



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 24-42, Amending the FY25 Capital budget by Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant for FY25 for Books and Library Materials.

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Homer Public Library has received the Public Libraries Assistance (PLA) grant every year since 1978, and I am pleased to report that we have received it again. This year's grant was reduced substantially, from \$7,000 to \$1,829, due to changes at the State Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

On September 4, the director of the division issued a statement notifying us that they are "presently working to provide the total grant payout to \$7,000 for each Alaskan public library eligible for the FY2025 Public Library Assistance Grants Program and supplemental award letters will be sent out by October 15, 2024."

We are introducing Ordinance 24-42 with the existing award letter, in the amount of \$1,829, but anticipate that it may require amendment if we receive more funding in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce Ordinance 24-42 but postpone a final vote until we have clarity from the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums.