



# City of Homer

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## Memorandum 22-194

TO: City Manager Dumouchel  
FROM: Chief Robl  
DATE: 11-1-2022  
SUBJECT: FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant

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I am pleased to report that the City has been awarded a FY2022 Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$43,702.43 for upgrading our public safety radio system.

This grant will fund the purchase of two mobile radio repeaters for the police department and three mobile radios for the fire department. The radio repeaters will be installed in Homer Police vehicles. We will be able to deploy them to major crime/incident scenes and to areas with marginal radio system coverage. In both scenarios, these repeaters will enhance our ability to communicate clearly and efficiently with dispatch and other responding agencies. In areas of extremely weak signal coverage, the repeaters will make the difference enabling us to have radio communication versus having none at all.

The mobile radios that were funded will be placed in two Homer Volunteer Fire Department command vehicles and one ambulance. Currently one of the command vehicles does not have a radio. The other command vehicle and ambulance do not have radios with full ALMR capabilities. These new radios are fully ALMR capable and will ensure solid effective radio communications between these units, police vehicles and allied agencies in the event of a mutual-aid response of some type.

ProComm Alaska has been servicing our radio system for 30 years. They have all of our programming and key codes on file. They are the only radio service provider in the state able to successfully install and integrate new equipment into our existing system. They are also uniquely suited to maintain our system with Motorola factory trained and qualified technicians.

**Recommendation** I recommend we ask City Council to accept and appropriate the FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$43,702.43 and approve a sole source purchase request to ProComm Alaska for the associated equipment.

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE SHEET**  
**2022 ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE 22-76**

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating an FY22 State Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$43,702.43 from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHS&EM) to Upgrade the City's Radio Communication System, Authorizing a Sole Source Request to Contract with ProComm Alaska and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents.

Sponsor: City Manager

1. City Council Regular Meeting November 14, 2022 Introduction

Memorandum 22-194 from Police Chief as backup