

SUBJECT: INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF A GRANT AMENDMENT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOROUGH MANAGER FOR SIGNATURE.

AGENDA OF: JUNE 1, 2021

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

presented to the Assembly
6-1-21 (BOM)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

MB

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	EP-CD	
	Finance Director	OK	
	Borough Attorney	MS	
	Borough Clerk	KBJ 5.24.21	(BOM)

ATTACHMENT(S): Modification No. 1 - Eska Strip Mine Trail (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The purpose of this legislation is to inform the assembly that the Borough Manager will be asked to sign an amendment terminating a grant agreement through the DNR Recreational Trails Program for the Eska Strip Mine Trail project.

Division of Land and Resource Management staff worked with the Community Council to submit a \$61,180.00 grant to improve the Eska Strip Mine Trail in 2020. The trail is located primarily on State land, so executing the project requires ROW authorization from DNR Division of Mining Land and Water. At the time the grant was being prepared, DNR indicated such approval would be forthcoming within a few weeks. The reality is that this approval was delayed until May 2021. As a result of the delay, the grant, which expires September 2021, cannot safely be executed within the remaining time frame allowed by the grant. Therefore, the decision was made to withdraw the project, de-obligate the funding, and issue Modification No. 1 for the Borough Manager's signature.

Further, the MSB Division of Land and Resource Management intends to re-submit the grant on behalf of the community for the Eska Strip Mine trail project now that the ROW approval has been received from DNR. With no ROW delays, the project will be able to be executed within the grant timeframes allowed when the next/new grant is approved.



State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Recreational Trails Program Grant Agreement

Project Title: Eska Strip Mine Trail Project Number: 1079500680

Modification Number: 1 - Project Withdrawal

Project Modification Narrative:

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) has reviewed the current circumstances regarding this RTP grant award. MSB has been working diligently with the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) to obtain Right-of-Way authorization to begin work at the project site. While MSB had landowner authorization at the time this project was awarded, DMLW has been delayed in authorizing MSB the appropriate Right-of-Way access to begin work on this project.

There is currently no established date when DMLW will authorize MSB Right-of-Way access. This project has remained "inactive" for over 12 months, no work has been completed to-date, and no expenses have been reported since the project's approved commencement date of April 16, 2020.

MSB has made a strong effort working with both DMLW and the Alaska Grants Administration to adhere to the original goals of the project and has maintained good communication. However, due to the challenges of the current circumstances and the requirements of the grant award, the Alaska Grants Administration has made a final determination how to proceed.

The Alaska Grants Administration will de-obligate funding for this award and this project will no longer be eligible for reimbursement. This project is officially withdrawn and is now closed.

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Performance of Standards: Appendices referred to herein and attached are considered part of the agreement.

Appendix A – General Provisions:

Outlines general provisions, Articles 1 through 34 and AS 37.05.316 govern the performance of service under this agreement.

Appendix B – Grantee Performance Standards:

Sets forth grantee performance standards.

Appendix C – Project Reporting Requirements:

Sets forth project reporting requirements.

Appendix D – Financial Accounting and

Requesting Reimbursement Requirements:

Sets forth financial accounting and requesting reimbursement requirements.

Period of Performance:

FHWA Approved Project Commencement Date: April 16, 2020

Project End Date: May 10, 2021

Final Project Report and Reimbursement Request Due Date: N/A

Project Funding:

Federal Award \$ 0 Non-Participating \$ 0

Federal Award % /

Match Requirement \$ 0 Match Requirement % 0.00% / 0.00%

TOTAL Participating \$

TOTAL Project \$

(Fed + Match) 0 (Fed + Match + Non-par) 0



Line Item Budget for Federal Award:

Labor (Line 1000) \$	0
Travel (Line 2000) \$	0
Services (Line 3000) \$	0
Commodities (Line 4000) \$	0
Contractual (Line 5000) \$	0
Total Federal Award \$	0

Approved Budget Workbook and Task Timeline:

Task #	Scope of Work	Estimated Days to Complete
1	N/A	
2		
3		
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By signing this grant agreement, both parties acknowledge that they have read and understand the terms and conditions of this grant agreement and that no changes or alternations to the agreement will be permitted unless first approved in writing from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Grants Administration Section. Failure to follow the terms and conditions of the grant agreement may result in failure to be reimbursed for expenses and de-obligation of remaining funds.

Grantee

Signature _____ Date _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Administering Agency


Signature _____ Date 5.13.2021
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