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## Memorandum 22-142

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: August 18, 2022  
SUBJECT: FY22 Community Assistance Program Funds

Each year the State of Alaska provides Community Assistance Program (CAP) funds to municipalities around the state. The amount is highly variable and the City chose some years back to not include CAP funds in the budget. Instead we accept and allocate upon receipt. See below for examples of CAP usage in previous years:

- FY18 - \$205,119 to the Police Station Fund
- FY19 - \$177,172 to the Police Station Fund
- FY20 - \$152,080 to the Old Middle School CARMA (HERC)
- FY21 - \$76,842 to supplement Volunteer Fire self-contained breathing apparatus system replacement

In FY22 we were awarded \$98,714.98. These funds were hung up for some time at the State, in part due to staffing shortages, but Finance Director Walton was able to get them released to us just this month. The funds have been received and are ready to be accepted and appropriated. In our application we indicated that we would use the funds for ADA improvements. We do not have to follow through with the plan in the application, we just have to ensure that our use meets a public purpose as required under AS 29.60.850(a) and accurately report how the funding was spent when we submit our application for future fiscal years. That said, the staff recommendation continues to be that these funds should be put towards ADA improvements.

During the FY22/23 Capital Budget process, there were a handful of ADA-related projects that were not funded, but it was noted that we would be suggesting FY22 CAP funds be used to complete them at a later date. Those projects included:

- Citywide ADA Interior Signage and Restrooms
- Parking Lot ADA Regrading Program
- Parks ADA Transition Plan
- Parks ADA Implementation

Estimates back in 2021 place the items above at a total cost of approximately \$93,000. It is very likely inflation has pushed most of those prices upwards and it will not be able to achieve all ADA projects with the CAP funding. We are asking that the Council pass Ordinance 22-51 as a "CAP ADA Project" under which we will do our best to complete as much of the work outlined above.

**Staff Recommendation:** Accept CAP funds, Introduce and Approve Ordinance 22-51