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Memorandum 21-210

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: December 3, 2021
SUBJECT: DHSS Healthy Equitable Communities Grant Award

The State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health (DHSS) is providing grant funding to Alaskan local governments in support of activities that promote and sustain healthy and equitable communities throughout Alaska particularly in light of the impacts of COVID-19.

The City of Homer is a first class city without general health authorities. South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) is a corporation providing comprehensive health services to residents of the southern Kenai Peninsula. The City and SPH desire to cooperate to utilize \$101,536.68 in grant funds to promote community health. The \$101,536.68 award represents City of Homer's \$33,639.28 per capita allotment and a share of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's per capita allotment (\$67,897.40) that they dedicated to SPH.

The KPB funds will help sustain operations at SPH's COVID-19 Test & Vaccine Clinic so that the community has continued free access to testing, vaccination and information services regardless of ability to pay. Homer-allotted funds will support a Community Health Needs Assessment to quantify the impacts of COVID-19. The assessment will help health professionals and service providers better understand the pandemic's varied impacts and set the foundation for improved health outcomes in future responses.

Ordinance 21-73 accepts and appropriates these grant funds and authorizes the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Homer and DHSS that governs the use of the funds during the first year of what is expected to be an annually renewing grant funding cycle ending June 30, 2024.

Ordinance 21-73 additionally authorizes the City Manager negotiate and enter into a Subgrant Agreement with SPH upon acceptance of the Healthy Equitable Communities award. As a subrecipient, SPH will implement the activities and strategies described in the MOA's scope of work, provide invoices for the costs of eligible activities for State grant reimbursement and provide a grant close-out report. The City will provide high-level administrative oversight and coordinate with SPH

and DHSS for grant reporting. Under terms of the MOA, the City will receive 10% of the grant amount to cover administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate DHSS Healthy and Equitable Community grant funds, authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Homer and DHSS and a Sub-grant agreement with South Peninsula Hospital.