



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-65, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Rasmuson Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$19,000 for a Security Grille at the Homer Public Library. City Manager/Library Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: October 17, 2025
From: Dave Berry, Library Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Background

During the design process for the current Homer Public Library building, the architects envisioned installing a security grille between the meeting room and the main floor, allowing the meeting room to be used outside of library hours.

City Council previously appropriated \$30,000 for work on such a grille, and staff applied for grant funding to provide the remaining balance needed to complete the job. It gives me great pleasure to report that the Rasmuson Foundation has generously offered a grant of \$19,000, sufficient to fully fund the project according to the cost estimates produced in February 2025. Any cost overruns would have to come from another source.

I recommend accepting the Rasmuson grant. There is no required match.

Timeline (Future Dates are Tentative)

- 6/10/24: Council passes Ord. 24-24(A), appropriating \$30,000 for the project.
- 5/29/25: All design and permitting work is complete.
- 6/23/25: Council passes Reso. 25-064, directing staff to apply for additional grant funding up to \$25,000.
- 9/29/25: The library receives notice that the Rasmuson Foundation has awarded \$19,000 for the grille.
- 10/27/25: Ordinance 25-65 introduced to accept and appropriate the Rasmuson grant.
- 11/30/25: Advertise Invitation to Bid (ITB) for construction contract.
- 12/31/25: ITB closes.
- 1/15/26: Select winning bid.
- 2/16/26: Award construction contract.
- Feb.-Apr. 2026: Fabrication and delivery of materials.
- 5/31/26: Construction complete.

Recommendation: Accept and appropriate the Rasmuson grant.