

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Manager

4 **RESOLUTION 19-090**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL ECONOMIC  
8 DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER RECOVERY  
9 PROGRAM GRANT FOR PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND  
10 COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO  
11 \$206,365 AND EXPRESSING ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A  
12 LOCAL MATCH TO GRANT FUNDS.  
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14 WHEREAS, City of Homer government leaders are responsible for coordinating the  
15 mitigation of, preparation for, whole-community response to and recovery from disasters to  
16 protect life, health and property and to re-establish a healthy, functioning community that will  
17 sustain itself over time; and  
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19 WHEREAS, The Southern Kenai Peninsula's geographical location makes it vulnerable  
20 to several natural disasters (earthquake, tsunami and wildfire) with the potential to sever the  
21 southern Kenai Peninsula's one road link to the rest of Alaska; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Actions the City of Homer takes during the initial 72-hour self-response  
24 phase of an emergency have a significant impact on the overall results of the recovery phase  
25 and successful economic comeback from a major disaster; and  
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27 WHEREAS, The City's After Action Reports from the January 23, 2018 tsunami  
28 evacuation event and the November 30, 2018 7.1 magnitude earthquake event identified  
29 critical pre-disaster preparedness and communications shortfalls, which, if not addressed  
30 would delay the City's emergency response, endanger life and property and hinder full  
31 utilization of City personnel and Federal financial assistance for recovery from a declared  
32 disaster; and  
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34 WHEREAS, The following pre-preparedness measures and public infrastructure  
35 improvements will make the public services our citizens and businesses depend upon in an  
36 emergency more resilient and lay the foundation for effective recovery efforts essential to  
37 successful economic comeback from a major disaster:

- 38 • Establish City of Homer emergency management codes, ordinances and standard  
39 operating procedures to cover the authorities, declaration process and procurement,  
40 personnel and debris management policies necessary for successful response and  
41 recovery; and

- 42 • Purchase and install microwave links to provide the City of Homer’s emergency  
43 dispatch communications system full capabilities and greater reliability in times when  
44 the utility grid is down; and
- 45 • Purchase and install a Port & Harbor radio repeater system to resolve deficits in the Port  
46 & Harbor’s ability to monitor and respond to ship to shore and base station to base  
47 station for emergency coordination communications around Kachemak Bay; and

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49 WHEREAS, The Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of  
50 Commerce (EDA) administers the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Disaster Recovery  
51 Program which makes 80% matching grant funds available to help communities devise and  
52 implement long-term economic recovery strategies in areas where a Presidential declaration  
53 of a major disaster was issued; and

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55 WHEREAS, The City of Homer qualifies to apply for EAA Disaster Recovery Program grant  
56 assistance in that:

- 57 • the Kenai Peninsula Borough received a major disaster Presidential declaration under  
58 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as a result of the  
59 November 30, 2018 Magnitude 7.1 earthquake; and
- 60 • the proposed project aligns with EDA’s Recovery & Resilience investment priority of  
61 assisting with economic resilience measures and long-term recovery from natural  
62 disasters and economic shocks; and
- 63 • the proposed project is consistent with the Kenai Peninsula Borough 2019  
64 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy’s Resiliency Framework and Goal 4.1  
65 to support the health and resiliency of the Kenai Peninsula Borough economy through  
66 disaster planning; and

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68 WHEREAS, City of Homer matching funds will come from Fire Department Reserves,  
69 Police Reserves and Port & Harbor Reserves pending City Council appropriation in a grant  
70 acceptance ordinance after notice of award, which is not anticipated until September 2020.

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72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports  
73 preparation and submission of an EDA EAA Disaster Recovery Program grant application for  
74 up to \$28,500 to procure consultant and legal review services and \$177,865 to purchase  
75 communications equipment for a total EDA grant request of \$206,365; and

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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to submit  
78 the appropriate documents; and

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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its commitment to match  
81 grant funds to meet the grant match requirements.

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83 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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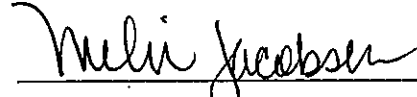
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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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