



# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 24-14, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$16,156 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for a Bi-Directional Amplifier System for Homer Police Department and Microwave Links for Homer's Repeaters. City Manager.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** January 30, 2024  
**From:** Police Chief Robl  
**Through:** Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

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The City Council adopted Ordinance 21-64 accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$40,576 for Microwave Links and IP Radio Gateways for Homer's Repeaters from the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The project cost came in higher than the amount of grant funding received. Additional funding in the amount of \$16,156 from our CARMA account is requested to pay the additional costs.

This project was originally proposed and developed by our former IT director. The purpose of the project was to build two new IP based links to improve our radio communications and add additional capabilities to the system. The links are between dispatch and the antenna tower on the Spit, and dispatch and the antenna tower on Skyline Drive. These links carry traffic for both us and the fire department.

Pricing for this project was initially determined in 2021 and the grant was awarded the same year. For various reasons the project was delayed until 2023 and by this time market conditions had changed and prices had increased substantially. After another review by IT the project was re-bid in August of 2023 and the cost was determined to have increased by \$16,156.

The project completion date for this grant cycle was September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We received an extension on the completion date to December but had to issue the purchase order within a few days of receiving the new bid and the project extension to ensure we could get the equipment here with enough time to get it installed, tested and meet the completion date without losing our grant funding. The overage can be covered by available funds within the operating budget, however, this ordinance requests an appropriation from General Fund CARMA to keep the expenses with that funding source.

**CITY OF HOMER  
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT**

PROJECT NAME	<u>Additional Funding - Bi Directional Amplifier</u>	DATE	<u>02/06/2024</u>
DEPARTMENT	<u>Police</u>	SPONSOR	<u>City Manager/Police Chief</u>
REQUESTED AMOUNT	<u>\$ 16,156</u>		

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Ordinance 21-64 accepted and appropriated an FY 2021 State Homeland Security Program Grant in the amount of \$142,132 for a bi-directional amplifier system for the Homer Police Department and microwave links for Homer's repeaters. The City of Homer was awarded a grant from the State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$40,576 to implement the microwave links and IP radio gateways for Homer's repeaters. The project is to build two point-to-point IP-based links between dispatch and the antenna towers on the Spit and Skyline Drive, enhancing radio communications for both the police department and the fire department.</p> <p>The pricing for the project was determined in 2021, and the grant was awarded in September of the same year, however the project was delayed until 2023 and re-bid, revealing an increased cost of \$16,156 for the completion of the project.</p>
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FUNDING SOURCE(S)	OPERATING	GF CARMA	GF FLEET CARMA	PORT RESERVES	WATER CARMA
	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
	HAWSP	HART-ROADS	HART-TRAILS	PORT FLEET RESERVES	SEWER CARMA
	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

FUNDING SOURCE 1: GF CARMA (156)	FUNDING SOURCE 2:	FUNDING SOURCE 3:
Current Balance <u>\$ 1,766,049</u>	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered <u>\$ 981,458</u>	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount <u>\$ 16,156</u>	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Other Items on Current Agenda <u>\$ 0</u>	Other Items on Current Agenda _____	Other Items on Current Agenda _____
Remaining Balance <u>\$ 768,435</u>	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____
FUNDING SOURCE 4:	FUNDING SOURCE 5:	FUNDING SOURCE 6:
Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____