



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-17, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a FY24 Transportation Program Grant in the amount of \$1,100,000 from the Denali Commission for the purpose of completing design and permitting for Homer Harbor Critical Float System Replacement. City Manager/Port Director.

Item Type: Back-Up Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: February 18, 2025
From: Bryan Hawkins, Port Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

The City of Homer has been awarded an FY24 Transportation Program Grant from the Denali Commission in the amount of 1,100,000. As described by the Commission, this grant program “addresses planning, design and construction of ports, harbors, and other rural waterfront needs such as barge landings and docking facilities.”

This funding will support the completion of field investigations and geotechnical investigation inside the harbor basin where the existing float systems are, 100% design drawings for the project—which is currently at 30% design—and the required environmental review and permitting.

This project requires a local match of \$855,000, which will be verified as each phase of the project is completed. This local match could be met in part by a Designated Legislative Grant in the amount of \$250,000 which is included in the draft Federal FY25 budget as a part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Completing design and permitting for Homer Harbor Critical Float System Replacement will not only increase the number of grant programs for which the project is eligible, it will decrease the amount of risk and uncertainty in the project budget, making it a more competitive applicant for all available funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept and appropriate the FY24 Transportation Program Grant in the amount of \$1,100,000 from the Denali Commission.



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RE: 2024 Denali Commission Program Grants FOA DC-WP-24-001

Dear Ms. Jacobsen,

I am pleased to inform you that a selection committee recently evaluated your application for **2024 Denali Commission Program Grant** funds. Your application for the Homer Port Coastal Freight Phase 1 Project was approved for funding in the amount of **\$1,100,000**.

Please note: this letter does not authorize you to incur costs or otherwise obligate Denali Commission funds until your financial assistance award has been fully executed.

Transportation Program Manager Nikki Navio will be in touch soon to assist you in identifying any additional information that may be relative to your project and to negotiate your financial assistance award.

Congratulations on your successful application. We at the Denali Commission look forward to working closely with you on this important project and offer our best wishes for your success. If you have any questions regarding this award, please feel free to contact Nikki at 907-271-1414.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Fenton", is written over a light blue circular background.

Jocelyn Fenton
Interim Federal Co-Chair

cc: Nikki Navio, Denali Commission Transportation Program Manager
Janet Davis, Denali Commission Grants Officer