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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-271(S)

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
2 **ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY AREAS AND FRAMEWORK FOR**
3 **ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
6 Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, on March 27; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the CARES Act, a landmark \$1.8 trillion dollar relief bill, included
9 \$150 billion in a Coronavirus Relief Fund set aside for state and local governments,
10 with Alaska receiving \$1.25 billion; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, per a report done by Congressional Research Service, the Coronavirus
13 Relief Fund (COVID-19 Relief) was intended to offer a means of assistance for state
14 and local governments to address the expected economic shock of COVID-19,
15 noting an expected increase in public welfare programs; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Legislature ratified the actions of the Legislative Budget and
18 Audit Committee on May 20, which set aside \$156,**713,566** million of COVID-19
19 Relief funding to go to the Municipality of Anchorage; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, on May 5, the Anchorage Assembly approved two pilot programs for
22 rental and mortgage assistance and small business and nonprofit relief, allocating
23 \$1 million of COVID-19 Relief funding to each program; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, on June 23, the Anchorage Assembly approved an additional
26 \$23 million of COVID-19 Relief funding towards small business and nonprofit relief,
27 rental and mortgage assistance, childcare relief, a public lands jobs program, and a
28 direct municipal COVID-19 response contingency fund; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly **and the Administration** first met on May 8
31 during a publicly noticed meeting to begin a months-long discussion on the best and
32 greatest usage of the remaining COVID-19 Relief funding; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly **and the Administration** wrapped up this
35 process during two publicly noticed day-long meetings on July 17 and July 31,
36 developing a framework, guiding principles, and a project list; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the funds for the proposed projects and programs in response to the
2 pandemic's severe social and economic impacts are to come from CARES Act funds
3 appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14,
4 2020; now, therefore

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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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8 **Section 1.** The COVID-19 Response Framework to address immediate needs
9 and sustain the Municipality beyond COVID-19 attached as Exhibit A is hereby
10 adopted and should guide all appropriation, allocation, and expenditure of
11 COVID-19 Relief funds.
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13 **Section 2.** The Municipality is hereby authorized to fund, from CARES Act funds
14 appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14,
15 2020, the projects and programs in the amounts stated **[TO BE DETERMINED AND**
16 **ADDED BY AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTE AR] below.**
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18 **Section 3. That an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000)**
19 **from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed**
20 **Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) from the Third Payment of CARES Act funds**
21 **are available for the FEMA required 25% non-federal cost share match.**
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23 **Section 4. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred**
24 **Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are**
25 **available for the Anchorage Health Department to hire additional Public Health**
26 **Nurses, an Epidemiologist, and Homelessness Program Support personnel.**
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28 **Section 5. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty Thousand**
29 **Dollars (\$260,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available**
30 **for the Anchorage Library for COVID-19 programs and measures, including**
31 **mobile book delivery and remote book kiosks for touchless service delivery.**
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33 **Section 6. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand**
34 **Dollars (\$650,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available**
35 **for the Planning and Development Services Departments for software**
36 **upgrades to fully transition to electronic submissions, reviews, and**
37 **approvals.**
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39 **Section 7. That an amount not to exceed Twenty One Million Dollars**
40 **(\$21,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the**
41 **First Responder Payroll Reserve to cover payroll costs of our first responders.**
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43 **Section 8. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**
44 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for public health and**
45 **mental health support personnel to the Anchorage School District.**
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1 **Section 9. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand**
2 **(\$250,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the**
3 **Anchorage School District to fully fund all of their blended Pre-K classrooms.**

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5 **Section 10. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred**
6 **Thousand (\$2,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are**
7 **available for a RuralCap Weatherization Jobs Program to fund home**
8 **weatherization and mobile home repair work as a way to help put unemployed,**
9 **underemployed, or furloughed workers back to work.**

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11 **Section 11. That an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred**
12 **Thousand (\$4,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an**
13 **amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Second**
14 **Payment of CARES Act funds are available to fund the necessary costs to**
15 **construct a new Girdwood Health Clinic.**

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17 **Section 12. That an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred**
18 **Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are**
19 **available for a Public Lands Jobs Program to hire individuals to help improve**
20 **or expand soft surface trails and other shovel-ready projects in Girdwood and**
21 **Eagle River.**

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23 **Section 13. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**
24 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for an Energy**
25 **Efficiency Jobs Program to hire individuals to install energy efficient**
26 **infrastructure.**

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28 **Section 14. That an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand**
29 **(\$300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Nine**
30 **Star's Net-2-Ladder Project to help provide jobs and prevent homelessness.**

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32 **Section 15. That an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred**
33 **Thousand (\$1,300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an**
34 **amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand (\$1,300,000) from**
35 **the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Visit Anchorage to**
36 **modify promotional and sales tools used to remarket Anchorage tourism**
37 **during recovery.**

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39 **Section 16. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)**
40 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Nonprofit Relief**
41 **Program to distribute grants to eligible nonprofits impacted by COVID-19.**

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43 **Section 17. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty Thousand**
44 **(\$220,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the**
45 **Iditarod to help mitigate impacts from COVID-19.**
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1 **Section 18. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)**
2 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed One**
3 **Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) from the Second Payment**
4 **of CARES Act funds are available for a Cultural Pillars Stabilization Program**
5 **to distribute grants to those eligible institutions impacted by COVID-19.**
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7 **Section 19. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)**
8 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for an Arts and**
9 **Culture Stabilization Program to distribute grants to those eligible**
10 **organizations impacted by COVID-19.**
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12 **Section 20. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)**
13 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Covenant**
14 **House Expansion Program increase affordable housing unites and shelter for**
15 **underage individuals.**
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17 **Section 21. That an amount not to exceed Fifteen Millions Dollars**
18 **(\$15,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not**
19 **to exceed Five Millions Dollars (\$5,000,000) from the Second Payment of**
20 **CARES Act funds are available for the third tranche of Rental and Mortgage**
21 **Assistance Relief Program to distribute grants to landlords and mortgage**
22 **holders, landlord liaison support, and legal services on behalf of eligible**
23 **individuals impacted by COVID-19.**
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25 **Section 22. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars**
26 **(\$500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child**
27 **Care Relief Program to distribute grants to exempt child care programs.**
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29 **Section 23. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars**
30 **(\$600,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for**
31 **Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for expansion of an emergency**
32 **shelter for victims of domestic violence as current space has been reduced**
33 **because of impacts from COVID-19.**
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35 **Section 24. That an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000)**
36 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child Care**
37 **Assistance Program to distribute grants to eligible parents or guardians of**
38 **school aged children whose income is at 200% of the federal poverty level or**
39 **lower.**
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41 **Section 25. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**
42 **from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a pilot program**
43 **to provide funding for families impacted by COVID-19 to purchase necessities**
44 **like groceries, medicine, and gas.**
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46 **Section 26. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)**

from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Mental Health First Responders Program.

Section 28. That an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for 24/7 non-critical transportation services at the Sullivan Arena to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Section 29. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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