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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
FROM: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager
DATE: July 22, 2026
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for July 27, 2026 Council Meeting

Happy Birthday United States Coast Guard

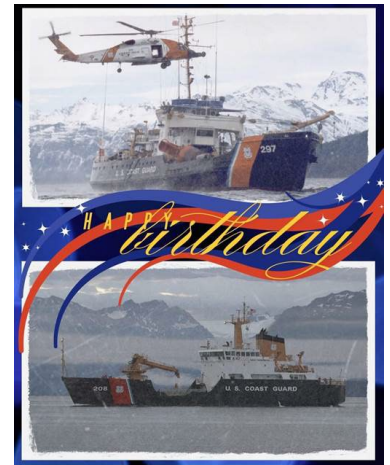
The U.S. Coast Guard will be turning 236 years old this year, celebrating its birthday on August 4th. The Coast Guard was founded in year 1790 when congress made the decision to construct 10 vessels for the use of enforcing trade laws and tariffs. Kodiak, Alaska, is home to the largest Coast Guard base, stretching 23,000 acres.

MARAD Site Visit for Float System 4 Replacement Project

On July 7, Port and Harbor and administrative staff hosted three representatives from the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) for a site visit to the harbor.

MARAD is administering a grant through the federal Port Infrastructure Development Program, which will help fund the replacement of Float System 4.

The group toured the floats slated for replacement, discussed the scope of the project, and reviewed the City's progress on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, which MARAD noted is nearing completion and looking good. Homer was just one stop of many on their itinerary, as several Alaska harbor projects are receiving federal support. Thank you to the MARAD team for making the trip from Washington, D.C. We are grateful for the partnership and look forward to moving this project forward together.



State CPVT Legislative Grant Award for Harbor Improvements

The City has been awarded a \$125,000 legislative grant from the State's allocation of Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax (CPVT) funds. This funding source is in addition to the City's direct CPVT tax receipts, which are distributed annually based on cruise passenger landings. Staff advocated for this funding in Juneau to support the Homer Harbor Security Camera Ramps 1–5 project. The award falls short of the City's full request of \$300,000. Given the partial award, staff does not intend to put this funding toward the camera project and will instead identify other harbor infrastructure or passenger safety projects eligible under the CPVT program. Once staff develops a plan for utilizing the funds and negotiates an award agreement, staff will bring forward an ordinance to approve and appropriate the funds. Applications for full funding of the camera project are pending through an FY27 federal appropriation and a F26 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant application. We want to thank our State legislators, Senator Stevens and Representative Vance, as well as the Senate Finance Committee, for the CPVT award. A thank you also goes out to J&H Consultants for their assistance in this effort.

Airport Terminal Update

The City issued a Request for Proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Airport Water Damage Repair and a resolution awarding a contract is scheduled for the July 27th Council meeting. Once we have the contract in place, the consultant will get to work on engineering and design of repairs, and an invitation to bid (ITB) will be issued to complete repairs. Public Works has been investigating some potential damage associated with the fire hydrant outside the building and the water line feeding the hydrant that will be the responsibility of the City to repair. With the initial survey of the building damage complete, lessees have requested access to more of the building until construction begins, so we are working on a path forward to accommodate the lessees and their customers.

Public Comment on OMB's Proposed Changes to Uniform Guidance for Federal Grants

City staff submitted formal public comments to the Office of Management and Budget prior to the July 13, 2026 deadline and transmitted Resolution 26-044 to the City's federal delegation and state legislators. To date, the City has received a response from Representative Stutes' office, and that correspondence is attached for the Council's reference.

Library Closure for security gate installation

The Homer City Library will be closed on the 4th-8th of August for improvements. A construction team will be installing a new security grille which will be placed on the threshold between the library and conference room. This grille will ensure the conference room is available for use outside of the library operating hours.

Staff of library will be available via phone and email during usual operating hours. Items are available to be checked out by curbside pickup station. Items may be returned through the outside book drop, larger items may be returned through curbside pickup. WIFI will remain available in parking lot and areas surrounding the library.

Sister City 2026 Cultural Events

This month we had the opportunity to celebrate our relationship with our sister city of Teshio, Japan. The community participated in several cultural activities such as drumming sessions, kimchi making, cultural studies, and the Japanese Summer Festival. The Japanese Summer Festival will be held on July 25th at Karen Hornaday Park. The festival will consist of Takio drumming, Japanese games, and food. Special guest Mr. Furuta will be attending.

2nd Annual Guns and Hoses Softball Game

The 2nd annual Gunz & Hoses softball game happened on July 11th. There was a slight delay of game as some of the Hoses team members responded to and wrapped up a structure fire call a fire call before the first pitch. Over 100 people attended and brought canned food to support the local food bank. The weather was cooperative and everyone had a lot of fun participating in the event. The lighthearted softball rivalry and fun Facebook posts show great sportsmanship and camaraderie between departments. HPD won last year and HVFD rose to the challenge this year. Great job everyone and we're excited to see what next year brings!!



Handrail at the HERC

We are pleased to have a new handrail installed at the HERC facility that will improve access for our participants who partake in in the Community Recreation programs at this location. Special thanks to the Public Works Maintenance Staff who quickly ordered and installed the handrail, we appreciate their ongoing support for the municipal recreation operations.



July Email Disruption

In late June, disruptions during a maintenance procedure brought down portions of the City's email system. Information Technology staff successfully restored core email services, including email delivery and access through desktop and mobile email applications. However, some features remain unavailable.

The City's technology plan includes migrating email services to Microsoft 365 in this budget year (funding for this effort was approved as part of the mid-biennium operating budget adjustment). After evaluating the effort required to restore non-critical features on the older system, the IT Department has determined that City resources will be better spent by accelerating the planned migration rather than investing additional time and expense into a platform that is scheduled for retirement.

Email services required for normal City operations remain available, and the migration project is expected to provide a more modern and secure service for staff and council alike. While some users will notice service limitations in the interim, the IT team plans to move ahead with planning and migration activities. We will provide updates as we prepare groups to transition to the new service.

City Hall Parking

Over the past few months local business overflow parking into the City Hall parking lot during regular business hours has increased significantly to the point where city staff and city hall customers have limited parking available. I appreciate that this is a public building, however businesses in town are expected to provide adequate parking for their employees and customers and City Hall is expected to do the same. Homer City Code 7.10.030 addresses parking in City parking lots and my plan is to notify neighboring businesses of parking hours at City Hall and consider posting signage for City Hall parking only, if needed.

Fairview Avenue Right-of-Way Clearing

Folks are noticing some clearing that has happened along the Lower Hornaday Trail that runs along Fairview near Campground Road. In the FY26 Capital budget \$15,000 was appropriated for trail improvements that include the Lower Hornaday Trail. The purpose of the clearing was two-fold, partly for right-of-way clearing and partly for the trail construction and long-term maintenance. The trail work will include resurfacing improvements that are like the work done on the Library West Lot, Story, and Lucky Shot Trails. The work is planned go along the existing trail to the area across from Wright Street where the trail curves up toward the upper Hornaday Park area and will be extended to near the intersection of Mullikin Street, providing a much needed pedestrian pathway that will separate pedestrians from traffic.

Informational Meeting for Anyone Considering a Run for City Office

If you are considering whether you might run for City Council or for Mayor, we hope you can make this event on **Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers - downstairs at City Hall. Join City Staff and some current and former elected officials to ask your questions about what it's like to be an elected official, how elections work, and more. A zoom recording will be available on the City's website for those not able to join in person.

Attachments:

- July Employee Anniversaries
- Homer Harbor Expansion Report
- OMB Proposed Rule Changes
- Grant Update Memo
- Library Closure Flier



**Considering a run
for elected office?**

**Join City staff and
elected officials to
ask your questions.
Wed, Aug 12 @ 5:30 pm**

More info at: www.cityofhomer-ak.gov or 907-235-3130





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Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LORD AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Andrea Browning

DATE: July 27, 2026

SUBJECT: July Employee Anniversaries

I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

Lori Sorrows	Finance	27	Years
Julie Engebretsen	Community Dev.	24	Years
Dave Welty	Public Works	18	Years
David Bernard	Library	15	Years
Jason Hoffman	Public Works	11	Years
Jason Hanenberger	Public Works	7	Years
Owen Meyer	Public Works	5	Years
Ryan Foster	Community Dev.	4	Years
Keith Bohlken	Public Works	3	Years
Bradley Bordner	Police	3	Years
Tom Gilbert	Port	3	Years
Greg Trail	Public Works	3	Years
Mike Scanlon	Police	1	Year



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Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation Update

Item Type: Informational Memorandum

Prepared For: Homer City Council, Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

Date: July 15, 2026

From: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Purpose: This memorandum provides the Homer Harbor Expansion Study monthly written update to Homer City Council per Resolution 23-037.

Update: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released the Homer Harbor Expansion Draft Feasibility Study on May 22, 2026, opening a 30-day public comment period that closed on June 22, 2026. USACE received 77 comments during this period.

USACE is now organizing the comments into categories by type. These categorized comments will be distributed to Project Delivery Team members according to their areas of responsibility, and the team will evaluate and decide whether any changes are needed to the report or design. USACE will discuss its findings internally. If any comments require the City's input or assistance, USACE will coordinate a discussion with the City.

Although the City does not yet know the full range of comments received, USACE has preliminarily indicated that many commenters requested an extension of the public comment period, which was not possible. Several commenters also raised the need to include parking, which remains a City priority.

Parking was removed from the Tentatively Selected Plan after USACE reviewed geotechnical boring results, which indicated that the dredged material would likely require mixing with additional granular fill before it could be suitable for uplands development. This finding eliminated the option of direct upland disposal to create the parking area, so it was taken out of Alternative 2's 35% design.

The City remains committed to ensuring adequate parking and access to harbor facilities through cost-effective solutions, which can be addressed during local services facilities planning and the pre-construction engineering and design (PED) phase.

The body of the final Feasibility Study Report will include a section summarizing the primary comment categories, and an appendix will contain copies of all comments received.

Additionally, the USACE will be trimming the body of the report down to 100-150 pages. All information in the original draft feasibility report will still be accessible in additional appendices. The City will make the final draft of the report available to the public when it is released.

Outreach and Public Engagement: The City promoted the public comment opportunity widely through the HHE mailing list and website, local press advertisements, radio ads and talk shows, fliers, banners, and public events, including the LSF/Kachemak Gear Shed, Harbor Fest, and a joint Homer City Council and Port and Harbor Advisory Commission meeting.

Study Schedule — Remaining Milestones

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| • Command Validation Milestone | August 18, 2026 |
| • District Final Report Submitted | November 27, 2026 |
| • Signed Chief's Report (End of Feasibility Study) | March 29, 2027 |

Reporting Transition Plan: With the retirement of Jenny Carroll, the primary staff member responsible for reporting to City Council on the General Investigation, a transition plan is being put in place. Karyn DeCino, the Assistant Special Projects Coordinator will assume this reporting role on a temporary basis until these duties are fully transitioned to a new hire. Given this transition and given that the work on the General Investigation will now largely consist of technical revisions to the draft feasibility report occurring within USACE with limited City action required, we request that the pace of Council reporting be adjusted from monthly to quarterly, with additional updates provided at key project developments and milestones, or the initiation of planning for Local Services Facilities.

Staff Recommendation: Staff requests Council's direction regarding the preferred frequency for future reporting to City Council.



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City Manager Report: Grant Update

Item Type: Informational Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: July 31, 2027
From: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

This is an informational memo providing a quarterly update on federal and state grant funding requests submitted or in process in support of City of Homer projects. New actions and information since the March 23, 2026 update are marked in green font on the attached chart.

In the past quarter, staff have primarily been engaging federal agencies through kick-off meetings and preparing the groundwork to move the projects toward negotiating grant awards and obligation.

After a six-month delay, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently opened the 2026 State Homeland Security Program for applications. The City applied for funding for three equipment projects as outlined in the attached report.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that Senator Murkowski and Representative Begich forwarded all of the City's Community Designated Spending requests to appropriation subcommittees for review and consideration. We will not know the outcomes for a while. Requests aren't decided on their own schedule — they get folded into subcommittee spending bills, which then have to move through committee, floor votes in both chambers, and a conference/reconciliation process before final passage. On timing, Congress often passes short-term stopgap measures rather than a final budget by the October 1 start of the fiscal year, and full spending bills often aren't finalized until the end of the calendar year or later. Notification then comes from the individual federal agency after enactment, and the funds are eventually awarded as a grant.

Grant Summary - July 27, 2026

Active Projects	Year	TPC	Grant Source	Funds Received	Local Match	Project Leads Support Staff	Notes
Land Conservation - Clean Up							
Kachemak Sponge Peatlands	FY23	\$4,388,791	NOAA Habitat Conservation KBNERRS lead/City partner	\$ 1,171,410	\$0	Julie Engebretsen	Awarded 4/1/2023; UAA accepts award Ord 23-46 Accepts Sub-Grant Award 26.5 acres acquired March 2026 Under contract with KPB for 5 parcels
Bridge Creek Watershed	FY24	\$1,500,000	NOAA Habitat Conservation City lead	\$1,500,000	\$0	Julie Engebretsen	Applied 8/2024 - Reso 24-077 Awarded 10/2025 - Ord 25-62 weather station installation in fall actively negotiatin 160 land acre acquisition
HERC HazMat Assessment/Cleanup	FY25		AK DEC Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup (DBAC) Program	Services only	\$0	Julie Engebretsen Jenny Carroll	Applic submitted 2/2024; HazMat Assessment complete; Draft Analysis of Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) complete; Public Comment Period April-May 2026; City Council selects ABCA Clean Up Alternative #3 Reso 26-039
Transportation Infrastructure							
Homer All-Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway (HAPP)	FY23	\$3,875,500	Sate of Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	\$3,486,787	\$388,713 Secured (HART)	Jenny Carroll Dan Kort Julie Engebretsen	Applied 2/2023 - Reso 23-011 Award announced 4/2024 ADOT site visit for scope/cost est 10/2025; scope likely only Main St South MOA for project pending
Non-motorized Transportation Planning, Design & Permitting (BUILD grant)	FY25	\$2,050,000	Federal FY25 BUILD Planning Grant	\$2,050,000	\$0	Jenny Carroll Dan Kort Julie Engebretsen	Kickoff meeting with FHWA Jan 20, 2026 Fall 2026 - Likely engagement of project activities Obligation deadline Sept 30, 2029 Expenditure Deadline Sept 30, 2034
Float System 4 Replacement		~\$17,053,846					
	FY24		Denali Commission	\$1,100,000	\$1,105,000	Bryan Hawkins Leon Galbraith	Applied 4/2024 Accepted 3/2025 - Ord 25-17(S) Match secured - Port & Harbor funds
	FY26		FY26 Appropriation - MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)	\$250,000	\$0	Jenny Carroll Bryan Hawkins	Grant negotiation & obligaton underway
	FY25		PIDP	\$11,240,000	\$4,473,856 pending	Jenny Carroll Bryan Hawkins	Applied 9/2025 - Reso 25-080 Award announced 4/27/2025 Grant obligation work underway Bond or loan for match pending
	FY27		FY26 Appropriation - MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)	\$200,000	\$0	Jenny Carroll	PENDING. Forwarded by Senator Murkowski to Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee

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Active Projects	Year	TPC	Grant Source	Funds Received	Local Match	Project Leads Support Staff	Notes
Water/Sewer Infrastructure							
Raw Water Transmission Main	FY21	\$2,229,333	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	\$2,229,333	\$0	Dan Kort Leon Galbraith	Submitted 1/30/2020 Obligated 11/2023 - Ords 23-58, 23-59 & 25-14; Ground breaking 4/2026; Construction/FOL completion 07/2026
A-Frame Water Transmission Main	FY26		AK DEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund	\$1,331,882.00	\$0	Dan Kort	Applied 9/2025 - Reso 25-007 100% principal forgiveness on loan Accepted Principal Forgiveness Subsidy Ord 26-02 Jan 27, 2026 Design work underway
	FY26		FY26 Appropriation - EPA Clean Drinking Water	\$937,868.00	\$250,100	Dan Kort Jenny Carroll	Award announced 1/2026; Match from ADEC funds Kick-off meeting July 17, 2026 Grant obligation work pending
IT - Communications							
Cybersecurity Grant	FY23	\$328,934	AK Division of Homeland Security	\$328,934	\$0	Bill Jirsa	Award accepted Ord 24-58; Project 1 of 3 complete. 2 RFPs pending.
Facilities							
Public Library Security Grille	FY26		Rasmuson Foundation	\$19,000	\$0	Dave Berry	Award accepted Ord 25-65 Work to be performed early August 2026
ADA Benches on Harbor Walking Path	CY2024	\$4,613	Kenai Peninsula Borough Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax	\$4,613	\$0	Port & Harbor staff	Award accepted Ord 25-41(A)
Applications Submitted - Award Announcement Pending	Year	Program	Activity Supported	Funds Requested	Local Match	Project Leads Support Staff	Notes
FY27 State Legislative Designated Grant	2026	Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Fund	TBD; potentially repairs to the Deep Water Dock Mooring Dolphin	Funds Awarded: \$125,000	\$0	Bryan Hawkins Matt Clarke	Project to be identified and award negotiated
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	2026	State Homeland Security Program	Homer Harbor Security Cameras Ramps 1-5	\$300,000.00	\$0	Matt Clarke	Applied 7/13/2026
			HVFD Turn Out Ensembles	\$33,696.00	\$0	Dan Jager	Applied 7/13/2026
			HPD Security Fencing	\$40,676.00	\$0	Michael Scanlon	Applied 7/13/2026
US Department of Interior	2026	Wildland Urban Interface Fire Response	Slip-On Tanker Unit	TBD	\$0	Dan Jager	Applied 3/2026; Anticipated award announcement between May and Sept 2026



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June 30, 2026

The Honorable Representative Louise Stutz
State Capitol, Room 216
Juneau, AK 99801

Submitted electronically

Re: City of Homer Comments on OMB Proposed Rule, Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance, 91 Fed. Reg. 32198 (May 29, 2026)

Dear Representative Stutz,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Homer regarding proposed changes to federal grant management rules that you may not yet be aware of, and that could significantly affect projects we work on together with the State and with federal agencies. The Office of Management and Budget has proposed significant revisions to the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200) — the government-wide framework governing how federal grants are awarded, administered, and terminated. Because of the projects Homer undertakes with the State utilizing federal pass-through awards and formula funds (the Homer All Ages and Abilities Pedestrian Pathway/Transportation Alternative Program and Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation/PROTECT formula funds), these proposed changes would affect not just direct federal grants the City has received, but the full range of collaborative infrastructure work we do across all levels of government.

The City supports OMB's stated goals of accountability, transparency, and sound stewardship of federal funds — goals that reflect how we also operate and the policies we have long had in place to manage federal awards responsibly. At the same time, we have identified several areas where clarification or revision would strengthen implementation and better support local governments. City comments (attached) are based on [Homer City Council Resolution 26-044](#) and have been submitted to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, as part of the official public comment period open through July 13, 2026.

Key policy concerns with the proposal include its potential impacts on local government administration, transparency, and the stability of federal-local partnerships — particularly that policy alignment becomes a condition of funding and a reason to terminate awards mid-implementation. Policies can change with administrations, subjecting multi-year and multimillion dollars projects to a high degree of risk. When implementing large infrastructure projects, we bond, enter construction contracts, dedicate right-of-way, and hire in reliance on signed awards. A termination standard untethered to recipient performance, and no appeals mechanism turns executed agreements into something that can be unwound for reasons outside our control, and condition changes take effect within 15 days, quite possibly before staff even see them.



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The proposed rule would require mandatory pre-issuance review of all discretionary awards by senior political appointees to ensure awards advance current policy priorities — and would reduce the existing merit criteria review to an advisory role, explicitly barring appointees from routinely deferring to it. For a small municipality like Homer, this is a serious concern. We invest meaningful staff time and significant resources preparing competitive grant applications based on published, defined criteria, and we rely on those criteria being the actual basis for award decisions. When merit review becomes advisory, we cannot know whether our applications will be judged on their quality and community benefit or on factors beyond our control — undermining the transparency and equal access that make the competitive grant process worth investing in and potentially diminishing the public benefits these programs were designed to deliver.

Lastly, the proposed regulations introduce heavier administrative burden through loss of fixed amount awards and subawards, additional documentation and justification when recipients use cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contracts, and requirements to run personnel and contractor pre-payment checks through two federal systems – Do No Pay and Homeland Security's E-verify program.

We value our strong partnership with the State of Alaska, our congressional delegation, and federal agencies in advancing essential infrastructure, public safety services, and port investments that support our district, the State and federal assets. We work collaboratively across all levels of government on complex, multi-year projects that depend on clear and predictable funding frameworks. We respectfully ask for your support in elevating these concerns and encouraging adoption of revisions that preserve predictability, transparency, and effective federal-state-local partnerships for Alaska communities.

On behalf of Homer City Council and the City Manager, thank you for your attention to this rulemaking and for your support of Alaska's communities, House District 5 and your potential Senate District C. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our comments or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

From: [Matt Gruening](#)
To: [Jenny Carroll](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#)
Cc: [Melissa Jacobsen](#); [Rachel Lord](#); [Donna Aderhold](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed OMB Rule Changes for Federal Financial Assistance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026 4:15:02 PM

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Hey Everyone,

Rep. Stutes also submitted public comments to OMB. There certainly is a lot of legitimate concern from non-profits and local governments in our district, and, like you, we are alarmed by many of the proposed changes. I just wanted to let you know that we are on the ball and engaging with our congressional delegation on this issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gruening
Chief of Staff
Office of Rep. Stutes
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From: Matt Gruening <Matt.Gruening@akleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2026 10:52 AM
To: Jenny Carroll <JCarroll@ci.homer.ak.us>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>
Cc: Melissa Jacobsen <MJacobsen@ci.homer.ak.us>; Rachel Lord <RachelLord@ci.homer.ak.us>; Donna Aderhold <DonnaAderhold@ci.homer.ak.us>
Subject: RE: Proposed OMB Rule Changes for Federal Financial Assistance

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Hey Jenny,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention!

We are hearing from local governments and non-profits in our district about this as well. It certainly is concerning and we are currently engaging with our congressional delegation on this. I will be sure this gets in front of Rep. Stutes today.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Matthew Gruening
Chief of Staff
Office of Rep. Stutes
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From: Jenny Carroll <JCarroll@ci.homer.ak.us>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 3:27 PM

To: Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>

Cc: Melissa Jacobsen <MJacobsen@ci.homer.ak.us>; Rachel Lord <RachelLord@ci.homer.ak.us>;
Donna Aderhold <DonnaAderhold@ci.homer.ak.us>

Subject: Proposed OMB Rule Changes for Federal Financial Assistance

Dear Representative Stutz,

Attached is a letter outlining key areas of concern the City of Homer has regarding the Office of Management and Budget's proposed rule changes to the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200) for Federal Financial Assistance, along with the City's formal public comments submitted to OMB ahead of the July 13, 2026 comment deadline.

These proposed changes have the potential to significantly affect projects we undertake with the State and federal agencies — including those relying on pass-through awards and formula funds administered by the State of Alaska. We wanted to make you aware, if you weren't, of these proposals that have the potential to affect federal funding in your current House District 5, Senate District C and throughout the State.

Thank you,

Jenny

Jenny Carroll
Special Projects & Communications Coordinator
Public Information Officer
907-435-3101





ATTENTION

Upcoming Building Closure August 4th – 8th, 2026

Homer Public Library is getting an upgrade!

Contractors will be at the library Tuesday, August 4th through Saturday, August 8th, installing a new security grille at the front entrance. This grille will make the library's meeting room available outside library hours.



Public access is CLOSED while the building is under construction.
During this closure, the following services are still available:

- Staff will remain onsite for regular hours and are available to respond to emails and phone calls.
- Items can be checked out through the curbside pickup station. Call 907-235-3180 for more information.
- Items can be returned to the outside book drop. For oversized items and electronics, please arrange return via curbside pickup.
- WiFi remains available in the parking lot and areas around the building.

Printing and photocopying will not be available, but staff can refer you to other options. Regular library programs will be cancelled until the following week.

We look forward to reopening the building on Monday, August 10!

Normal Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM | Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM

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