

SUBJECT: INFORMING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND THE WILLOW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTING GRANT FUNDS AND LOCAL DONATIONS TO THE WILLOW LIBRARY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,838,384.00.

AGENDA OF: April 7, 2020

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

presented to the Assembly
4-7-20 (BAM)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	WM	
	Community Development Director	EP	
	Finance Director	CK	
	Borough Attorney	SNB	
	Borough Clerk	JM 3/27/20	(BAM)

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Funds Commitment Agreement (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Willow Library Association has requested an agreement with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough regarding the grants and donations they have raised for the Willow Library Project. The agreement is attached and has been reviewed by the Legal Department. The agreement was requested by the Willow Library Association to ensure that the grant funds and local donations would be used only for the Willow Library Project.

Two grants have been awarded from the Mat-Su Health Foundation (agreements have been attached to IM 20-043), one for \$1,698,000.00 and one for \$50,000.00. The Willow Library Association has also raised \$90,384.00 in donations. The attached agreement commits the funds to the project exclusively.

Willow Library and Community Center Upgrades Financial Agreement
Between the
Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Willow Library Association

This Agreement is made and entered into between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, whose address is 350 East Dahlia Street, Palmer, Alaska, 99645, and the Willow Library Association whose address is P.O. Box 129, 23557 W. Willow Community Center Circle Willow, AK 99688 and outlines how the two Mat Su Health Foundation grants as well as the local funds raised by the Willow Library Association will be spent to fund the Willow Library Replacement and Community Center Upgrades coordinated by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Project Description - As outlined in the grant application to the MatSu Health Foundation:

The Willow Library is housed in the same building as the Willow Community Center, sharing an arctic entry, lobby, toilet facilities, utilities and parking area. The library, built in 1992 with approximately 3,050 square feet, is inadequate space wise and otherwise to meet present and future needs. The current community center, built in 1983, is worn, lacks a sprinkling system, has inadequate bathroom facilities, has code deficiencies, etc. This project replaces the current library space with 6,635 square feet of new construction, upgrades the community center space, and replaces/upgrades shared space as needed, including the replacement of the building's entrance which poses a hazard in terms of falling ice and snow. The requested monies will be used to fund areas identified in the project budget.

Implementation Timeline:

- construction bid packets will go out soon
- construction is estimated to begin summer 2020 and completion of project expected in summer **2021**.

Funding - To date the Willow Library Association secured two grants from the Mat Su Health Foundation. The first grant #HI201700025-C2 is for \$1,698,000.00. The second grant #TW201900100 is for \$50,000.00. They have also raised \$90,384.00 in local donations.

Intent - This agreement is to confirm that the Willow Library Association will transfer the two grants as well as the local donations totaling \$1,838,384.00 to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for the sole purpose of funding the Willow Library Project and Community Center Upgrades. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough will secure the funds in the dedicated project account already in place for the project.


Willow Library Association 3-10-2020
Date

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Date

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