



Alaska Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program directors report on how they are coping with inadequate funding

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“No salary increase in over 5 years. We lost the Outreach Coordinator position and operate with 2 part-time advocates.”

Seaview Community Services, Seward

“We are operating on a minimal basis. We have the minimum number of staff to get the job done. We have very little money for program supplies, travel, training, and outreach to the villages. We have been doing more for less for so long it’s hard to remember what it would be like to have enough.”

Sitkans Against Family Violence

“Increases wouldn’t just be nice for programs, they are imperative for them to keep up with the utility costs. We have diversified funding sources to the nth degree and overall still have fewer positions than we did 3 years ago, 5 years ago, 8 years ago.”

Tundra Women’s Coalition, Bethel

“We are already minimally funded in the categories of travel, facilities, commodities, equipment and other contractual, so to cut there is not possible. Cuts have been and will continue to be staff positions, which means cutting services.”

Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Juneau

“Expected increases include 20% for gas, 42% for payroll taxes, \$1,500 in mandatory upgrades for our accounting software, also expect to see increases in employee insurance, workers comp and travel costs. The shortage could mean additional shortage in staff (already lost one advocate and another administrative position), and increased insurance costs to remaining staff. Of course, the cuts have a negative impact on current staff-having to do more work, seeing less pay, etc. which makes it extremely difficult retaining staff under these conditions.”

The LeeShore Center, Kenai

“All full time staff (6) remaining cut to 30 hours per week; Raised health insurance deductibles and co-pay; dropped mental health coverage for those full-time employees left; deleted all travel for meetings and staff training; will most likely have more cut backs on health insurance”

Kodiak Women’s Resource & Crisis Center

“Possible cuts with flat funding: Our 800#, phone lines, court watch, facility maintenance, youth services to part time, community education services, trainings, transportation to shelter.”

Advocates for Victims of Violence, Valdez