1 CITY OF HOMER 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Aderhold/Lord 4 **RESOLUTION 20-101** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, 7 INITIATING A SECOND ROUND OF CARES ACT GRANTS THROUGH THE NONPROFIT ECONOMIC RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM ("NERG2"). 8 9 10 WHEREAS, Resolution 20-71 established the Nonprofit Economic Relief Grant Program (NERG) and Ordinance 20-45(S) appropriated \$750,000 in CARES Act funding to fund NERG; and 11 12 13 WHEREAS, The first round of the NERG Program finished on October 2, 2020 and the maximum grant amount a nonprofit could receive was \$10,000; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, Thirty-five nonprofits demonstrated economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 and the City distributed a total of \$233,072.50 to assist in their response and 17 18 recovery, which leaves an unexpended balance of \$516,927.50; and 19 20 WHEREAS, Of the thirty-five nonprofits, 29 requested the maximum grant amount; and 21 22 WHEREAS, Nonprofits that qualified for the first round of NERG may have had needs exceeding the \$10,000 cap that would benefit from additional CARES Act funding made 23 available through a second round of NERG ("NERG2"); and 24 25 WHEREAS, There may also be nonprofits that did not experience economic hardship as 26 a result of COVID-19 during the first round of NERG that now have eligible expenses incurred 27 during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020 that would 28 29 qualify for funding through NERG2; and 30 31 WHEREAS, The unexpended balance dedicated to NERG can be used to fund eligible 32 requests received during the second round; and 33 34 WHEREAS, The pandemic is now in its eighth month and nonprofits that serve City of 35 Homer residents are still suffering from the strain of lost revenue as a result of COVID-19 due to actions taken to protect public health. 36 37 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Homer establishes a Round 2 38 Nonprofit Economic Relief Grant (NERG2) Program to respond to the continued economic 39 hardships for nonprofits providing services to the City of Homer as a matter of necessity as a 40 result of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated health mandates. 41 42

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Fiscal Note: N/A

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NERG2 will use the unexpended balance of \$516,927.50 appropriated under Ordinance 20-45(S) as this opportunity is a continuation of the Nonprofit 44 Economic Relief Grant Program. 45 46 47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parameters of the second round of the NERG program are adopted as the NERG Round 2 Program Policy under this resolution. 48 49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Homer will exercise best efforts to 50 communicate the opportunity for this program throughout the community and provide 51 technical assistance to those working to submit successful applications to the grant program. 52 53 54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City administration will provide regular reports to the 55 Homer City Council about the status of NERG2 including information such as the number of applications received, number of applications processed, and account balances of the 56 program fund. 57 58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these programs will be issued with a given application 59 period to assess whether additional funds for the programs are needed or to assess if unspent 60 funds allocated to these programs need to be re-appropriated to meet other needs. 61 62 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of October, 2020. 63 64 65 CITY OF HOMER 66 67 68 69 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 70 71 ATTEST: 72 73 74