

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Public Works Director

ORDINANCE 25-35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING THE FY25 CAPITAL BUDGET BY ACCEPTING AN
ADDITIONAL \$15,776.10 FROM ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S (ADEC) ALASKA CLEAN
WATER ACTIONS (ACWA) GRANT FUNDS AND REAPPROPRIATING
EXISTING FUNDS FROM THE BELUGA SLOUGH GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE STORMWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PROJECT
TO THE PURCHASE OF A HYDROSEEDER.

WHEREAS, The ADEC administers the ACWA grant program that provides funding for
projects that support local stewardship of clean waters; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-67 requesting an additional \$100,000 from Homer Accelerated
Roads and Trails Fund (HART) was postponed until the January 27, 2025 meeting for a deeper
analysis of the status of the HART Fund; and

WHEREAS, A substitution Ordinance 24-67(S) for \$360,000 was proposed for
introduction to replace Ordinance 24-67 after the project bid opening; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-67 failed to pass; and

WHEREAS, The ADEC remained in contact with the Public Works Department asking the
department to continue looking for ways to spend the remaining grant funds on stormwater
improvements; and

WHEREAS, The ADEC offered the option of procurement of equipment related to
stormwater treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department had already submitted a FY26 Capital Budget
request to purchase a Hydroseeder; and

WHEREAS, The updated cost estimate of \$99,808 exceed the remaining grant dollars
available of \$84,031.90; and

WHEREAS, The ADEC approved the use of the grant funds to be re-directed to the purchase of the Hydroseeder and offered to supplement the shortfall of \$15,776.10 with other left over grant funds; and

WHEREAS, No City funds are required as a match to receive the additional ADEC ACWA Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY25 Capital Budget by reappropriating \$84,031.90 from the ACWA Grant to the purchase of a Hydroseeder and acceptance of an additional \$15,776.10 of ACWA Grant money:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-7027	Reappropriated ACWA Grant	\$84,031.90

Section 2. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY25 Capital Budget by accepting and appropriating an additional \$15,808 of ACWA Grant money:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-7027	Additional Funding ACWA Grant	\$15,776.10

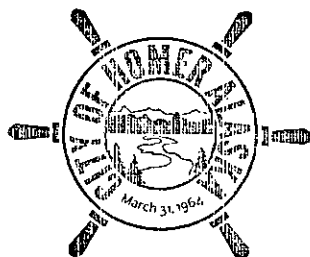
Section 3. The total project cost for the purchase of a Hydroseeder is \$99,808 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-7027	Reappropriated ACWA Grant	\$84,031.90
151-7027	Additional Funding ACWA Grant	\$15,776.10

Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to execute the appropriate documents.

Section 5. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is temporary in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 28th day of April, 2025.



CITY OF HOMER


RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

First Reading: 04.14.25

Public Hearing: 04.28.25

Second Reading: 04.28.25

Effective Date: 04.29.25



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-35, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Re-appropriating Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Alaska Clean Water Action (ACWA) Grant Funds from the Beluga Slough Green Infrastructure Stormwater Treatment System Project to the Purchase of Hydroseeding Equipment. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: City Council
Date: April 4, 2025
From: Daniel Kort, Public Works Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

- I. **Issue:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to request re-appropriation of the remaining ACWA Grant funds from the Beluga Slough Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management Project towards the purchase of a Hydroseeder.
- II. **Background:** Ordinance 24-67, requesting an additional \$100,000 from Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Fund (HART) was postponed until the January 27, 2025 meeting so a more in-depth analysis of the status of the HART Fund could be conducted. After bidding of the construction project, a substitute Ordinance 24-67(S) was introduced for \$360,000 from HART Roads because the original \$100,000 was not sufficient to cover the cost of construction. Council did not pass this ordinance.

ADEC does not want to return the remaining grant balance of \$84,031.90 to the EPA, and has been lobbying the Public Works Department for ways to re-direct this grant money towards another stormwater effort. The City has expressed to ADEC that we do not have a current proposed project that could be completed prior to the deadline of June 30, 2025. It was at this time that ADEC offered up the opportunity to use this funding to purchase equipment that would be used to improve stormwater management.

It was expressed to ADEC that the Public Works Department has submitted a budget request as part of its capital request for the purchase of a hydroseeder to re-seed ditches after ditch maintenance was conducted. We explained to them that the current practice was to conduct ditching maintenance and leave the mineral soils exposed and wait for natural revegetation to re-seed the exposed soils from adjacent native plant life. This revegetation sometimes takes a

few years to get a good foothold, and in the meantime we experience some erosion of the mineral soils. The hydroseeded ditches will encourage swift revegetation of disturbed surfaces. It was further explained that the end result will have a greater effect in water quality improvement and erosion reduction than the original green infrastructure project.

A quote was provided in the amount of \$99,808. ADEC approved the use of the grant funds to purchase the equipment and additionally offered to supplement the grant in the amount of \$15,776.10 to cover the full purchase of the equipment.

- III. RECOMMENDATIONS:** That the City Council re-appropriate the remaining ACWA Grant funds from the Beluga Slough Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management Project to the purchase of a hydroseeder and accept the additional grant funds in the amount of \$15,776.10