

**City of Palmer
Resolution No. 22-007**

Subject: Accepting and Appropriating Healthy & Equitable Communities Grant Funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, and Division of Public Health in the Amount of \$42,080.80 to Provide Support to the Community for COVID-19 Response and Mitigation Activities.

Agenda of: February 8, 2022

Council Action: **Approved** **Amended:** _____
 Defeated

Originator Information:

Originator: John Moosey, City Manager

Department Review:

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Fire	_____	_____
_____	Police	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ **42,080.80**

This legislation (√):

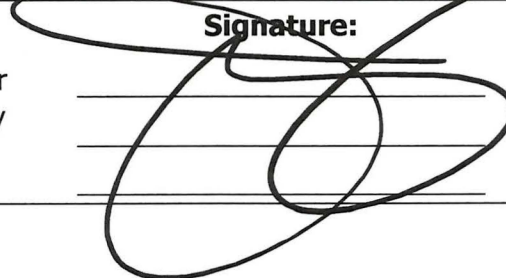
- Creates revenue in the amount of: \$ 42,080.80
- Creates expenditure in the amount of: \$ _____
- Creates a saving in the amount of: \$ _____
- Has no fiscal impact

Funds are (√):

- Budgeted Line item(s): _____
- Not budgeted 08-00-00-3988 State Grant 08-01-10-7180 DHSS HEC Grant

Director of Finance Signature: 

Approved for Presentation By:

	Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager		_____
City Attorney	_____	_____
City Clerk	_____	_____

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 22-007
2. Memorandum of Agreement

Summary Statement/Background:

The funds from this grant will expand infrastructure support by providing free access to internet and improved technologic capabilities to socio-economic vulnerable residents of the community as identified in the Alaska Health Equity index for Palmer Census Tracts.

The City of Palmer will increase the signal strength of the WiFi at the following three (4) locations:

City Hall - 231 W Evergreen

Depot – 610 S Valley Way

Library – 655 S Valley Way

MTA Center – 1317 S Kerry Weiland Ct

Increased signal strength at these public locations will allow residents to access reliable bandwidth whether they are inside or outside the building. The City of Palmer will also purchase iPads to increase the availability of devices to citizens. This will improve the access to Tele-health services, easing the burden of in-person visits to local medical facilities.

The City of Palmer will purchase and install projection equipment with Bluetooth and internet capabilities that are compatible with existing sound and screen equipment at the Palmer Community Center.

This project will improve a public space (Palmer Community Center) allowing community partners to increase the information dissemination by expanding Palmer Community Center's infrastructure capabilities. It will further support the expansion of Wi-Fi in downtown community spaces providing electronic equipment that will support this transmission of information. The Palmer Community Center is available to community partners and residents for social, community and public gatherings. This facility is sufficient to provide the gathering space necessary for social distancing.

This funding also includes \$5,488.80 to support activities that will decrease health inequity for homeless populations. The City of Palmer will partner with A Black Sheep Ministry, a local warming shelter, to utilize these funds.

Administration's Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 22-007.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Introduced by: Manager Moosey

Date: 2/8/2022

Action: Adopted

Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington
Melin
Best
Daniels
Valerius

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

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A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate Healthy & Equitable Communities Grant Funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, and Division of Public Health in the Amount of \$42,080.80 to Provide Support to the Community for COVID-19 Response and Mitigation Activities.

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer strives to serve well its residents and surrounding population; and

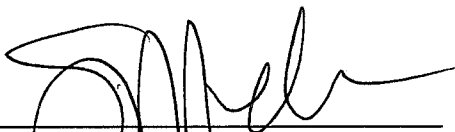
WHEREAS, the City of Palmer will expand its infrastructure for the common good; and

WHEREAS, \$5,488.80 will be transferred to A Black Sheep Ministry to serve the Homeless population.

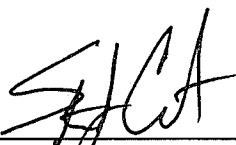
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council hereby to accept and appropriate Healthy & Equitable Communities grant funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, and Division of Public Health in the amount of \$42,080.80 to provide support to the community for COVID-19 response and mitigation activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council hereby the Palmer City Council hereby to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant as offered.

Approved by the Palmer City Council this 8th day of February 2022.



Shelly Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steven J Carrington, Mayor