

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY EXTENDING THE TIME OF COMPLETION FOR PROJECT NO.20323, FUND 440, LIBRARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS (E-RATE) TO JUNE 30, 2022.

AGENDA OF: June 15, 2021

Assembly Action:

approved under the consent agenda. 6.15.21 KBJ

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *UMB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	<i>WM</i>	
	Community Development Director	<i>EP</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>AS</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>NS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>MB 6/7/21</i>	<i>KBJ</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
Resolution Serial No. 21-062 (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: On May 7, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Universal Service Order implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Order ensures that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Annually, funds were available to provide eligible schools and public libraries with discounts, often referred to as the "E-rate," for authorized services.

The intent of the FCC is for the businesses to use their reimbursements to purchase equipment that would enhance and/or upgrade their telecommunications, information technology and services.

There is currently \$41,861.32 left in this project account, with an expiration date of 6/30/2021.

The restrictions on the E-rate money are that it can only be used within the library systems and only for upgrades to telecommunications, information technology, and services.

Funding has been used to purchase computers, software, and to fund the 2018 Library Strategic Plan.

As the funding is restricted in its uses, remaining funding will be used to replace outdated computers/laptops at the Borough libraries; add additional computers/laptops at the Willow Library as part of the renovation; and fund a 2022 update to the Library Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Staff requests the adoption of the legislation extending the time of completion for Project No. 20323, Fund 440, Library Telecommunications (ERATES) to June 30, 2022.