboratory in Anchorage	\$234.9 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions	The Digital Forensics Library is currently operated by one supervisor and two technicians. This increment adds two Criminal Intelligence Analyst I positions, range 14, in Anchorage, and provides funding for workstations for those individuals.	Have these positions been filled, and if so when? What is the cost of any new workstations purchased with this funding, and will that be a recurring annual cost?	Both Intelligence Analyst positions are in recruitment. To date there have been no qualified applicants. The department needs would like to reclass the positions to better align with duties and compensation which will greatly improve recruitment.  Furniture has yet to be ordered, but estimates are around \$12.4 total per position.
13	Alaska State Troopers / Alaska Wildlife Troopers Aircraft Section	Add Troopers in Anchorage (1) and Palmer (1) as Tactical Flight Officers, and One Aircraft Pilot in Dillingham	\$614.2 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions	The legislature approved the Governor's request for three new State Trooper positions to enhance operational capacity. This increment adds an Aircraft Pilot in Dillingham, as well as Tactical Flight Officers in Anchorage and Palmer.  This increment also includes funding for Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET), which is the 16-week training program (18 weeks for State Troopers) provided at the Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka that fulfills the requirements to be certified as an Alaska State Trooper or municipal police officer.	Have these positions been filled, and if so, have they been filled by new trooper recruits? Does the added funding for ALET need to remain in the base budget?	Both tactical flight officers have been hired with one recruit starting in the next few weeks, and the other will report to duty within 90 days post move of his household.  The Dillingham based pilot has not been hired pending an available plane. The department is working to purchase an aircraft within the next few months.  A new ALET training begins early February with an anticipated 20 State Trooper recruits.

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14	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Add Tribal Liaison to Work with Local Tribes and Communities	\$125.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	A Program Coordinator I is added in Anchorage to serve as a Tribal Liaison to promote engagement, consultation, and collaboration with Alaska Tribes, tribal organizations, and the Alaska Native Community.	Has the agency filled this position, and if so, when?	A Tribal Liaison has been selected and undergoing a background check prior to an offer of employment.
15	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Add 10 Village Public Safety Officers for Rural Alaska	\$2,328.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	This increment expands the availability of grant funding to support ten new Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs).	How many new VPSOs has the agency added compared to FY22 averages for filled VPSO positions?	The increment supported ten new VPSO's and eleven officers have been hired. The additional position was funded through savings as a result of a change in insurance providers and savings associated with the vacant tribal liaison position. Sixty-six VPSO's are employed. At the end of FY2022 there were fifty-one filled VPSO positions.



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16	Village Public Safety Officer Program / Village Public Safety Officer Program	Village Public Safety Officer Salary Increase	\$926.4 Gen Fund (UGF)	<p>In FY22, the Department implemented a three-year plan to increase VPSO compensation. Currently, VPSO regulation 13 AAC 96.030(2) restricts grantees from compensating VPSOs at any amount above the salary schedule.</p> <p>The legislature funded the Governor's request at 150%. The Governor's original proposed level of funding, the \$7.00 per hour pay increase would have been implemented as follows:</p> <p>Annual increments described in Governor's original proposal:  FY22 - \$4/hr. increase  FY23 - \$2/hr. increase  FY24 - \$1/hr increase</p>	How has this increased funding been implemented?	The increased funding provided the department to accelerate the final transition of the pay increase, making it immediately possible to fund the FY2023 and FY2024 increases in FY2023.

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17	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault / Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Add Two Program Coordinators to Manage Victim Services and Perpetrator Intervention Programs	Total: \$286.4 \$93.2 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$193.2 Gen Fund (UGF) 2 PFT Positions	A Program Coordinator is added in Juneau to manage the Victim Services Program which distributes grant funding to 24 victim service programs.  A second Program Coordinator is added in Juneau to manage a Perpetrator Intervention Program. This program works with perpetrators to identify and change abusive behaviors.	Have these positions been filled, and if so, when?	The Program Coordinator 1 added for the Victim Services Program was converted to a Grant Administrator 1-2 Flex position, to assist in managing the DPS grant program and conversion to a new grant management system. This is filled as of December 18, 2022.  Program Coordinator position to manage the redesign of our perpetrator intervention programming is in recruitment. The current job posting closes on January 18 and there are several interested applicants.
18	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault / Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Alaska Family Justice Center Model Study	\$200.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	The legislature authorized funding to conduct a study to identify partners and locations, evaluate scalability, and determine the long-term fiscal and human capital investments necessary to implement and establish an Alaska Family Justice Center (AFJC). The agency describes the prospective AFJC as being dedicated to transitioning victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking into survivors.	Please provide an update on this contracted study, including cost, timeframe, and deliverables.	Due to a number of circumstances including staff resources, this project has not progressed. CDVSA initially was working with Kim Kovol from the Governor's office, but since her move to DFCS as Commissioner, time for collaboration on this project has been limited. A planning meeting is scheduled for next week.  The second Program Coordinator position, to manage the redesign of our perpetrator intervention programming has also been created in OPD, and we are currently recruiting to hire for this position. The current job posting closes on January 18 and we will hopefully have high-quality applicants to meet the needs of this position.

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19	Statewide Support / Commissioner's Office	Add Tribal Liaison to Work with Tribes and Local Communities	\$125.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	A Program Coordinator I is added in Anchorage to serve as a Tribal Liaison to promote engagement, consultation, and collaboration with Alaska Tribes, tribal organizations, and the Alaska Native community. This position will focus on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP).	Has this position been filled, and if so, when?	This position has not been filled and is in the process of being moved to the Alaska State Troopers Division. The department anticipates that recruitment will be initiated this month.
20	Statewide Support / Information Systems	Add Funding for Two Analyst/Programmers, a Geographic Info Systems Analyst, and Two Data Communication Specialists	\$700.3 Gen Fund (UGF) 5 PFT Positions	<p>Additional support will be provided to computer-aided dispatch services, mapping, and interfaces related to dispatch. These positions will further the goal of being able to provide a statewide road system map suitable for dispatching for most or all of the state with regular updates and support for map creation.</p> <p>Positions are added in the following locations: Two Analyst/Programmers II/III/IV positions, range 16/18/20 - Anchorage One Geographic Info Systems (GIS) Analyst II/III, range 17/19 - Anchorage Two Data Communication Specialist I/II positions, range 19/21 - Anchorage</p>	Has the agency been able to hire these positions, and if so, when? How is the statewide road system map project going?	<p>2 Analyst Programmers: Not filled after continuous recruitment postings. Expanded recruitment to Fairbanks and Juneau, and to non-Alaska residents.</p> <p>1 Geographic Info Systems (GIS): Not filled after two unsuccessful recruitment postings in Anchorage and Fairbanks. The next recruitment will expand to Juneau.</p> <p>2 Data Communications Specialists: Filled since 11/7/2022.</p> <p>The statewide road map is a project for the GIS PCN so there has been no progress. Significant progress will not occur in current fiscal year.</p>

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21	Statewide Support / Laboratory Services	Add Three Forensic Scientists, a Forensic Technician, and an Admin Assistant to Reduce Turnaround Time on DNA Testing	\$1,229.3 Gen Fund (UGF) 6 PFT Positions	<p>The Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (ASCDL) requires additional staff to reduce the turnaround time on DNA testing, including addressing the sexual assault kit backlog.</p> <p>Positions are added in the following locations:            Admin Assistant II, range 14 - Anc            Forensic Tech I, range 13 - Anc            Forensic Scientist I, range 15 - Anc            Two Forensic Scientists I/II, range 15/17 - Anchorage            Forensic Scientist III, range 19 - Anc</p>	Has the agency been able to hire these positions, and what is the current turnaround time on DNA testing? Has this helped to reduce the sexual assault kit backlog?	<p>Administrative Assistant 2 - filled 1/2/2022.</p> <p>Forensic Tec 1 - filled 12/27/2021.</p> <p>Forensic Scientist 1 - filled 1/31/2022.</p> <p>2 Forensic Scientists - filled 12/27/2021 and 1/31/2022.</p> <p>Forensic Scientist 3 - filled 12/27/2021</p> <p>Note: Although the FS 1 and FT 1 positions were successfully recruited, they became vacant later in the year and are actively being recruited again.</p> <p>Average turnaround time for DNA testing (for requests released in December 2022): 73 days</p> <p>These positions have helped reduce the sexual assault kit backlog. As of January 9, 2023 there are only 42 DNA sexual assault requests at the lab that are over 30 days old.</p>