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

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2022-222**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
2 **APPROPRIATING WHEN TENDERED AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE**  
3 **MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,400,000) OF THE**  
4 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**  
5 **AS A DIRECT GRANT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ANCHORAGE, LLC FOR**  
6 **PURCHASE OF THE GUEST HOUSE.**  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed and President Biden signed the  
10 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, on March 11, 2021; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion relief bill,  
13 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide \$350  
14 billion in emergency funding for eligible local governments; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) is  
17 intended to provide to state, local, and Tribal governments support in their response  
18 to and economic recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, a workgroup made up of Assembly members, the Mayoral  
21 administration, and community partners was formed to develop a plan to exit the  
22 Mass Care Facility at Sullivan Arena and launch an integrated client and community  
23 centered approach to addressing homelessness; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, on November 1, 2021, the Anchorage Assembly approved AR 2021-350,  
26 As Amended, which identified an exit strategy to end mass care that included the  
27 need to make additional workforce housing units available; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, First Presbyterian Anchorage, LLC is under contract to purchase the  
30 Guest House which will provide 110 units of workforce housing and 20 units of  
31 permanent supportive housing; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the permanent supportive housing units set aside at the Guest House will  
34 leverage the Assembly's ongoing investments in the Home for Good program; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the workforce housing units will be reserved for those individuals that  
37 make less than 30% of the area median income or below; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has funding  
40 available to help pay for operational costs (HOME-ARPA, AHFC emergency housing  
41 vouchers, CDBG-CV) that will further leverage this funding; now, therefore,  
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**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That an amount not to exceed Three Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,400,000) of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds is hereby appropriated, when tendered, to the Federal Direct Grants Fund (241900) and as a direct grant to First Presbyterian Anchorage, LLC to cover the costs for purchasing the Guest House that will provide an additional 110 units of workforce housing and 20 units of permanent supportive housing.

**Section 2.** 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

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 386-2022

Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

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

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3 **Subject: A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
4 **APPROPRIATING WHEN TENDERED AN AMOUNT NOT TO**  
5 **EXCEED THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND**  
6 **DOLLARS (\$3,400,000) AS A DIRECT GRANT FROM THE**  
7 **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 LOCAL FISCAL**  
8 **RECOVERY FUNDS TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ANCHORAGE,**  
9 **LLC FOR PURCHASE OF THE GUEST HOUSE.**

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12 The Guest House will convert 130 hotel units to housing for those who are  
13 employed, workforce-ready, and/or need permanent supportive housing. This is part  
14 of the facilitated plan's target for adding 300 housing units for these populations of  
15 people experiencing homelessness. The facilitated plan identified funding sources  
16 to implement the various projects included in the plan. Specifically, the facilitated  
17 plan identified \$3.4M from HUD funds known as HOME-ARP, that are administered  
18 by AHD, to help pay for the Guest House acquisition. The remainder of the  
19 purchase price comes from philanthropy and a prior MOA investment.

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21 AHD was to begin the process to have those funds approved for use by HUD last  
22 February. AHD did not begin the process until a few weeks ago and now says the  
23 soonest it can be through HUD is November. Further AHD says the maximum funds  
24 would be only \$3.2M instead of \$3.4M. Both the timing and the amount jeopardize  
25 completing the Guest House purchase which is set to close at the end of August.

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27 Also, the Guest House is now transitionally housing between 130-150 people who  
28 have left the pandemic mass care response facilities. The funding for that  
29 transitional housing ends at the end of August. The plan has been to convert the  
30 current Guest House residents to housing leases post-closing and the funds for that  
31 can only be used for housing leases.

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33 Without this funding, the Guest House purchase may be lost. And, even if the owner  
34 agreed to a closing extension, the residents currently residing there would not be  
35 able to stay because there are no funds for that. This puts 130-150 more people at  
36 risk of joining the already several hundreds of people currently without housing or  
37 shelter.

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39 The Department of Treasury issued a final rule that became effective April 1, 2022  
40 to provide greater detail on allowable uses of this funding for local communities  
41 received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. They further released fact  
42 sheets on how state, local, and Tribal governments are using these funds to keep  
43 families in their homes and making more affordable housing available in their

1 communities. You can find this fact sheet at the following link:  
2 <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Housing-Investments->  
3 [Factsheet.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Housing-Investments-Factsheet.pdf)

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5 **I request your support for the resolution.**

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