

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

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4 **RESOLUTION 20-103(A)**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 ESTABLISHING A MORTGAGE AND RENT RELIEF GRANT (MARRG)  
8 PROGRAM TO CITY OF HOMER RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING  
9 ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH  
10 EMERGENCY, APPROVING UP TO ~~\$339,200~~ **\$763,200** TO BE USED  
11 FOR MARRG, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER  
12 INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE  
13 CORPORATION (AHFC) FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.  
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15 WHEREAS, On May 26, 2020, the Homer City Council passed Resolution 20-051 to accept  
16 \$7,899,085.29 in grant funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community  
17 and Economic Development for necessary expenditures due to the COVID-19 public health  
18 emergency; and  
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20 WHEREAS, These funds were made available to State, Local and Tribal governments  
21 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to cover necessary  
22 expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus  
23 Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and  
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25 WHEREAS, To be eligible for reimbursement through CARES Act funding, expenses must  
26 be incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020;  
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29 WHEREAS, The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation ( AHFC) administered the Alaska  
30 Housing Relief Program earlier this summer, which provided up to \$1,200 as a one- time  
31 payment to assist with housing costs for each eligible household, payable directly to their  
32 lender or landlord; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Approximately ninety households in the City of Homer qualified and took  
35 advantage of this statewide funding opportunity for one month of mortgage and rent relief  
36 payments; and  
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38 WHEREAS, These households have an income that is at or below 80% of the  
39 community's area median income as calculated by the US Department of Housing and Urban  
40 Development and were able to demonstrate how their household income was reduced on or  
41 after March 11, 2020 as a result of COVID-19 related closures, hour reductions or other lost  
42 income that is attributable to COVID-19; and

43 WHEREAS, The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic contributes to an ongoing need for  
44 housing support which will continue and grow as the public health emergency extends into the  
45 fall and winter; and

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47 WHEREAS, The MARRG program compliments the Household Economic Relief Grant  
48 (HERG) program previously established by Homer City Council in that it allows qualifying  
49 households to utilize HERG funds for eligible expenses other than rent or mortgage payments;  
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52 WHEREAS, AHFC has agreed to continue administering the housing relief program for  
53 Homer residents via a sub-recipient grant agreement with the City; and

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55 WHEREAS, Providing grants to residents experiencing economic hardship and housing  
56 insecurity follows CARES Act requirements as interpreted by the US Department of the  
57 Treasury's guidance for local governments, which allows for necessary expenditures incurred  
58 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for second order effects of the emergency;  
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61 WHEREAS, It is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Homer to approve grant  
62 funding for emergency rent and mortgage relief to assist Homer residents and households  
63 affected by COVID-19; and

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

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70 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Homer City Council approves up to  
71 ~~\$339,200.00~~ **\$763,200.00** from the COVID-19 Response Fund so that the AHFC may provide  
72 individual grants to qualifying households in the City of Homer of up to \$ 1, 200 per month for  
73 each of the ~~four~~ **six** months from ~~September~~ **July** through December, 2020 for mortgage or  
74 rent relief.

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to execute a sub-  
77 recipient grant agreement with AHFC for the administration of the program at no cost to the  
78 City other than the use of the Cares Act grant funds allocated to MARRG for rental or mortgage  
79 assistance, and may establish and make amendments to grant guidelines as necessary to carry  
80 out the lawful and efficient administration of the program.

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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer shall take proactive measures to  
83 communicate the opportunity for this program throughout the community and provide  
84 technical assistance to those working to submit successful applications to the grant program.

85 PASSED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL THIS 12th day of October, 2020.

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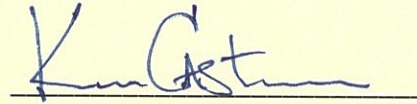
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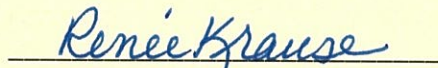
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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: N/A

