

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2019-17

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 2020

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 twelve (12) Community Support Grant Requests and zero (0) Non-Profit Capital Grant Request totaling \$1,935,595, for fiscal year 2020; and


WHEREAS, the target funding level for fiscal year 2020 community support, based on 3.4642% of the average revenue for the General Fund for the five most recently completed fiscal years, plus the Bed Tax amount for the most recently completed fiscal year, is \$1,219,389; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is recommending a total funding amount of \$1,469,236.01 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 2020 operating budget for community support and capital grants to non-profit organizations:

Community Grant Requestor	Amount
APIA.....	\$205,350
Bering Sea Giving.....	\$0.00
Iliuliuk Family Services.....	\$180,000
Museum of the Aleutians .....	\$317,812.67
Unalaska Community Broadcasting.....	\$108,641.67
Unalaska Senior Citizens.....	\$57,466.67
CVB.....	\$200,000.00
USAFV.....	\$252,457.00
Aleutian Arts Council.....	\$10,000.00
Q-Culture Camp.....	\$24,000.00
ROSSIA.....	\$100,000.00
UAF-ASG.....	\$13,508.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on April 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019.

  
Frank Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Roxanna Winters, Acting City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** William Homka, Planning Director  
**Through:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager  
**Date:** April 23, 2019  
**Re:** Community Support Grant & Capital Grant Program

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**SUMMARY:** During the FY20 grant application cycle, the City of Unalaska received twelve (12) Community Support application submissions and zero (0) Capital Request application submissions. All applications have been reviewed by Staff and now pass to City Council for review. Staff does not provide recommendations, as the ultimate choice on how to fund the application requests rests upon the City Council. However, to aid in the decision making process and to better communicate the financial impact on the FY20 budget, staff has included in the council packet a summary review sheet for each applicant and a summary of grant requests for the last five years. Applications are provided to Council separately.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Each year from FY06 through FY17 Council established a special committee that was charged with reviewing and scoring the applications using the Council- approved evaluation tool; however, on December 27, 2016 Council passed Resolution 2016-78 eliminating the Grant Review Committee, allowing Staff to do a preliminary review of all applications and then pass the applications to Council along with a review and other informational documents. Grant applicants are now required to appear in person before Council to give a brief overview of their request and answer Council questions.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Unalaska received twelve (12) Community Support Grant Requests, and zero (0) capital requests. Typically a capital request is a one time request for a physical project. The request made by the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites of Alaska could be considered a capital request though this is the second year money is being requested for physical improvements. All submissions have been reviewed and summarized by staff. All requests were completed and submitted in a timely manner. All application requests are included in the Council Packet.

**DISCUSSION:** Council sets the annual funding level for this program with their budget goals in February. Based on 3.4642% of the average revenue for the General Fund for the five most recently completed fiscal years plus the Bed Tax amount from the most recently completed fiscal year, to be distributed would be **\$1,219,389**. Although the target has remained at the 3.4642%, the actual granting rate over the past 10 years ranges from 3.03% to 3.91%.

**The FY20 Community Support request totals \$1,935,595 (6.3523%).** Requesting agencies include: Aleutian Arts Council, APIA, Bering Sea Giving, UPDHCVB, Iliuliuk Family Services-Behavioral Health, Museum of the Aleutians, Q-Culture Camp, Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska, Unalaska Community Broadcasting, Unalaska Senior Citizens, UAF Alaska Sea Grant and USAFV.

**This total is \$716,206 more than the funding goal of \$1,219,389. The percentage of funding almost doubles the usual funding range that had been set over the past 10 years.** Last year in FY19 the combined total for the Community Support requests was \$1,273,752 and was \$76,499 more than the funding goal of \$1,197,253. The City Council decided to fund all the grants even though the sum exceeded the funding cap. Tables displaying the Community Support Grant funding history in actual dollar amounts, with current year requests, are included in your packet.

At its meeting on April 9, 2019 staff presented some information relative to the various grant applications and applicants. The information presented included items that staff noticed was not discussed at the previous meeting on March 19, 2019. That information was:

- In FY19 City Council funded 11 organizations a total of \$1,197,253.
- If the same organizations were seeking an additional 5% increase in FY20 from the prior year the request would be \$1,257,115,65
- An across the board award of 62% of each application would reduce the applications by \$716,206 (38%) and keep the awards within the set cap of 3.4642% or \$1,219,389
- FY20's request of \$1,935,595 is \$738,342 more than last year's requests
- FY20's requests are \$716,206 above the FY20 cap of \$1,219,389
- One (1) new applicant, Bering Sea Giving, is the largest request seeking \$391,784
- The Russian Orthodox Church application seeking \$150,000 is for a roofing project and representatives informed City Council this is the second in a series of multi-year requests to support church capital improvement projects
- Salaries in the FY20 requests total \$961,236 (49.66%) of the total request
- Bering Sea Giving is a registered non-profit with the State of Alaska, however has not yet received its IRS 501 (c) 4 designation as a federally recognized non-profit organization. An application is pending.

As a result of the discussion, City Council directed the City Manager and staff to collect funding recommendations from council members relative to each application. The Planning Department collected recommendations from each council member and prepared an analysis of the recommendations. A spreadsheet with the recommendations is attached to this report. A summary of the analysis is contained in 'ALTERNATIVES' in the next paragraph.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The Planning Department collected funding recommendations from the six city council members and the mayor. An excel matrix was prepared to identify each city councilman across the X axis and each organization down the Y axis. Each elected official's recommendation was listed and totaled to indicate the value of the recommended portfolio by councilman. The difference between the recommendation and the funding cap (3.4642%) is also indicated. An average of all seven recommendations is also listed for every applicant.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Financial implications depend on the amount Council chooses to fund the grant requests. To aid in decision making, the fully requested amounts for the Community Support Grant and the Non-Profit Capital Grant have been incorporated into the draft budget presented this evening.

**LEGAL:** N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is providing the attached documents and reports for informational purposes.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** None required.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** The goal is for the information included here to assist City Council in making their granting decisions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Community Support Grant Application Review Summary Sheet
- Community Grant Requests and Awards – Last Five Years

**FY2019 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM  
CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**

	<b>Council member</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>Rowland</b>	<b>Fitch</b>	<b>Tungul</b>	<b>Gregory</b>	<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Average Award</b>	<b>FY20 Request</b>	<b>Award</b>
	<b>Non Profit</b>									
	APIA	\$205,350	\$205,350	\$205,350	\$205,350	\$205,350	\$120,500	\$191,208.33	\$205,350	\$205,350.00
	Bering Sea Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$391,784	\$0
	Iliulik Clinic	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000.00	\$180,000	\$180,000.00
	MOTA	\$328,146	\$308,146	\$326,146	\$328,146	\$308,146	\$308,146	\$317,812.67	\$328,146	\$317,812.67
	KUCB	\$115,350	\$96,600	\$112,600	\$115,350	\$115,350	\$96,600	\$108,641.67	\$115,350	\$108,641.67
	Senior Center	\$56,600	\$55,000	\$56,600	\$65,000	\$56,600	\$55,000	\$57,466.67	\$65,000	\$57,466.67
	CVB	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000.00	\$200,000	\$200,000.00
	USAFV	\$252,457	\$229,506	\$252,457	\$252,457	\$252,457	\$229,506	\$244,806.67	\$252,457	\$252,457
	Aleutian Arts Council	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Q Tribe	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000.00	\$24,000	\$24,000
	Rossia	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$75,000.00	\$150,000	\$100,000.00
	UAF	\$13,508	\$13,508	\$13,251	\$13,508	\$13,508	\$13,594	\$13,479.50	\$13,508	\$13,508
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,485,411</b>	<b>\$1,372,110</b>	<b>\$1,480,404</b>	<b>\$1,493,811</b>	<b>\$1,465,411</b>	<b>\$1,237,346</b>	<b>\$1,422,416</b>	<b>\$1,935,595</b>	<b>\$1,469,236.00</b>
<b>2018 Award</b>		1,286,752	1,286,752	1,286,752	1,286,752	1,286,752	1,286,752			
<b>Difference</b>		198,659	85,358	193,652	207,059	178,659	-49,406			
<b>2019 3% Cap</b>		1,219,389	1,219,389	1,219,389	1,219,389	1,219,389	1,219,389			
<b>2019 Request</b>		\$1,485,411	\$1,372,110	\$1,480,404	\$1,493,811	\$1,465,411	\$1,237,346			
<b>Difference</b>		-\$266,022	-\$152,721	-\$261,015	-\$274,422	-\$246,022	-\$17,957			