

MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-004, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation in the Amount of \$2,937,353 for the Beluga Sewer Lift Station Improvements. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: City Council
Date: December 6, 2023
From: Janette Keiser, PE, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

I. Issue:

The purpose of this Memorandum is to request approval to apply for State Revolving Loan Funds for the Beluga Sewer Lift Station before the Principal Forgiveness Subsidy expires.

II. Background:

The FY24 CIP includes \$100,000 for final design of the Beluga Lift Station Improvements and work is on-going. In August 2023, the Alaska Department of Conservation (“ADEC”) offered the City a Principal Forgiveness Subsidy in the amount of \$500,000. We learned recently that this offer expires on February 29, 2024, unless we submit a loan application by that date. While we understand the Council has not yet appropriated the funds for the construction of the Beluga Lift Station Improvement Project, we ask for authorization to submit a loan application so we can lock in the Principal Forgiveness Subsidy before it expires. We will address the issue of full funding with the Biennial Budget Adjustment process. In the event the Council does not choose to fully fund the construction at that time, we can inform the ADEC and let the loan go fallow.

III. RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for Clean Water Funds from the ADEC so the Principal Forgiveness Subsidy can be locked in.