

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

RESOLUTION 20-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
PROVIDING FOR A GRANT OF \$34,789.24 TO THE HOMER
FOUNDATION HOMER COMMUNITY CHEST FUND TO ASSIST
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT
HOMELESSNESS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGH
THE HOMER COMMUNITY CHEST FUND.

WHEREAS, The Homer Foundation's Community Chest Fund is dedicated to providing emergency and bridge funding as a safety net for families with children in times of need, and other individuals as extraordinary circumstances might dictate; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Community Chest Fund distributes this funding through the Non-Food Emergency Aid program in partnership with the Homer Food Pantry, which is one of the only programs to help those in need in the community address non-food crises that could otherwise threaten a household's ability to stay sheltered, healthy, and able to meet other needs like transportation, employment and medical care; and

WHEREAS, Meeting these needs for Homer's vulnerable population is necessary to assist in preventing homelessness, which in turn facilitates a families compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City to support this safety net, which keeps people housed, supported, and as healthy as possible to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and its transmission in the Homer community; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has developed and presented the City Council with a spending plan, which designates CARES Act funds into several different expense categories, including funds intended to provide direct support to Homer residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Since the pandemic began in March through August 2020, the Non-Food Emergency Aid program has spent \$16,789.24 supporting individuals and households in need; and

WHEREAS, Based on historical data to project expenses for September through December, the Homer Foundation anticipates the Homer Community Chest will need an additional \$18,000 to cover Non-Food Emergency Aid program expenses; and

43 WHEREAS, According to the September 2, 2020 Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently
44 Asked Questions document, providing a consumer grant program to prevent eviction and
45 assist in preventing homelessness is considered an eligible expense for Cares Act funds; and
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47 WHEREAS, The Homer Foundation considers this direct grant to the Homer Community
48 Chest Fund as a means to cover necessary expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health
49 emergency.

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Homer City Council approves
51 \$34,789.24 from the COVID-19 Response Fund to provide a direct grant to the Homer
52 Foundation Community Chest Fund for expenses incurred or will be incurred in response to the
53 COVID-19 pandemic associated with the Non-Food Emergency Aid program.
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to execute a sub-recipient
56 grant agreement with the Homer Foundation for the administration of the program, and may
57 establish and make amendments to grant guidelines as necessary to carry out the lawful and
58 efficient administration of the program.
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60 PASSED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL THIS 12TH day of October, 2020.
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63 CITY OF HOMER

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66 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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70 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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72 Fiscal Note: N/A

