

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2020-221, As Amended**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING**  
2 **THE FUNDING OF: A SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT RELIEF PROGRAM;**  
3 **A RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE RELIEF PROGRAM; A CHILD CARE**  
4 **RELIEF PROGRAM; AND A PUBLIC LANDS JOBS PROGRAM (PROGRAMS).**  
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage is a welcoming and resilient community,  
8 which has been tested during the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has given us the ultimate appraisal of our  
11 resilience, and as we learn from it, we re-evaluate the existing systems understanding  
12 there is no going back to the way things were; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, we know we must identify and stabilize the most precarious sectors and  
15 institutions to provide new and expanded economic opportunities; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, to support small businesses and nonprofits financially impacted by  
18 COVID-19, the Municipality of Anchorage proposes funding an amount not to exceed  
19 \$5,000,000 for the second tranche of Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Program to  
20 distribute grants to eligible small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19;  
21 and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, to support individuals impacted by COVID-19, the Municipality of  
24 Anchorage proposes funding an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the second  
25 tranche of Rental and Mortgage Assistance Relief Program to distribute grants to  
26 landlords and mortgage holders on behalf of eligible individuals impacted by COVID-  
27 19; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, to support licensed childcare programs, the Municipality of Anchorage  
30 proposes funding an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for a Child Care Relief  
31 Program to distribute grants to eligible child care programs; and  
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33 **WHEREAS**, to support out-of-work, furloughed, or underemployed workers, the  
34 Municipality of Anchorage proposed funding an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for  
35 a Public Lands Jobs Program to hire individuals to help mitigate fire hazards and  
36 improve or expand soft surface trails; and  
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38 **WHEREAS, to provide funds to support the ability of the Mayor and Assembly**  
39 **to quickly respond to COVID-19 related issues in a timely fashion, the**  
40 **Municipality of Anchorage proposes funding an amount not to exceed**  
41 **\$3,000,000 for an Administration Flexibility Fund; and**  
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1 **WHEREAS**, the aggregate costs of the Programs will not exceed the amount of  
2 **\$23[20]**,000,000; and  
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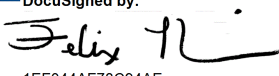
4 **WHEREAS**, the funds for the Programs are proposed to come from the State of  
5 Alaska, CARES Act Funds, appropriated with AR 2020-199, approved by the  
6 Anchorage Assembly on June 2, 2020; now, therefore,  
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8 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**  
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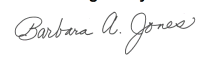
10 **Section 1.** That the MOA is hereby authorized to fund an aggregate amount not to  
11 exceed **Twenty-Three** Million Dollars (**\$23[20]**,000,000) for: the Small Business and  
12 Nonprofit Relief Program; the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Relief Program; the  
13 Child Care Relief Program; **[and]** the Public Lands Jobs Program; **and the**  
14 **Administration Flexibility Fund.**  
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16 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval  
17 by the Assembly.  
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20 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of June, 2020.  
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Municipal Clerk



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 369-2020, As Amended

Meeting Date: June 23, 2020

1 **From:** ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTANT, QUINN-DAVIDSON,  
2 ZALETEL; MAYOR  
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4 **Subject:** A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
5 AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF: A SMALL BUSINESS AND  
6 NONPROFIT RELIEF PROGRAM; A RENTAL AND MORTGAGE  
7 ASSISTANCE RELIEF PROGRAM; A CHILD CARE RELIEF  
8 PROGRAM; AND A PUBLIC LANDS JOBS PROGRAM.  
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### 10 Purpose of the Resolution

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12 This Resolution authorizes the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to fund: a Small  
13 Business and Nonprofit Relief Program; a Rental and Mortgage Assistance Relief  
14 Program; a Child Care Relief Program; and a Public Lands Jobs Program  
15 (Programs) for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$~~23~~<sup>20</sup>,000,000.  
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### 17 Background

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19 The Municipality of Anchorage is a welcoming and resilient community. These are  
20 collective values of our city, which have been tested during the COVID-19  
21 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us the ultimate appraisal of our  
22 resilience, and as we learn from it, we re-evaluate the existing systems  
23 understanding there is no going back to the way things were.  
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25 Emerging from the impacts of the pandemic provides opportunity to rebuild our  
26 economy in ways that enhance our self-sufficiency and reduce our vulnerability to  
27 supply chain interruptions. A resilient and welcoming Anchorage better protects the  
28 economy and the health and wellbeing of all our city's residents. Our responsibility is  
29 to identify areas that most profoundly tested our resilience, and to act to stabilize the  
30 most precarious sectors, institutions, and systems.  
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32 Already we know we must strengthen community health and wellbeing to protect the  
33 public. It will take coordinating a multi-sector approach to mitigate the stressors and  
34 shocks that threatened our community. It is incumbent on us to position today for the  
35 success of tomorrow.  
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37 We also know that the economy we had before the pandemic will be forever change  
38 by the virus. The need to reimagine our future, to transition into new and expanded  
39 economic opportunities was urgent even prior to the pandemic. Anchorage is the  
40 largest city in a petroleum and tourism dependent state. The decline in global oil

1 prices since COVID-19 dramatically speeds the need to reinvest in our workforce, as  
2 does the impact on tourism resulting from the pandemic. We need to strengthen our  
3 local economy to prepare to take on new economic opportunities and retooling our  
4 infrastructure to ensure our capacity for growth.

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6 The following Programs are currently proposed to provide relief from the impacts of  
7 COVID-19 and strengthen our local economy:  
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- 9 • *Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Program:* We propose \$5 million in  
10 funding for the second tranche of this critical small business and nonprofit  
11 relief. During the initial \$1 million pilot program, we received over 700  
12 applications from small businesses and nonprofits but were only able to  
13 provide grants to 120 applicants. Given the overwhelming response from  
14 Anchorage small businesses and nonprofits, and the gaps that continue to  
15 exist in federal and state relief programs, we believe it is imperative to  
16 provide additional funds for this need.  
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- 18 • *Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program:* We propose \$2 million in funding  
19 for the second tranche of this critical housing support initiative. In the first two  
20 days of our initial \$1 million pilot program, we fielded over 300 applicants for  
21 rental or mortgage assistance. Even with the recent rental assistance  
22 program announced by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, we believe  
23 there will continue to be unmet need for housing support and recommend this  
24 second tranche of funding.  
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- 26 • *Child Care Relief Program:* We propose \$10 million to address the immediate  
27 need for support to licensed child care providers, especially those that have  
28 struggled to maintain operations due to closures and decreased enrollments  
29 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We value those providers who have  
30 remained open and those that serve low income families. **Funding shall be**  
31 **prioritized first to providers who meet or exceed the USDA Child Care**  
32 **Food Program's participation criteria (i.e., 25% of children enrolled**  
33 **must either be on day care assistance or in the foster care system) and**  
34 **if funds remain,] all childcare providers participating in the Child Care**  
35 **Assistance Program] will then be eligible]. We are working with Anchorage  
36 Health Department on how these funds would be distributed.  
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- 38 • *Public Lands Jobs Program:* We propose \$3 million in funding for two major  
39 initiatives related to the 11,000 acres of public lands managed by Parks &  
40 Recreation, both of which propose to utilize out-of-work, furloughed, or  
41 underemployed workers. The first initiative would target thirteen key areas  
42 identified for removal of spruce beetle infection trees that will help manage  
43 the current outbreak of the spruce beetle and mitigate for fire hazards. The  
44 second initiative focuses on shovel-ready soft surface trail maintenance or  
45 building activities in conjunction with our nonprofit partners Alaska Trails and

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Single Track Advocates. **Union hiring halls shall be utilized for hiring workers for the Public Lands Jobs Program.**

- **Administration Flexibility Fund: We propose \$3 million to be available to address immediate needs related to COVID-19 issues as they arise, so the Administration can respond in a timely fashion. The Administration will report to the Assembly once a month on any expenditures made with this funding.**

**Financing and Source of Funds**

The funds for the Programs are proposed to come from the State of Alaska, CARES Act Funds, appropriated with AR 2020-199, approved by the Anchorage Assembly on June 2, 2020.

**THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS APPROVAL AND WE REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT.**

Prepared by:	Mayor’s Office
Approved by:	Jason Bockenstedt, Chief of Staff
Concur:	Christopher M. Schutte, OECD Director
Concur:	Lance Wilber, OMB Director
Fund Certification:	Alexander Slivka, CFO
	231802-9000000041-124304-57XXXX <b>\$23[20],000,000</b>
	(Alaska CARES Act Funds)
Concur:	William D. Falsey, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted:	Ethan A. Berkowitz, Mayor
	Christopher Constant, Assembly Member
	District 1, Downtown
	Austin Quinn-Davidson, Assembly Member
	District 3, West Anchorage
	Meg Zaletel, Assembly Member
	District 4, Midtown

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Fund certification:  
**REVENUE**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>IO</b>	<b>Funds/Cost Center</b>
231802	NRG	57XXXX	9000000041	124304

Unencumb. Bal			\$23,000,000.00 *	
This expenditure			-\$23,000,000.00	
Resulting Bal.			\$0.00	

Date 6/19/2020

By (electronic) *Linda Yarbrough*

\*Subject to Receipt of Executed Grant Agreement and Appropriation. (Revised 6/25/2020 to add \$3M.)