

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING ADDITIONAL CARES ACT FUNDING TO ILIULIUK FAMILY & HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC; THE UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT; THE BALLYHOO LIONS CLUB; AND COMMUNITY FLU SHOTS ADMINISTERED BY THE IFHS CLINIC

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, City Council passed Resolution 2020-16 declaring a local emergency to remain in effect for so long as the declaration of a Public Health Disaster in the State of Alaska Remains; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Council passed Resolution 2020-17, requiring certain quarantine measures, closing non-essential businesses and requiring residents to “hunker down” and stay at home as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, similar public health requirements have remained in effect through continuing Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-37 adopted on May 26, 2020, accepted Coronavirus Relief Funds made available by the Department of the Treasury to the State of Alaska, to be passed through to the City of Unalaska through the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-47 adopted on July 14, 2020, set out spending guidelines for CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, the Iliuliuk Family and Health Services has indicated that financial assistance from the City would assist them in meeting community needs during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City School District has indicated that financial assistance from the City would allow them to provide a safer and better learning environment for their students; and

WHEREAS, the Ballyhoo Lions Club, a non-profit service organization serving the needs of Unalaska, requested CARES funds in order to continue to serve the citizens of Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, providing flu vaccinations to community members in Unalaska will protect the health of the community, as well as protect and preserve the limited health care resources available on the island during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council approves CARES Act funding distributions, as follows:

1. Iliuliuk Family and Health Services Clinic - \$400,000
2. Unalaska City School District - \$500 per student
3. Ballyhoo Lion's Club - \$63,645
4. Community flu vaccinations to be administered by the IFHS Clinic and billed to the City of Unalaska, not to exceed \$10,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on October 27, 2020.

  
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Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Jim Sharpe, Interim Finance Director  
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager  
Date: October 27, 2020  
Re: Resolution 2020-67: Approving additional funding to Iliuliuk Family & Health Services Clinic and the Unalaska City School District

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**SUMMARY:** Council expressed its desire to support the school and clinic with a portion of CARES Act funding that falls into the 10% contingency as identified in Resolution 2020-47. The Unalaska City School District and Iliuliuk Family and Health Services would each benefit from additional funding to offset certain additional costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Resolution 2020-67 accomplishes this, and staff recommends approval.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** On March 18, 2020, Council passed Resolution 2020-16 declaring a local emergency, instructing City residents to stay home and hunker down. These orders were in place through May 2020 through continuing resolutions.

On May 26, 2020, Council approved Resolution 2020-37 authorizing the City Manager to sign a Grant Agreement with the State of Alaska DCCED and accepting Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of \$13,453,952 for costs that are for necessary expenditures due to the Public Health Emergency with respect to COVID-19.

On June 26, 2020, Council approved Resolution 2020-42 establishing the formula for small business grants.

On July 14, 2020, Council approved Resolution 2020-46 establishing amounts to be paid to local small businesses and not-for-profits.

On July 14, 2020, Council approved Resolution 2020-47 establishing spending allocations of CARES Act funds, as follows:

- 40% Grants to support Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations (\$5,381,581)
- 50% City's Response and Prevention (\$6,726,976)
- 10% Potential grant usage, if the need arises; if not used for grant purposes prior to September 30, 2020, this amount becomes available to address any other of the City's response and prevention efforts (\$1,345,395)

On September 22, 2020, Council approved Resolution 2020-60 establishing the utility credit program for PCE eligible utility customers (estimated cost of \$929,430).

**BACKGROUND:** On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the federal act known as the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Section 601 of this Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) with the stated purpose of distributing \$150,000,000,000 to states

for "necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)".

The State of Alaska subsequently announced it would distribute CARES Act money to communities throughout the state, and proposed Unalaska would receive \$13,453,952. The money can be used for COVID-19 related expenses or damages resulting from responding to the disease, preparing for the disease, and for assistance to local businesses and residents.

As of October 20, 2020, the City has spent or earmarked \$5,977,874 out of \$6,726,976 originally allocated to community support and contingency from the City's CARES Act funding; the remaining amount (\$749,102) is sufficient to provide this funding support.

**DISCUSSION:** In April 2020, the City approved an emergency payment of community support in the amount of \$500,000 to Iliuliuk Family and Health Services to assist with anticipated additional costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, which was funded through the CARES Act. In addition, they were awarded \$500,000 in July 2020 as part of the City's community support grant program. Since that time, the clinic has received additional support from other organizations but anticipates future financial challenges as a result of the pandemic. Through discussions with Melanee Tiura at the Clinic, this additional funding support would help the Clinic with ongoing response efforts and testing capabilities, as well as help offset costs as required for capital improvements. The resolution outlines funding support in the amount of \$400,000 for IFHS.

The Unalaska City School District closed public schools in March 2020 and instituted a home-based learning program for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. In order to meet the needs of students, additional costs were incurred to provide an appropriate learning environment and delivery method. Over the summer, the School implemented appropriate social distancing measures to keep students and their families safe while providing an in-person learning program. These new protocols and technical advances came at an additional and unplanned cost. Through discussions with John Conwell, superintendent, this funding support would help offset these costs as well and provide them an opportunity to better meet the needs of students, whose families may have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 related job interruptions. The resolution outlines funding support in the amount of \$300,000 to the UCSD.

**ALTERNATIVES:** City Council can elect to:

- 1) Approve the resolution as presented.
- 2) Take no action.
- 3) Amend the resolution to add or remove recipients. Council is reminded that they received some requests for funding consideration from businesses and non-profits just prior to the October 13 Council meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** As presented, this resolution will spend nearly all of the remaining funds originally allocated for community support.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to adopt Resolution 2020-67.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** I support staff's recommendation.