



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

No. AM XXX-2020

Meeting Date: August 11, 2020

1 **From:** Mayor

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3 **Subject:** A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
4 ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY AREAS AND FRAMEWORK FOR  
5 ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.  
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7 The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security  
8 Act, or the CARES Act, on March 27, a landmark \$1.8 trillion dollar relief bill that included  
9 \$150 billion in a Coronavirus Relief Fund (COVID-19 Relief) intended to offer assistance  
10 for state and local governments to address the expected economic shock of COVID-19.

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12 The State of Alaska received \$1.25 billion in COVID-19 Relief, and the Alaska Legislature  
13 ratified the actions of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee on May 20, which set  
14 aside \$156 million of COVID-19 Relief for the Municipality of Anchorage.

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16 The State of Alaska allocated \$156,713,566 in CARES Act funds for the Municipality of  
17 Anchorage to be distributed over three payments:

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19 First Payment: \$116,777,380

20 Second Payment: \$19,968,093

21 Third Payment: \$19,968,093; and

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23 The State of Alaska will make second and third payment disbursements once the  
24 Municipality of Anchorage has spent 80 percent of the prior payment.

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26 Emerging from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic provides opportunity to rebuild our  
27 economy in ways that enhance our self-sufficiency and reduce our vulnerability to supply  
28 chain interruptions. A resilient and welcoming Anchorage better protects the economy  
29 and the health and wellbeing of all our city's residents. The shared responsibility of the  
30 Anchorage Assembly and the Administration is to identify areas that most profoundly  
31 tested our resilience, and to act to stabilize the most precarious sectors, institutions, and  
32 systems.

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34 Over the past two months, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration have worked  
35 tirelessly to identify the needs of Anchorage residents and businesses; convened many  
36 meetings with members of the public and business, nonprofit, and social service groups;  
37 and conducted two separate day-long meetings on July 17 and July 31 to develop the  
38 framework, guiding principles, and proposed relief measures in the attached resolution.  
39 These relief measures are reflected in the Assembly Resolution and Attachment A.

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41 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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231900-9000000-51579-530380 \$156,713,566  
(State Direct/Federal Pass-Thru Grants Funds)  
Respectfully submitted: Ethan A. Berkowitz, Mayor  
Respectfully submitted: Chair of the Assembly at the Request of the Mayor  
Attachment: AR 2020-271(S) Omnibus CARES Act Appropriation - Attachment A.xlsx