



FY24 Labor-H Appropriations Bill Highlights and CDS Requests by Sen. Murkowski:

Improving Access to Healthcare Services

Senator Murkowski worked to include several provisions that improve Alaskans' access to mental and physical healthcare services. She secured dozens of CDS allocations to projects across the state that will bolster the healthcare workforce and modernize facilities while also funding suicide prevention programs and resource centers. Her healthcare-related CDS requests include:

- **Statewide:** \$2 million for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to expand the emergency department to include a clinical decision unit (CDU).
- **Statewide:** \$1.987 million for Alaska Behavioral Health to implement and configure health IT.
- **Utqiagvik:** \$1.5 million for the Arctic Slope Native Association to purchase imaging instruments and expand the Labor and Delivery Unit.
- **Juneau:** \$4 million for the Bartlett Regional Hospital to expand the area of the current emergency department.
- **Bethel:** \$2 million for the Bethel Family Clinic renovate and repair the Bethel Family Clinic building.
- **Glenallen:** \$300,000 for the Copper River Native Association for a trauma center and urgent care expansion design.
- **Fairbanks:** \$5 million for the Fairbanks Native Association to replace the Women & Children's Residential Treatment Facility.
- **Homer:** \$5 million for the Kenai Peninsula Borough to renovate the South Peninsula Hospital facility.
- **Ketchikan:** \$2 million for the Ketchikan Indian Community to construct a mental health treatment facility and aligned patient and/or staff housing.
- **Kodiak:** \$5 million for the Kodiak Area Native Association to expand the Kodiak health center.
- **Kotzebue:** \$750,000 for the Maniilaq Association to establish a 24/7 crisis stabilization center.
- **Native Village of Eyak:** \$5 million for the Native Village of Eyak to construct a primary care clinic and renovate a health care facility in Cordova.
- **Salamantof:** \$500,000 for the Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska to establish a facility to provide medical and behavioral health services, and to purchase medical equipment.
- **Statewide:** \$1 million for the Southcentral Foundation to construct and purchase equipment for a new Crisis Stabilization Center.

- **Statewide:** \$1.2 million for the State of Alaska Department of Health to upgrade health technology systems.
- **Statewide:** \$1 million for the State of Alaska Department of Health for an electronic medical record (EMR) software system for public health centers.
- **Statewide:** \$413,000 for the ALS Association to purchase durable medical equipment (DME) to supply loan lockers.
- **Wasilla:** \$2 million for the Children’s Place to build a mental health facility.
- **Anchorage:** \$2 million for the University of Alaska Anchorage to renovate nursing education facilities and strengthen Alaska’s health care workforce.
- **Anchorage:** \$500,000 for the University of Alaska to renovate a behavioral health care facility.
- **Anchorage:** \$750,000 for the University of Alaska Anchorage for the Alaska Mental Health K-12 Student Initiative.
- **Fairbanks:** \$1.315 million for the Cohen Veterans Network to strengthen mental health outcomes for military service members, veterans, and their families.
- **Mat-Su Borough:** \$38,000 for the United Way of Matanuska-Susitna Borough to prevent and reduce youth substance use and support programming for at-risk youth.

Strengthening Public Health and Helping Vulnerable Populations

Senator Murkowski worked to ensure that vulnerable populations in Alaska receive the help they need. From people experiencing homelessness, victims of sexual abuse, to children in unsafe situations—she continues to work with advocates from the state to address the issues and craft solutions. This bill would fund provisions within the Violence Against Women Act, the Maternal Mental Health Hotline program, and the 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Service. She also requested the following CDS allocations to strengthen public health and help vulnerable populations in Alaska:

- **Statewide:** \$250,000 for Alaska’s Children Trust develop an evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program for Alaska Native communities.
- **Anchorage:** \$1 million for Bean’s Café to increase access to wrap-around services.
- **Bethel:** \$300,000 for the Bethel Lions Club to provide case management for homeless individuals.
- **Statewide:** \$2 million for Covenant House Alaska to support communities in rural Alaska in developing regionally and culturally relevant youth homelessness response and human trafficking prevention programs.
- **Statewide:** \$1.65 million for Nine Star to promote economic security and prevent homelessness for low-income populations in rural Alaska.
- **Anchorage:** \$99,000 for Rural Alaska Community Action Program to improve access to child care.
- **Anchorage:** \$138,000 for Rural Alaska Community Program for an elder wellness and fitness program.
- **Wasilla:** \$3 million for the Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services to expand a substance use treatment facility.

Bolstering Workforce Development

Alaskans have shared the challenges caused by a workforce shortage that has impacted nearly every industry in the state—and Senator Murkowski was dedicated to including provisions within the bill to help fix the problem. Her efforts to bolster workforce development are designed to encourage people in rural communities, college students, and future educators to develop their skills, work, and stay in Alaska. Senator Murkowski also requested the following CDS requests to support Alaska’s workforce:

- **Statewide:** \$350,000 for the Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Trust to fund workforce training activities at an Alaska Electrical Training Center.
- **Statewide:** \$1.6 million for the Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Trust to fund workforce training activities at a Telecom and Electrical Infrastructure Apprenticeship and Training.
- **Statewide:** \$500,000 for the Alaska Legal Services Corporation to fund workplace training activities.
- **Statewide:** \$1.999 million for the Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust Fund to fund workforce training activities.
- **Statewide:** \$1 million for the Alaska Works Partnership to fund workforce training activities.
- **Anchorage:** \$1 million for Cook Inlet Tribal Council to fund workforce training activities.
- **Fairbanks North Star Borough:** \$1 million for Foundation Health to fund workforce training activities.
- **Nome:** \$568,000 for Kawerak to support a Child Development Associate training program.
- **Statewide:** \$1 million for the Pacific Northwest Ironworkers Training Program d.b.a. Alaska Ironworkers Training Program to fund workforce training activities.
- **Klawock:** \$500,000 for the Prince of Wales Vocational and Technical Education Center to fund workforce training activities.
- **Anchorage:** \$1 million for the University of Alaska Anchorage to fund workforce training activities through an apprenticeship program.
- **Anchorage:** \$985,000 for Alaska Pacific University to develop a teacher apprenticeship program.
- **Bering Straits Region:** \$484,000 to Kawerak for the Teachers in Training project.
- **Anchorage:** \$295,000 for the University of Alaska Anchorage to expand the number of certified school social workers.
- **Wasilla:** \$74,000 for the Pediatric Resource Center of Alaska to strengthen Alaska’s behavioral health workforce.

Supporting Alaskan Students, Schools, Libraries and Museums

Senator Murkowski is working to ensure that all students in Alaska have access to a quality education regardless of the community they're from. From ensuring Alaska Native students are provided with robust educational opportunities to addressing school security and literacy efforts—she is helping to bring Alaska schools into the 21st Century so all children get the education they deserve. In addition to language directing the Government Accountability Office to conduct a survey of facility needs for libraries and museums, she also requested the following CDS allocations that will support Alaskan educators, students and schools:

- **Anchorage:** \$150,000 to the Alaska Humanities Forum for the Alaska Studies Curriculum website.
- **Statewide:** \$250,000 to the Alaska Library Network to upgrade the online Alaska Library Catalog request system, purchase e-books and online educational resources.
- **Anchorage:** \$301,000 for the Anchorage School District to install secure visitor management systems in Anchorage schools.
- **North Slope Region:** \$1 million for the Arctic Slope Community Foundation to develop and provide a local indigenous educator apprenticeship model.
- **Statewide:** \$25,000 for the Bright Lights Book Project to increase access to books in rural Alaska.
- **Statewide:** \$750,000 for EXCEL Alaska to provide access to educational training opportunities.
- **Fairbanks:** \$100,000 for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for the construction of hydroponic systems for schools.
- **Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg:** \$100,000 for the Hydaburg City School District for a Prince of Wales Island Technology and Security Upgrade.
- **Kotzebue:** \$50,000 for the Native Village of Kotzebue to include elders in the teaching of Inupiaq language to students at the Nikaitchuat Ilisagviat school.
- **North Slope Borough:** \$580,000 for the North Slope Borough School District to preserve Inupiat culture, traditions, and language including through distance learning.
- **Anchorage:** \$261,000 for Rural Alaska Community Action Program to increase access to early education.
- **Southeast Alaska:** \$250,000 to the Sealaska Heritage Institute for the Raven Reads Project, an early literacy programs in Southeast Alaska.
- **Anchorage:** \$1 million to the University of Alaska Anchorage to expand and support Alaska Native students from rural communities through ANSEP.
- **Anchorage:** \$500,000 for the YWCA Alaska to connect Alaskan students with supportive peers, communities, and mentors.