

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: September 21, 2020
Drafted by: Finance

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 2907

An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating \$2,000,000 to the Manager as Additional Funding for Phase 2 and 3 of a COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

WHEREAS, consistent with Charter 9.10(b), upon declaration by the Assembly that a public emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms, the Assembly by resolution may make an emergency appropriation upon approval by all Assemblymembers present or by seven of its membership, whichever is the lesser number; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Stabilization Task Force recommended that the Assembly consider economic support to businesses suffering interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) renewed the No Sail Order and Other Measures related to cruise ships to prohibit certain cruise ships from transporting passengers to ports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since early March, 2020, the State of Alaska issued COVID-19 Health Mandates that reasonably restricted travel, gatherings, close personal interactions, schools, and medical and dental procedures; and

WHEREAS, since early March 2020, the Assembly issued COVID-19 directions regarding travel quarantines (Res. 2886), hunkering down (Res. 2885), and cloth face coverings (Res. 2890); and

WHEREAS, the public health mandates and directions protected the health of the people in the City and Borough of Juneau and nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 caused severe economic harm to businesses in the City and Borough of Juneau because people were encouraged to hunker down, businesses were mandated to close or severely limit operations, and nearly all of the forecasted cruise ship tourism has been canceled; and

WHEREAS, failing to protect the economically vulnerable businesses from the severe loss of revenue would result in further adverse impacts to Juneau's economic and social service network; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program is being created by this ordinance and program expenses were not accounted for in the FY20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program expenses are incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Emergency Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) as additional funding for Phase 2 and 3 of a COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program to be granted to the Juneau Economic Development Council (Grant Administrator) and used consistent with the grant terms outlined in the original grant appropriating ordinance 2019-06(AG)(d).

Section 2. Source of Funds

CARES Act Special Revenue Fund	\$2,000,000
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Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption. However, Section 1 of this resolution is conditioned upon the City and Borough of Juneau receiving CARES Act funding from the State of Alaska.

Adopted this _____ day of September, 2020.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth A. McEwen, Municipal Clerk