

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development
FY24 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Labor Standards and Safety / Wage and Hour Administration	Add Investigator 2 Position and Funding to Address Investigation Backlog in Fairbanks	\$250.0 GF/Prgm (DGF) 1 PFT Position	What is the status of the new Investigator 2 position? If the position has been filled, please provide a hire date and any relevant data on the impact of the new position on relieving the backlog.
<p>Agency Response An internal recruit is filling the position. The paperwork is in progress and the position is expected to be filled by 1/19/2024. No backlog exists in the Fairbanks office.</p>				
2	Labor Standards and Safety / Mechanical Inspection	Add One SIC Electrical Inspector Position	\$115.8 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	What is the status of the new SIC Electrical Inspector position? If the position has been filled, please provide a hire date and any relevant data on the impact of the new position on relieving the backlog.
<p>Agency Response Position and budget review is being performed to see if requirements will be similar to other SIC Electrical Inspector positions. The Fairbanks area will likely require more travel than is required of positions in higher-population geographical regions. ETA for completion and posting is January 31. There is no backlog of electrical inspections in Fairbanks.</p>				
3	Labor Standards and Safety / Mechanical Inspection	Add One Plumbing Inspector 1 Position	\$145.5 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position	What is the status of the new Plumbing Inspector 1 position? If the position has been filled, please provide a hire date and any relevant data on the impact of the new position on relieving the backlog.
<p>Agency Response Position review and potential alteration of position to Plumbing/Boiler Inspector is being completed. Position will require significantly more travel allocation than other SIC Plumbing Inspector positions as Juneau is landlocked and only represents about 1.7% of plumbers licensed in Alaska. ETA for completion and posting is Feb 28. There is no backlog of plumbing inspections in Juneau.</p>				

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4	Employment and Training Services / Workforce Services	Individual Training Accounts for Clients and Operation Training Grants	\$1,512.4 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	<p>Now that the maximum available federal dollars have been authorized, has this increased the funding available per participant?</p> <p>Are there changes to the number of participants and/or eligible services utilized that is impacting the amount available per participant, due to inflation or otherwise?</p>
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The division's federal funding allocation has not increased, but the demand for services has increased significantly resulting in more of the funding going out to participants. This federal funding spans three years so the division has been able to cover the increase this year with prior year carry forward.</p> <p>The division is hoping to meet the demand moving forward through increased federal funding or the new DOTPF partnership if directing individuals to transportation-related to training is successful.</p> <p>The National Governor's Association has put together a website, https://www.nga.org/advocacy-communications/state-and-territory-wioa-title-i-allocations-since-2014/, that includes a table with an explanation of the formulas used for our federal funding programs:</p> <p>Youth= 1/3: State relative share of total unemployed in areas of substantial unemployment 1/3: State relative share of excess unemployed 1/3: State relative share of disadvantaged youth; Adult= Same as Youth Activities, except the Adult Activities formula uses disadvantaged Adults instead of Youth; Dislocated Worker=Same as others, except the last third is relative share of long-term unemployed.</p>				
5	Employment and Training Services / Unemployment Insurance	Programs and Operation of Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program	\$6,378.1 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	<p>With this federal authority now part of the base budget, has the Department been able to fully utilize the various grants associated with this Increment? For instance, is the Department now leveraging any of these funds for the upgrade of the Unemployment Insurance program's legacy mainframe system?</p>
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The department has been successful in receiving two separate awards totaling about \$2.4 million from the US Department of Labor to improve program integrity. These grants include some funding for an upgrade to the department's benefit accuracy system.</p> <p>However, the department did not receive funding for modernization of the Unemployment Insurance program's legacy mainframe benefit payment and tax systems due to limited funding availability. Modernization funding was a part of the COVID-19 funding recisions that occurred during the development of the last federal fiscal year budget.</p> <p>It is worth noting that Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program funding is very different from other program funding and very prescriptive in where and how it can be used depending on the disaster. In the last year, the department has received two DUA awards of a smaller scale totaling \$14.7 thousand.</p>				

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6	Alaska Vocational Technical Center / Alaska Vocational Technical Center	One-Time Increment of UGF to Allow AVTEC Time to Increase Tuition Rates	\$319.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	The training costs listed on AVTEC's website currently cover 2023-2024. Does the Department expect to be maintain these rates for the full 2024 calendar year, or will the anticipated tuition increase become current beginning in FY25?
<p>Agency Response The anticipated tuition is going through the regulation review process with the expectation that the increase will become current beginning in FY25.</p>				