

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2025-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE SUMS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO THE APPLICANTS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska acknowledges, appreciates and supports the services provided to the community by non-profit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska wishes to provide financial aid to the qualifying non-profit organizations listed through its Community Support Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska has received ten (10) Community Support Grant Requests totaling \$2,270,165 for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funding guide for fiscal year 2025 community support, based on 3.5% of the average revenue for the General Fund for the five most recently completed and audited fiscal years, plus the funds available from Tobacco Excise Tax and Bed Tax, is \$1,719,896; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is recommending a total funding amount of \$2,249,559 for the Community Support Program, distributing accordingly per the next section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the following amounts to be included in the fiscal year 2026 operating budget for community support and capital grants to non-profit organizations:

Community Grant Applicant	Amount
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association	143,000
Iliuliuk Family Health Services (IFHS)	800,000
Museum of the Aleutians	386,716
Unalaska Community Broadcasting/KUCB	130,500
Unalaska Senior Citizens	79,449
Unalaska Visitors Bureau	210,000
USAFV	392,838
Qawalangin Tribe Camp Qungaayux	71,056
ASFA Unalaska Chapter	20,000
Unalaska Little League	16,000
Total	2,249,559

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on May 13, 2025.


Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Estikarien P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Cameron Dean, Planning Director
Through: William Homka, City Manager
Date: May 13, 2025
Re: Resolution 2025-24 FY26 Community Support Grant

SUMMARY: The formula for determining funding for Community Support Grants is a guide and is calculated using a combination of General Fund revenue and the available balances in the Tobacco Excise Tax Fund and Bed Tax Fund.

Ten organizations submitted applications totaling \$2,270,165 for FY26.

All applications have been reviewed by Staff and were provided to Council for review. Staff does not make recommendations; the City Council decides how to fund the requests.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Each year from FY06 through FY17 Council established a special committee charged with reviewing and scoring the applications using the Council-approved evaluation tool.

Resolution 2016-78 eliminated the Grant Review Committee, allowing Staff to do a preliminary review of all applications and then pass the application reviews and other informational documents to Council.

Resolution 2019-64 increased the funding percentage from 3.4642% to 3.5% of the city's General Fund revenue average for the past five (5) years. The purpose of the increase was to round the percentage up to a simple decimal number. The award amounts have varied over the years from 3.03% to 3.91%.

Resolution 2023-09 amended the funding formula guide to include Tobacco Excise Tax revenue.

Resolution 2023-42 revised the program guidelines to explicitly allow applications from the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska's Culture Camp program.

Resolution 2024-44 amended the language of the funding guideline.

Resolution 2024-45 adjusted some of the grantee reporting requirements.

On April 22, 2025 Council voted to postpone Resolution 2025-24 and directed the City Manager to facilitate a meeting between Council and the IFHS board and director.

BACKGROUND: Council heard presentations from each FY26 applicant during a work session on April 8, 2025. Program award history is provided in the attached table.

Per Council's directive, Staff facilitated a joint meeting between City Council, the City Manager and IFHS's board and CEO on Thursday, May 8.

DISCUSSION: The FY26 applicant agencies are identified in the table below.

FY26 Community Grant Application Summary Table

ORGANIZATION	FY26 REQ
APIA	\$ 143,000
Iliuliuk Family Health Services (IFHS)	\$ 800,000
Museum of the Aleutians (MOTA)	\$ 386,716
UCB/KUCB	\$ 130,500
Unalaska Senior Citizens (USC)	\$ 79,449
UVB	\$ 210,000
USAFV	\$ 392,838
Q-Tribe Camp Qungaayux *see below	\$ 91,662
ASFA Unalaska Chapter	\$ 20,000
Unalaska Little League	\$ 16,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,270,165

Q-Tribe Camp Qungaayux: Following the April 8 work session, the Tribe received an additional grant and has reduced its City request by \$23,604, from \$115,266 to \$91,662, accordingly.

FY26 Community Grant Funding Sources

The funding guideline adopted by Council in Resolution 2024-44 reads as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes a new funding guide for the Community Support Grant Program to be three and one half percent (3.5%) of the average General Fund revenue for the five most recently completed and audited fiscal years; plus the current fund balance of the Bed Tax Fund and the Tobacco Excise Tax Fund, less committed amounts.

The table below shows the amounts available in FY26 based on that guideline and the anticipated fund balances for the Tobacco Excise Tax Fund and Bed Tax Fund at the end of the current fiscal year. Council may elect to award more or less in total than the guideline dictates.

The Tobacco Excise Tax Fund is specifically dedicated to public health or tobacco health education and cessation. The Bed Tax Fund is dedicated to fund visitor industries, historical and cultural projects, and programs that increase knowledge and appreciation for the community of Unalaska and its surroundings.

Source	Amount
General Fund (3.5% revenue avg)	\$1,226,043
Bed Tax	\$73,094
Tobacco Tax	\$420,759
TOTAL	\$1,719,896

ALTERNATIVES: Council may choose to fully fund all requests or make reductions as it sees fit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Financial implications depend on the level at which Council chooses to fund grant requests.

LEGAL: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None. This is a Council decision

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2025-24.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I am concerned about the sustainability of the City's Community Support Grant program and recommend the Council discuss it as part of its sustainability plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Support Grant Worksheet
- Community Support Grant Award History

NOTE: The complete Community Support Grant application packets were previously distributed to City Council.

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Applicant	Request	Award			
		General Fund	Bed Tax	Tobacco Tax	Total Award % Funded
APIA	143,000				0 0.0%
Iliuliuk Family Health Services (IFHS)	800,000				0 0.0%
Museum of the Aleutians (MOTA)	386,716				0 0.0%
UCB/KUCB	130,500				0 0.0%
Unalaska Senior Citizens (USC)	79,449				0 0.0%
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ASFA Unalaska Chapter	20,000				0 0.0%
Unalaska Little League	16,000				0 0.0%
Total	2,270,165	0	0	0	0 0.0%

	Guideline	Total Awarded	Difference
General Fund (3.5% revenue avg)	1,226,043	0	1,226,043
Bed Tax	73,094	0	73,094
Tobacco Tax	420,759	0	420,759
Total	1,719,896	0	1,719,896

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