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**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION 23-031**

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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  
BAYVIEW PARK RENOVATION PROJECT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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56 CITY OF HOMER

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60 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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62 ATTEST:

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65 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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67 Fiscal note: N/A

