

**LAI-ON-THE-TABLE**

Submitted by: Assembly Members Perez-Verdia,  
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Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel  
For reading: July 12, 2022

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2022-221**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
2 **REAPPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED**  
3 **THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR**  
4 **OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR SHELTER, DAY CENTER AND/OR TREATMENT**  
5 **CENTER WITHIN THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGES RETAIL SALES TAX FUND**  
6 **(206000) AND APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE**  
7 **HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES**  
8 **RETAIL SALES TAX FUND (206000) FUND BALANCE, TO BE USED AS A**  
9 **DIRECT GRANT TO UNITED WAY FOR RENTAL UNIT REHABILITATION, TO**  
10 **THE ANCHORAGE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERING TO**  
11 **INCLUDE COLD WEATHER RESPONSE, AND TO THE ANCHORAGE COALITION**  
12 **TO END HOMELESSNESS TO BE USED FOR EXPANDED OUTREACH AND**  
13 **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly approved on November 1, 2021, AR 2021-350,  
17 As Amended, which identified an exit strategy to end mass care and implement an  
18 integrated client and community centered approach to addressing homelessness; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly approved on December 7, 2021, AO 2021-  
21 116(S), As Amended, to implement the mass care exit strategy adopted in AR 2021-  
22 350, As Amended; and  
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24 **WHEREAS**, housing unit availability and affordability continues to pose a significant  
25 challenge to housing individuals experiencing homelessness; and  
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27 **WHEREAS**, with the closure of the Sullivan Arena as a mass care facility, there are  
28 now approximately 350 unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in the  
29 Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), which include families with children for the first time  
30 in several years; and  
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) currently has  
33 one-time funding (ESG-CV) through the Municipality to coordinate outreach services  
34 through September 2022, but after that time there is no direct funding from the MOA  
35 to coordinate or conduct outreach activities; and  
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has placed  
38 significant focus on outreach and housing first (unsheltered to housing) efforts in its  
39 2022-2027 strategic plan and with its recent release of a Special Notice of Funding  
40 Opportunity, however those funds won't be available until late fall at the earliest and  
41 the amount is not sufficient to meet the outreach needs of the increased number of  
42 individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Anchorage; and

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**WHEREAS**, a lack of access to transportation significantly hinders street outreach’s ability to assist individuals in the steps required to secure housing, from obtaining documents to viewing units; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOA has an obligation under Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 16.120 to provide shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness when the outside temperature drops to 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below on the day when sheltering begins; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriating funds at least one quarter before cold weather sheltering is required allows time for proper planning, procurement and coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, family unsheltered homelessness could end with a year-round coordinated emergency sheltering plan; now, therefore,

**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That the sum of not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) previously appropriated for operational costs for shelter, day center, and/or treatment center costs with the Alcohol Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000) is hereby reappropriated to be used as a direct grant to United Way for the Landlord Housing Partnership to pay for up to 60 rental units to be rehabilitated (up to \$2,500 per bedroom, per unit) and to pay for security deposits.

**Section 2.** That the sum of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) previously appropriated for operational costs for shelter, day center, and/or treatment center costs with the Alcohol Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000) is hereby reappropriated to the Anchorage Health Department to be used through a competitive process to meet AMC ch. 16.120 requirements for emergency sheltering to include cold-weather response through the end of 2022. For purposes of this appropriation and preparing for compliance with AMC ch. 16.120, none of these funds shall be used for operational costs at the planned Navigation Center at Tudor and Elmore.

**Section 3.** That the sum of not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) is hereby appropriated from Alcohol Beverages Retail Sales Tax Fund (206000) fund balance to be used as a direct grant to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness for expanded outreach to address the increased number of unsheltered individuals as well as targeted outreach for families and to provide funding for transportation costs.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Chair of the Assembly

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# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 385-2022

Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

1 **From:** Assembly Members Perez-Verdia and Rivera

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6 APPROPRIATED FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR SHELTER,  
7 DAY CENTER AND/OR TREATMENT CENTER WITHIN THE  
8 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES RETAIL SALES TAX FUND (206000) AND  
9 APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE  
10 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) OF ALCOHOL  
11 BEVERAGES RETAIL SALES TAX FUND (206000) FUND  
12 BALANCE AS A DIRECT GRANT TO UNITED WAY FOR RENTAL  
13 UNIT REHABILITATION, ANCHORAGE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
14 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERING TO INCLUDE COLD WEATHER  
15 RESPONSE, AND THE ANCHORAGE COALITION TO END  
16 HOMELESSNESS TO BE USED FOR EXPANDED OUTREACH  
17 AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.  
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19 On November 1, 2021, the Anchorage Assembly approved AR 2021-250, As  
20 Amended, which created an exit strategy to end mass care and implement an  
21 integrated client and community centered approach to addressing homelessness.  
22 With the closure of the Sullivan Arena as a mass care facility, there are now  
23 approximately 350 unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in the  
24 Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), which include families with children for the first  
25 time in several years. There are still significant challenges with housing unit  
26 affordability and availability to meet the need of housing individuals experiencing  
27 homelessness. The Landlord Housing Partnership is a way to make available an  
28 additional 60 units of housing by this winter.  
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30 The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has placed significant  
31 focus on street outreach and housing first (unsheltered to housing) efforts in its  
32 2022-2027 strategic plan and with its recent release of a Special Notice of Funding  
33 Opportunity. The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) currently has  
34 one-time funding (ESG-CV) through the Municipality to coordinate street outreach  
35 services through September 2022, but after that time there is no direct funding from  
36 the MOA to coordinate outreach activities.  
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38 The MOA also has an obligation under Anchorage Municipal Code 16.120 to provide  
39 shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness when the outside temperature  
40 drops to 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below on the day when sheltering begins.  
41 Providing funds at least one quarter before cold weather sheltering is required to  
42 allow time for proper planning, procurement and coordination.  
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**We request your support for the resolution.**

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