



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 24-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant for FY25 in the Amount of \$5,171 for Books and Library Materials. City Manager/Library Director.

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Prepared For: Homer Mayor and City Council
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From: Library Director Dave Berry
Through: City Manager Melissa Jacobsen

As you are aware, Homer Public Library was awarded a Public Libraries Assistance (PLA) grant this year, as in every year going back decades. The grant is used for purchasing library materials.

The library was initially awarded \$1,829, far short of the usual \$7,000, due to changes in the budget of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums in Juneau. Following public outcry, the division has found enough funds to restore the PLA grant to its normal levels.

Council has previously accepted the original \$1,829. On October 15, 2024, we received a supplemental award letter for a further \$5,171, bringing the total to the usual \$7,000. The grant requires a 1-for-1 match, which is fully covered by the library's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the funds from the Public Libraries Assistance grant.