



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Resolution 23-031, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for a Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant in Support of the Homer Community Health Improvement Plan and the Bayveiw Park Renovation Project. City Manager.

Item Type: Resolution
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Meeting Date: 10 April 2023
From: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

Issue: The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend adoption of a Resolution of Support for the City of Homer's application to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health (DHSS) in HEC Round 2 funding.

Background: DHSS is providing a second round of grant funding to Alaskan local governments in support of activities that promote and sustain healthy and equitable communities throughout Alaska. The City of Homer is eligible for up to \$99,919.

Two years ago, the City and South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) successfully cooperated to utilize Round 1 HEC funds to promote community health. A sub-grant agreement with SPH helped sustain operations at SPH's COVID-19 Test & Vaccine Clinic to provide free access to testing, vaccination and information services regardless of ability to pay. It also supported phase 1 of Homer's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): development and publication of a Community Health Needs Assessment.

Staff recently attended informational sessions on HEC Round 2 and communicated with HEC program staff to confirm eligibility of the following proposed projects for HEC funding:

1. Phase II of Homer CHIP – host community engagement, develop and publish Homer's Community Health Improvement Plan. This would be accomplished through a sub-grant agreement with South Peninsula Hospital; and
2. Bayview Park Restoration – finalize park site plan, procure and install inclusive playground equipment and safety surfacing to transform the park into an inviting, safe and accessible destination for young families. Current cost estimate is \$131,264. Bayview Park Restoration has long been a project in the mid-range section of the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and enjoys additional support from Sprout Community Services and the Kachemak Bay Rotary Club (who has pledged \$12,000 to help acquire playground equipment). HEC Round 2 funds would be used to solicit community input on the park's

draft plan, produce a final park plan, procure and install new playground structures and safety surfacing.

If successful, staff will bring Ordinances before City Council to:

- accept HEC funds and appropriate \$60-70,000 to Bayview Park Renovation Project;
- approve a sub-grant agreement with South Peninsula Hospital for \$20-30,000 to execute grant activities related to the CHIP; and
- appropriate additional funds from ADA and HART to make an ADA parking space at the park and provide an accessible pathway from the ADA parking space to the playground structures estimated at \$45,000.

(Budget numbers here are approximate as project budgets are still under development.)

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 23-031

Attachments:

Resolution 23-031

Conceptual plan for Bayview Park renovations to be developed into a final design with public input.

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

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4 **RESOLUTION 23-031**

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
8 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE ALASKA
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A HEALTHY
10 AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT IN SUPPORT OF THE
11 HOMER COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE
12 BAYVIEW PARK RENOVATION PROJECT.

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14 WHEREAS, The City of Homer strives to provide and improve city-operated facilities and
15 services to meet the needs of the community; and

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17 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is
18 making a second round of Healthy and Equitable Community (HEC) grant funding available to
19 local units of government to support efforts statewide to create and sustain healthy and
20 equitable communities; and

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22 WHEREAS, The City previously partnered with South Peninsula Hospital to successfully
23 administer HEC funds in support of the hospital's COVID-19 Test and Vaccine Clinic and to
24 complete a Community Health Needs Assessment, which is phase one of the Homer
25 Community Health Improvement Plan project; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mobilizing partners to increase/improve data collection, reporting and
28 planning to improve health outcomes among populations that are at higher risk or
29 underserved and to guide current and future pandemic response is an eligible use of HEC
30 Round 2 funds; and

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32 WHEREAS, The City intends to again partner with South Peninsula Hospital through a
33 sub-grant award of HEC Round 2 funds to complete the Community Health Improvement Plan,
34 which is the second and final phase of the project; and

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36 WHEREAS, Another eligible use of funds is to mobilize partners to improve spaces in the
37 community to allow individuals and families greater access to and opportunities for better
38 health outcomes, including recreational opportunities; and

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40 WHEREAS, The Bayview Park Renovation project, long identified in the City of Homer's
41 Capital Improvement Plan, seeks to improve park accessibility and its playground elements to
42 make the park more inviting, accessible and safe for families with preschool age children to
43 recreate; and

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45 WHEREAS, The Bayview Park Renovation project has mobilized partnerships with
46 Sprout Community Services and will benefit from contributions from the Homer Kachemak
47 Bay Rotary Club.

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49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby
50 authorizes the City Manager to apply to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
51 for a Healthy and Equitable Communities grant in support of the Homer Community Health
52 Improvement Plan and the Bayview Park Renovation project.

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54 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of April, 2023.

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56 CITY OF HOMER
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60 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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65 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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67 Fiscal note: N/A

BAYVIEW PARK

Park Plan and Priorities



- 1 Regrade ADA parking space. Pave with asphalt if feasible, provide striping to show access aisle.
- 2 Provide accessible pathway connection between ADA parking space and playground structures, with compacted gravel or asphalt. Longitudinal slopes shall be less than 4.5% and cross slopes shall be less than 1.75%. End pathway with small roundabout at end with digging area in center. Provide accent plantings between pathway and fence.
- 3 Replace white picket fence and gates along West, South, and East perimeter of park with new fence design.
- 4 Install new play structure, 2-bay swingset, and rubber tile play surfacing with timber edge.
- 5 Create park entrance area. Provide accessible surfacing, location for future artwork/play sculpture, provide trash can, park signage, benches, BBQ grills, and drinking fountain (if possible).
- 6 Add more seating on other side of drainage.
- 7 Create look-out or birdwatching station at highpoint in northwest corner of site, with a deck to allow creative play.