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Memorandum 20-093

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR CASTNER
DATE: JUNE 4, 2020
SUBJECT: ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE APPROPRIATION

AML has sent us an invoice for \$20,680 as our share of funding necessary to fulfill the League's obligation to its members in three areas:

- 1) Covid-19 work taken on in assisting with CARES Act authorization, initiation and interpretations of the various mandates and directives, grant/reimbursement compliance guidance, accounting/bookkeeping advice, general dissemination of information, and legal counsel, and;
- 2) Revenue shortfalls from delays in the efficient collection of remote sales tax due to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, and;
- 3) Revenue shortfalls caused by an anticipated decrease in attendance and sponsorship due to travel and health concerns emanating from increased mixing and the risk of viral infection.

Nils has provided his budget and cost allocations, which is attached. 40% can be considered a cost caused by the COVID-19 response, and can be taken from the funds provided and appropriated in Ordinance 20-25. That would be \$8,272 which should be immediately available.

Homer is a community that is benefiting from the remote sales tax collection program and 30% of the AML request is slated to cover lost revenues. That would be \$6,204 and I will sponsor an ordinance at the next meeting to fund that from an appropriate fund that maintains an accounting trace. While our current COVID-19 related aid has restrictions from being used to replace lost revenues, there have been suggestions that future appropriations may allow those applications.

The remaining 30% is for a prudent view of the lost revenues from reduced participation at the remaining 2020 gatherings. I will include a similar amount in the ordinance mentioned above to cover our share of that projected shortage.

AML has been a terrific partner and information hub. They have risen to the occasion during this pandemic, in not only providing help and assistance to the members, but in also providing

a unified municipal voice to the Dunleavy Administration and Alaska State Legislature. This is money well spent .