

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT PROJECT TO PREPARE A SECOND PHASE HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT AND INITIAL SITE STABILIZATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT HILL WIRELESS STATION.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is established by the Municipality to advise the Anchorage Assembly, Mayor, municipal boards and commissions, and heads of municipal departments on the identification of, designation of, and review of actions pertaining to Anchorage's historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Certified Local Government (CLG) Historic Preservation Program Guidelines for CLGs calls for local governments including Anchorage to support the preservation of important historic resources identified by the public; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's *Original Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Plan* identifies the Government Hill Wireless Station, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Properties, as an important landmark to save in Government Hill neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the HPC wishes to pursue viable options to rehabilitate and maintain the Wireless Station for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the HPC and Municipality successfully completed a first-phase Historic Structure Report (HSR) for the Wireless Station under CLG Grant #22005 that provided \$24,000 in federal funds.

WHEREAS, the first-phase HSR for the Wireless Station provided a conditions assessment and recommended historic preservation treatments for all three buildings on the property, including four options for the future of the property; and

WHEREAS, the first-phase HSR found the Wireless Station buildings to be in an advanced stage of deterioration and that there is an urgent need to progress with development of a historic preservation plan to save this property; and

WHEREAS, the NPS Preservation Brief 43.6 establishes that if budgetary constraints preclude completing the HSR as one project, it can be prepared incrementally; and

WHEREAS, the HPC finds a need for further information regarding the construction costs and viability of each of the treatment options identified in the first-phase HSR, and regarding what it will take to stabilize the main building structure, so that the HPC may conduct a public process with the neighborhood and municipal officials to decide on the preferred treatment option and plan for the future of the Wireless Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
1. The municipal HPO staff has identified the means for satisfying the CLG Grant's 40% match requirement through municipal staff hours, HPC member in-kind services, in-kind services from Government Hill Community Council members, and funds in the Municipality's Historic Preservation Fund.
 2. The municipal HPO staff has presented a realistic project work plan for meeting the CLG Grant deadline of September 30, 2026, for completing the second-phase HSR.

- B. The Commission supports the 2024 CLG Grant project proposal to use up to \$30,000 in federal grant funds and up to \$15,000 in funds from the Municipality of Anchorage Historic Preservation Fund (740), to prepare a pre-design construction cost estimate for the alternative historic preservation treatments named in the first-phase HSR and to conduct site stabilization work to meet urgent maintenance and repair needs as part of a CLG Grant project for the Government Hill Wireless Station.

PASSED AND APPROVED unanimously by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission on this 17th day of October 2024.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission on this 17th day of October 2024.

Craig H. Lyon
Secretary

Bryce K. Klug, AIA
Chair