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Memorandum 21-061

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: April 5, 2021
SUBJECT: DHSS Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Grant Award

The City is pleased to have been awarded \$278,416.00 from the State Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) in support of Homer Unified Command's ongoing vaccine distribution to residents of the Southern Kenai Peninsula. Emergency Ordinance 21-22 accepts these grant funds and approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Homer and DHSS that governs the use of the funds during the one-year period of performance.

DHSS made these funds available to local units of government statewide to support COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration, with special focus on lowering barriers to vaccine access among hard-to-reach populations. The \$278,416 award represents City of Homer's \$254,040 per capita allotment and Kachemak City's \$24,376.44 per capita allotment.

Specifically, these funds will support area mass vaccine clinics, pop-up vaccine events and other distribution efforts as needed, which include events for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness, seasonal workers, and workers in the commercial fishing industry, among others. Funds provided will also support contract services to assist PIOs with targeted outreach.

Staff requests accepting this grant through Emergency Ordinance so that we may enter into the MOA and begin accessing grant funds in a timely manner to support current vaccination efforts. A regular Ordinance replacing this Emergency Ordinance will be brought before Council at the April 26th meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Homer and DHSS and appropriate grant funds.