



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-016, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Brownfields Program in Support of the Revitalization of the HERC Site. City Manager.

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The State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Brownfields Program is a funding stream that could help the City move forward with remediation and re-use of the HERC property. This is a unique program in that it is not a grant that the City accepts and administers. Instead it is an ongoing program that the state manages – they create a work plan, hire contractors, and oversee the projects. This relieves the City from some of the significant staff time a brownfield project requires.

Once a brownfield project has been selected by the State, the State continues to work over the years on the remediation until the project is complete. The City would not have to reapply for funding in future years. While the annual funding is typically in the \$25,000- \$100,000 range, the State provides ongoing coordination to make progress, and will also work with other funders to ensure the best use of funds and time. This grant program is competitive and staff anticipates this will be the first of several applications over the coming years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 24-016