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

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY AREAS AND FRAMEWORK FOR
ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, on March 27; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act, a landmark $1.8 trillion dollar relief bill, included
$150 billion in a Coronavirus Relief Fund set aside for state and local governments,
with Alaska receiving $1.25 billion; and

WHEREAS, per a report done by Congressional Research Service, the Coronavirus
Relief Fund (COVID-19 Relief) was intended to offer a means of assistance for state
and local governments to address the expected economic shock of COVID-19,
noting an expected increase in public welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature ratified the actions of the Legislative Budget and
Audit Committee on May 20, which set aside $156,713,566 million of COVID-19
Relief funding to go to the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, the Anchorage Assembly approved two pilot programs for
rental and mortgage assistance and small business and nonprofit relief, allocating
$1 million of COVID-19 Relief funding to each program; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, the Anchorage Assembly approved an additional
$21.5 million of COVID-19 Relief funding towards small business and nonprofit
relief, rental and mortgage assistance, childcare relief, a public lands jobs program,
and a direct municipal COVID-19 response contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration first met on May 8
during a publicly noticed meeting to begin a months-long discussion on the best and
greatest usage of the remaining COVID-19 Relief funding; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration wrapped up this
process during two publicly noticed day-long meetings on July 17 and July 31,
developing a framework, guiding principles, and a project list; and
WHEREAS, the funds for the proposed projects and programs in response to the pandemic’s severe social and economic impacts are to come from CARES Act funds appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14, 2020; now, therefore

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The COVID-19 Response Framework to address immediate needs and sustain the Municipality beyond COVID-19 attached as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and should guide all appropriation, allocation, and expenditure of COVID-19 Relief funds.

Section 2. The Municipality is hereby authorized to fund, from CARES Act funds appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14, 2020, the projects and programs in the amounts stated [TO BE DETERMINED AND ADDED BY AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTE AR] below.

Section 3. That an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000) from the Third Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the FEMA required 25% non-federal cost share match.

Section 4. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage Health Department to hire additional Public Health Nurses, an Epidemiologist, and Homelessness Program Support personnel.

Section 5. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($260,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage Library for COVID-19 programs and measures, including mobile book delivery and remote book kiosks for touchless service delivery.

Section 6. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Planning and Development Services Departments for software upgrades to fully transition to electronic submissions, reviews, and approvals.

Section 7. That an amount not to exceed Twenty One Million Dollars ($21,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the First Responder Payroll Reserve to cover payroll costs of our first responders.

Section 8. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for public health and mental health support personnel to the Anchorage School District.
Section 9. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand ($250,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage School District to fully fund all of their blended Pre-K classrooms.

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

Section 11. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars ($4,000,000) from the Second (FIRST) Payment of CARES Act funds [AND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000) FROM THE SECOND PAYMENT OF CARES ACT FUNDS] are available to fund the necessary costs to construct a new Girdwood Health Clinic.

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

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

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

Section 15. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds is [ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($1,300,000) FROM THE FIRST PAYMENT OF CARES ACT FUNDS AND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($1,300,000) FROM THE SECOND PAYMENT OF CARES ACT FUNDS ARE] available for Visit Anchorage to modify promotional and sales tools used to remarket Anchorage tourism during recovery.

Section 16. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Nonprofit Relief Program to distribute grants to eligible nonprofits impacted by COVID-19, including the Iditarod in the amount of $220,000 and the Chugiak-Eagle River
Chamber of Commerce in the sum of $100,000 from the $3,000,000.

Section 17. (Reserved) [THAT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND ($220,000) FROM THE FIRST PAYMENT OF CARES ACT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE IDITAROD TO HELP MITIGATE IMPACTS FROM COVID-19.]

Section 18. 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 One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Cultural Pillars Stabilization Program to distribute grants to those eligible institutions impacted by COVID-19.

Section 19. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for an Arts and Culture Stabilization Program to distribute grants to those eligible organizations impacted by COVID-19.

Section 20. That an amount not to exceed One [TWO] Million [FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND] [THREE MILLION] Dollars ($1,000,000 [$2,500,000] [$3,000,000]) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Covenant House Expansion Program increase affordable housing units and shelter for underage individuals.

Section 21. That an amount not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the third tranche of Rental and Mortgage Assistance Relief Program to distribute grants to landlords and mortgage holders, landlord liaison support, and legal services on behalf of eligible individuals impacted by COVID-19.

Section 22. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child Care Relief Program to distribute grants to exempt child care programs.

Section 23. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for expansion of an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence as current space has been reduced because of impacts from COVID-19.

Section 24. That an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child Care Assistance Program to distribute grants to eligible parents or guardians of school aged children whose income is at 200% of the federal poverty level or
lower.

Section 25. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a pilot program to provide funding for families impacted by COVID-19 to purchase necessities like groceries, medicine, and gas.

Section 26. That an amount not to exceed One [TWO] Million Dollars ($1[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. Of the funds from the First Payment, an amount not to exceed Forty Nine Thousand Dollars ($49,000) shall be available for the Assembly Department for consultant services to advise on the available options and funding sustainability for the program.

Section 27. 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 28. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds is available for the Food Bank of Alaska Expansion Project.

Section 29. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds is available for a Rapid Rehousing program.

Section 30. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds is available for a Risk Pool Insurance program for private landlords.

Section 31. That an amount not to exceed Seven Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($7,100,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds is available for a Tourism and Hospitality Industry Relief program to be distributed to eligible small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Section 32. To the extent permissible by law, the Mayor is directed to gather demographic data (for example, age, race, ethnicity, gender, marital status, income, education, and employment) on the individual recipients of funding or employment assistance in each relief, jobs, or other program funded by CARES Act funds as authorized by the Assembly. Measures shall be taken to protect the privacy of individuals providing demographic information.

Section 33. Approval of expending funds on the following programs is
conditioned on the Mayor first resolving issues or concerns of eligibility as CARES Act funds expenditures with the U. S. Department of the Treasury:

- Section 7 (First Responder Payroll Reserve),
- Section 9 (ASD blended Pre-K classrooms),
- Section 10 (RuralCap Weatherization Jobs Program),
- Section 11 (Construct a new Girdwood Health Clinic),
- Section 12 (Public Lands Jobs Program to hire individuals to help improve or expand soft surface trails and other shovel-ready projects in Girdwood and Eagle River, and to help with the installation of an Indigenous Wayfinding project),
- Section 13 (Energy Efficiency Jobs Program),
- Section 14 (Nine Star’s Net-2-Ladder Project),
- Section 23 (AWAIC expansion), and
- Section 24 (Child Care Assistance Program).
- Section 28 (Food Bank Expansion Project).

Section 34. The Clerk is authorized to make reasonably conforming changes in case of any conflict, ambiguity or inaccuracy in amendments.

Section 35. 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