

Vetoes of November 21, 2001 Budget Ordinance, AO No. 2001-161

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	Assembly Approved Budget	Vetoed Amount	Budget After Veto
<b>Department of the Assembly</b>	<b>\$2,118,710</b>	<b>(\$84,730)</b>	<b>\$2,008,980</b>

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**Reason for reduction**

Department Rank #30; Fund 101; Provide funding to fill a vacant policy and budget analyst position established through the re-organization of the Department of the Assembly. (Reduce \$64,730)

*Reason: Given the many competing demands for limited dollars, this is not the time to establish new positions. This is especially true when the Assembly is using one-time monies to support a recurring expense.*

No department rank - new -Fund 101; Increase department’s vacancy underfunding. (Reduce an additional \$20,000)

*Reason: Will enable the Assembly to contribute to offsetting the overall impact of its increases in programs throughout the budget.*

<b>Cultural and Recreational Services</b>	<b>\$20,967,160</b>	<b>(\$79,430)</b>	<b>\$20,887,730</b>
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**Reason for reduction**

No department rank – new; Fund 101; Restore funding to provide continued support to Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR) as a contribution for its litter programs. (Reduce \$20,000)

*Reason: Given limited funding, the first priority is to maintain current service levels as best as possible. Accordingly, this is not the time to expand grants to non-municipal organizations.*

Department Rank # 93; Fund 161; Restore funding for the Boy’s and Girl’s Club grants for the Mt. View and Northeast Community Centers. (Reduce \$49,430)

*Reason: This reduced level starts a transition by which municipal financial support to recreational centers achieves equality. After veto, an additional \$100,000 remains.*

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<b>Equal Rights Commission</b>	<b>\$478,880</b>	<b>(\$25,000)</b>	<b>\$453,880</b>

**Reason for veto**

No department rank – new; Fund 151; A grant to Minority Police Task Force for a community education program. (Reduce \$25,000)

*Reason: The Mayor’s Racism Task Force has made a number of recommendations to address racism and to embrace multiculturalism in Anchorage. Among the recommendations is the creation of a new commission, whose duties will include a community education program. The Administration will be submitting its proposal to implement recommendation in early 2002. It would be best to wait for the recommendations and make any funding decisions at that time.*

<b>Facility Management</b>	<b>\$7,038,750</b>	<b>(\$64,000)</b>	<b>\$6,974,750</b>
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**Reason for reduction**

Department Rank #25; Fund 101; Provide manned security at the Fairview Recreation Center during hours of operation. (Reduce \$33,000)

*Reason: Existing center staff and a nearby police substation can meet security needs.*

Department Rank #26; Fund 101; Provide manned security for Town Square Park. (Reduce \$31,000)

*Reason: Security is already available from Downtown Partnership’s Ambassadors, security staff from the Performing Arts Center and the Anchorage Police Department.*

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<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>\$40,987,860</b>	<b>(\$186,090)</b>	<b>\$40,801,770</b>

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**Reasons for veto**

Department Rank #63; Fund 131; Expand Training Center staffing from January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002. After veto, \$79,190 remains. (Reduce \$79,190)

*Reason: The earliest that the two currently vacant positions could be filled is July 1<sup>st</sup>. The existing negotiated contract with the fire fighters requires that the positions be advertised for 90 days. Because potential candidates will come from the department's existing ranks, it will be necessary to train their replacements, which will also require additional time.*

Department Rank #57; Fund 101; Restore funding for existing Medic ambulance staffing for six months. After veto, \$303,100 remains. (Reduce \$106,900)

*Reason: Because of the limited number of qualified applicants and the time required to prepare for and hold an academy, the reality is that the earliest the Fire Department will be able to use additional funding is July 1<sup>st</sup>. The amount remaining after the veto will fund these positions starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Health and Human Services**

**\$11,751,970**

**(\$193,660)**

**\$11,558,310**

**Reason for reduction**

Department Rank #43; Fund 101; Restore funding for one position within the Women's Infants, and Children Program. (Reduce \$74,000)

*Reason: This position currently is funded by the Federal grant that provides funds for this program. With local tax dollars scarce, it is inappropriate to use them to pay for a federal program's staff.*

Department Rank #96; Fund 101; Restore funding for the Youth Offender Program. (Reduce \$94,660)

*Reason: The reduction deletes funds for one state employee at the McLaughlin Youth Center, per the testimony of MYC staff during the budget hearing. Six months of funding remains for the other two state employees through the end of the state's*

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*fiscal year. This will provide time to work with the State Administration and Legislature for the state to assume its responsibility in funding the two positions in Fiscal Year 2003. It is time to phase out this unfunded mandate.*

No department rank – new; Fund 101; Adds funding to provide a grant for the Denali Initiative Program. (Reduce \$25,000)  
*Reason: Given limited funding, the first priority is to maintain current service levels as best as possible. Accordingly, this is not the time to expand grants to non-municipal organizations.*

**Mayor’s Office**

**\$10,924,820**

**(\$42,500)**

**\$10,865,590**

**Reason for reduction**

No department rank – new; Fund 101; Restore funding for a grant to the Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association (AMIPA). (Reduce \$30,000)

*Reason: The Municipality already supports AMIPA through it being housed in a municipality-owned building for which rent and maintenance are paid by tax dollars.*

Department Rank #38; Fund 101; Additional funds for Downtown Partnership operating costs for events, programs. \$Reduce \$12,500)

*Reason: The Downtown Partnership will continue to get additional municipal support, but at a reduced level. It is important that the partnership meet a significant amount of its programmatic requirements based on the membership within the boundaries of the business improvement district.*

**Police Department**

**\$45,987,050**

**(\$143,566)**

**\$45,843,484**

**Reason for reduction**

Department Rank #34; Fund 151; Restore funding for support staff (dispatch, crime lab, etc.). After veto, \$160,034 remains. (Reduce \$68,566)

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*Reason: Balance remaining in the budget is sufficient to fund seven dispatch positions for nine months.*

No department ranking – new; Fund 151; Provide funding for overtime, publications, and travel for enhanced new “Officer Recruitment Program.” (Reduce \$75,000)

*Reason: The Anchorage Police Department’s proposed budget is \$111,000 above prior year funding for recruitment and includes additional staff to assist with recruitment.*

**Project Management and Engineering**

**\$5,392,000**

**(\$325,000)**

**\$5,067,000**

**Reason for reduction**

No department ranking – new; Fund 145; Add funding to partially pay for expense of completing the Rabbit Creek resurvey at the conclusion of the pending litigation. (Reduce \$325,000)

*Reason: Providing this additional funding is premature; the Assembly recently appropriated \$310,000 for this project in late-September. The appropriate time to address additional funding is after the court has rendered its decision on the resurvey.*

**Public Transportation**

**\$11,418,330**

**(\$374,190)**

**\$11,044,140**

**Reason for reduction**

Department ranks #26 – 34; Fund 101; Reinstate funding for certain transit routes and related maintenance costs from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002. (Reduce \$374,190)

*Basis for veto: The municipality is awaiting the results of a route re-structure study currently underway. In order to have maximum flexibility to implement the study’s recommendations, additional funding should not be tied to specific routes at this time. It is more appropriate to consider any additional funding during the first quarter budget revision process. In addition, the southern route that is prescribed to continue in this amendment is extremely expensive (\$24 per rider) with an average of four riders per route.*