

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE \$23,732,472 IN CARES ACT MONEY FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPEDITURES AND SET THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET.

AGENDA OF: July 7, 2020

Assembly Action:

*7/16 Line Item Veto issued by Mayor to take \$1.1 million from Impact Aid Grants to Residents (35)
8/4 No motion to override veto was made Veto Stands
approved with amendments with no objection. KES 7.14.20
(Amendments to IM - not OK or RS)*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY GEORGE HAYS, ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	G	
	Finance Director	CS	
	Borough Attorney	AS	
	Borough Clerk	ARM 6/30/20	IBJ

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☒ NO ☐
 Ordinance Serial No. 20-069 (2 pp)
 Resolution Serial No. 20-069 (2 pp)
 Attachment: CARES Act Funding Request List (10 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

BACKGROUND

On June 2, 2020, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approved Resolution Serial No. 20-060 and Informational Memorandum No. 20-119 to authorize a grant agreement with the State of Alaska for the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Through this grant, the State of Alaska allocated \$38,032,471.79 in in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) funds to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in order to fund expenditures incurred in responding to the public health emergency of COVID-19.

Under the CARES ACT guidance provided to state, territorial, tribal and local governments, the U.S. Treasury Department specifically identified as allowable expenses the costs contained in the attached legislation. Treasury guidance indicates that the following are eligible expenses as per the guidance offered.

Guidance issued April 22, 2020:

- expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities
- expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19
- expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures
- expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions
- expenses of providing paid sick leave and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions

Guidance issued May 4, 2020

- the Borough may presume that payroll costs for public health and public safety employed are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Guidance issued May 28, 2020

- expenses for measures to improve mitigation measures, including related construction costs
- administrative expenses incurred with respect to a new grant program established to disburse amounts received from the fund

ANALYSIS

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough did not receive CARES ACT funding directly through the Act. Since the State of Alaska distributed the amount via a grant agreement with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the Borough must follow both the federal guidance and the provisions of the state grant agreement.

This legislation would use CARES ACT funding provided by the State of Alaska as per the list with justifications attached. Broadly speaking, the technological infrastructure needs and expenses are required to support the capability to engage in remote work for employees, and also to have a network that can support such a situation. Minimizing in person interactions are being pursued for

the sole purpose of reducing exposure and risk of spreading COVID-19. The network capability needs increased capacity and security when more employees are working remote. Additional technologies and staffing will be implemented to allow and encourage more remote participation by people in the public processes of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Building and facility upgrades are needed to make sure people are separated and also minimize contact with each other and common surfaces and doors. Additional barriers at indoor and outdoor facilities as well as providing additional space at indoor and outdoor facilities are directly as a result of minimizing people gathering in close proximity and maintaining separation between people to minimize the spread of COVID-19. In addition, with a Borough the size of the State of West Virginia being responsible to clean and disinfect facilities, additional employees and vehicles will be used to do just that.

Emergency medical responders are being provided devices to deliver medical treatments with less contact to the patient and also training apparatus which will minimize the need for live actors and/or live observation. Ambulances are also being upgraded to enable safer treatment and transport of patients.

The Convention and Visitor's Bureau is being allocated funds to directly address the hard-hit tourism sector of the Borough economy. Restarting and revitalizing the industry now is a critical need for businesses which are both directly and indirectly related to tourism. COVID-19 has many people staying home and not traveling. The MSCVB can market, educate, and assist both in-state and out-of-state tourists and help restart our economy.

Allocations are also being made to prepare for and conduct the November election with additional protective barriers and equipment for volunteers as well as extra mailings and absentee ballots to encourage person-to-person separation.

Credit card fees are being paid for through the end of the year to encourage credit card payments to avoid in-person visits to the DSJ building. Administration of grant programs is also being accounted for here as allowed by the guidance.

The two largest single allocations of funds in the attached legislation are payroll expenses of first responders and the individual direct grant program.

First responder expenses are being paid as per the direct and specific guidance issued by the US Treasury in the form of a FAQ page. The US Treasury noted:

The Guidance says that funding can be used to meet payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. How does a government determine whether payroll expenses for a given employee satisfy the "substantially dedicated" condition?

The Fund is designed to provide ready funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. For this reason, and as a matter of administrative convenience in light of the emergency nature of this program, a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government may presume that payroll costs for public health and public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, unless the chief executive (or equivalent) of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

Second, direct grant aid to residents will be up to \$100 per person for losses or costs incurred due to COVID-19 from March 1 through December 30, 2020. Applicants will certify that they have incurred losses or costs such as lost wages, additional cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, etc. over \$100. The program will use PFD records to verify residence and eligibility. Virtually every resident of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has suffered some form of loss due to COVID-19. Many have suffered a loss of income due to business closures or reduced capacity. May others have suffered a loss of income due to their employer simply losing customers because of declines in commuters, declines in demand for services due to stay-at-home recommendations, and declines in business due to the lack of tourism. In addition, to these direct losses, everyone in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has been called upon to use more soap, more cleaning agents, more disinfectants, and to buy things people don't normally buy such as masks, gloves, and sometimes barriers.

The direct grant aid to residents is a necessary expenditure to respond to COVID-19 to alleviate the financial hardship and strain to many residents. To those who have not suffered a strain or direct loss, the direct grant is a necessary expenditure to allow people to continue to prioritize buying cleaning agents and personal barriers (masks and gloves). As the economy continues to drag on in its weekend state, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough wants to encourage people to be vigilant and to respond and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Direct aid to residents will allow people to continue to prioritize purchase of these items and maintain best practices to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adoption of legislation.

Costs funded with CARES Act Grant

Total CARES Allocation from State

38,032,472

Proposed Capital Removed from the FY 2021 Budget

1 Cyber Security Enhancements	300,000
2 Workstation Replacements	150,000
3 Network Infrastructure Refresh	370,000
4 DSJ Accessibility Upgrades	50,000
5 Sapphire Intravenous Pumps	50,000
6 Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitor	65,000
7 High Fidelity Trauma Manikins	105,000
8 High Fidelity Simulation Birthing Manikins	70,000
9 Ambulance Replacement/Refurbish(3)	504,400
10 Sunshine Creek Campground additional space - Phase I	40,000
11 Matanuska River Park Master Plan - additional spacing	50,000
12 Automatic Gate - Alcantra	50,000
13 Parks Vehicle	55,000
Total Removed from the proposed budget	1,859,400

Unbudgeted CARES Related Operating and Capital Costs

14 Election Requirements	500,000
15 MSCVB	1,500,000
16 Temporary Barriers at counters in Borough Facilities	15,000
17 Retro fit Borough Facilities with permanent barriers	250,000
18 Additional on-call staff to clean Facilities	100,000
19 Credit Card Fees for On-Line Tax payments July - Dec 31	150,000
20 Cost of increase bandwidth and WIFI to accommodate Work from home	91,610
21 Additional laptops	100,000
22 DSJ Meeting room enhancement	30,000
23 Additional cleaning supplies	10,000
24 Locker Room Wasilla Pool	500,000
10 Sunshine Creek Campground - additional space Phase II	60,000
25 Settlers Bay Park upgrades - additional space	140,000
12 Automatic Gate - Alcantra second gate	50,000
13 Additional parks vehicles	110,000
26 Stryker Lucas 3 Cardiac Compression Devices	303,000
27 Assessment workstation redo	23,715
28 Planning workstations	19,000
29 Permit Center Reconfiguration	30,000
30 On-line Public Engagment tools	25,000
31 Sutton & Talkeetna Library Access	50,000

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Total Borough direct costs	5,916,725
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Operating Expenditures that potentially may be covered

32 Wages and Benefits Rescue/Ambulance 7/1-12/30	5,747,097
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Economic Development Grant

33 Small Business Grants - up to \$10,000 per applicant	14,000,000
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34 Chambers of Commerce	300,000
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35 Impact Aid Grant to residents - \$100 per applicant	11,000,000
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36 Administion of Direct Aid and Business Grants	150,000
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Total Requests	<u>37,113,822</u>
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<i>Yet to be allocated</i>	<u>918,650</u>
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1. Cyber Security Enhancements \$300,000

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused two major changes to the cyber security posture of our organization's network infrastructure: 1) The attack surface has changed significantly as more employees are working from home, using their own personal Internet access to Virtual Private Network (VPN) into the Borough network and its resources; and 2) The cyber criminals are taking advantage of the increased remote working situation by attacking the new methods of access and increasing frequency of attack attempts. Additional layers of cyber security are necessary to catch emerging threats. Assessments and penetration testing are necessary to evaluate vulnerabilities.

2. Workstation Replacements \$150,000

With the increase of employees working from home due to COVID-19, more employees are requiring mobile computing platforms such as laptop instead of desktop workstations. As a general rule, mobile systems are more expensive than stationary systems. Additionally, more equipment has been necessary in cases where applications must be run on the local network infrastructure and the remote employee must then Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) from the home location into the local network. It is unknown what will occur or how COVID-19 may spread this fall and winter as our Alaskan workforce spends more time indoors. Ability to remote work is critical to continuity of governmental operations.

3. Network Infrastructure Refresh \$370,000

The COVID-19 pandemic has come with a significant increase in criminal cyber-attacks. It is critical for cyber security that infrastructure be up-to-date. Core infrastructure updates can be postponed as a cost saving measure in some instances, but in this instance, infrastructure needs to be modernized. Additionally, the Disaster Recovery (DR) site is an off-site copy of critical systems (hardware and software), and data, that is used for continuity of operations in a disaster or loss of access to the primary work site. The existing DR site is in a minimal state. With the increased threat of cyber-attack due to increased remote working, and with the potential loss of access to buildings should COVID-19 spread rapidly, thus, having the DR site in a ready state is more critical.

4. DSJ Accessibility Upgrades \$50,000

The Borough DSJ building is the main administrative building for the Borough, which contains the offices of the Management, Mayor, Assembly members and many Borough divisions. There are several areas of the building with doors that lack automatic, sensor, or wheelchair openers. This causes employees and visitors to come into contact more often with door handles and push bars. Protocols for addressing COVID-19 include minimizing the number of people who come into contact with the same surfaces which cannot be regularly cleaned. In addition persons with mobility issues are also required to rely on staff or patrons to open the doors for them. While good Samaritans are a plus, they must violate COVID-19 social distancing protocols to help this population which often times has underlying health issues.

5. Sapphire Intravenous Infusion Pumps \$50,000

Purchase 10 portable IV pumps in order to upgrade our ability to provide comprehensive prehospital care to critically ill patients. With our prolonged transport times, and potential delays in citizens seeking assistance for fear of contact with others during COVID-19, it is imperative to maintain accurate dosing regimens for medications involved in critical care. In addition, this will allow inclusion of additional therapies, ensuring better care of the sickest patients, including COVID-19 patients, in our community.

6. Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator \$65,000

Purchase two Zoll X-Series Monitors in order to upgrade EMS cardiac care capabilities. The X-Series monitors are being placed into service to replace the older Zoll E-Series Monitors that do not have all the capabilities of the X-Series model, and are no longer supported by Zoll. This will upgrade our ability to provide comprehensive prehospital care to critically ill patients while minimizing physical contact during care. With our prolonged transport times, potential delays in citizens seeking assistance for fear of contact with others during COVID-19, and best practices to minimize physical contact, it is imperative to maintain the highest level of care for patients with pre-existing and/or other serious health conditions.

7. High-Fidelity Simulation Trauma Manikins \$105,000

Purchase two Gaumard Trauma HAL manikins plus service plan. As we continue to develop our consolidated training program for MSB EMS, simulation training has become the cornerstone of our overall program. COVID-19 best practices dictate that manikins are preferred over live training actors to minimize person-to-person contact. In addition, manikins can be sterilized. We have found that multi-vehicle, multi-patient MVAs are a common occurrence in the MSB and these new manikins will be an integral part of training in that type of scenario. They will also provide more training that is realistic and assist our providers with improving life-saving skills. We have conducted multiple MCI scenarios for our battalion training over the past year and using live actor volunteers is not a prudent course of action due to COVID-19.

8. High Fidelity Simulation Birthing Manikin \$70,000

Purchase one Gaumard "Victoria" Birthing Simulator plus service plan. The MSB has one of the highest per-capita out of hospital birth rates, so we have increased our training for obstetrical emergencies and newborn resuscitation. Due to COVID-19 it is not prudent to have multiple care providers in close proximity observe or assist in live births as instruction or development. To assist with further developing this necessary training, the Gaumard birthing simulator manikin would be a tremendous benefit to allow training and observation while maintaining distance best practices.

9. Ambulance Replacement/Remount & Refurbishment (3) \$504,400

EMS is critically behind on replacing its ambulance fleet and ambulances required to respond to public emergency medical calls require upgrades. A conservatively based industry standard for ambulance replacement suggests the following guidelines:

- Ambulances greater than 5 years old, or
- Ambulances greater than 130,000 miles

Three remounts will be accomplished to give first responders the capability and tools needed to respond to the public health emergency and associated medical responses due to COVID-19. With an effective fleet rotation and preventative maintenance schedule, we expect to provide better service, more ability to engage in COVID-19 best practices of minimizing contact and maintaining separation, and also realize longer service life and greatly reduced maintenance costs to maintain our fleet. This, in turn, will keep EMS fully prepared to respond and deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic because all ambulances will be fully available and not out of service due to maintenance or age issues.

10. Sunshine Creek Campground Phases I & II \$100,000

The fishing access area is typical “combat fishing” when the salmon are running. Signage and improving the erosion prevention boardwalk will allow for additional distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and comply with CDC guidelines. Many people camp near the primitive restroom and overcrowding is a historical problem. A small 6-10 primitive campground needs to be developed to insure adequate spacing between the users and comply with social distancing protocol.

11. Matanuska River Park Campground Master Plan \$50,000

The existing campground is tightly spaced and there is less than 25 feet between sites. Water spigots are shared between 2 campers and there is only one spigot in the lower campground to service all 47 sites. The restroom/comfort station does not allow for social distancing as the sinks, toilets and showers are all located closer than 6 feet from each other. The gate house is too small to allow social distancing between staff and campers and lacks a drive up window. This overall project here will result in larger separation distances in all areas to minimize risk and exposure to potential spread of COVID-19.

12. Alcantra Sports Complex Gates \$100,000

Despite CDC COVID-19 protocols and State of Alaska mandates regarding social distancing and limiting gatherings, the Alcantra Sports Complex is a frequent hotspot for after hours and unregulated social gatherings leading to close contact between non family members. Staffing the area is not feasible due to staffing levels. The project calls for 2 gates and needed wiring improvement. There is a cost savings of approximately \$700 per month by eliminating our contract with an outside agency to open and close the gates daily.

13. Vehicles – 3 vehicles \$165,000

Due to COVID-19, there is a need for additional cleaning and disinfecting of the various trail heads and restrooms and to provide monitoring regarding overcrowding and social distancing. Two additional vehicles in the core area and one in the northern parks area are needed to keep up with this increased demand. Currently we have only one or two 1,000 hour employees to maintain trailheads at Jim Creek Parking Area, Jim Creek Campground, West Butte, Pioneer Peak, Lazy Mountain, Crevasse Moraine, Alcantra, Fish Creek Park, Big Lake Boat Launch and the Ayshire Parking Area. There is only one 1,000 hour position to support the full time position in Talkeetna. The staff in Talkeetna is responsible for maintaining the restrooms at the Borough Campground, Village Park, Sunshine Creek and Kroto Creek. The other public restrooms the Borough funded at the Denali Arts Council have been closed to the public which put a huge increase on our cleaning responsibilities. Managing the increased need for cleaning and disinfecting the parks and recreation facilities spread across hundreds and hundreds of miles will require significant daily travel.

14. Elections \$500,000

Due to COVID-19, additional personal space requirements exist for safe balloting. Partitions, PPE, single-use supplies, and cleaning supplies will be necessary. In addition, there will be increased cost for additional vote-by-mail ballots, brochures, and postage for informational mailings to inform the public of the right to vote by mail while maximizing social distancing.

15. MSCVB \$1,500,000

MSCVB's purpose is to provide tourism related stimulus. They actively promote Borough tourism related business for the various seasons. With the COVID-19 related shut-downs and the resulting summer related cancelations many sectors of the tourism industry have been devastated. Advertising and other promotions to advertise for safe and responsible tourism and the associated economic benefits are critical to get tourists to return to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and help revive the this critical sector of our economy. These promotional activities need to happen now as most people book their trips 6 months to a year in advance.

16. Temporary Barriers at service counters in Borough Facilities \$15,000

Prior to re-opening Borough facilities to the public, various temporary barriers were purchased and installed to provide social distancing and physical barriers between staff and customers. These barriers minimize employee and public risk and exposure to COVID-19. These barriers will remain in place until permanent barriers can be designed and built.

17. Permanent Barriers various facilities \$250,000

Install permanent physical barriers at the various facilities to provide safe work environments and social distancing going forward. These barriers will minimize employee and public risk and exposure to COVID-19.

18. Additional Staffing Borough Buildings \$100,000

This funding will allow for a total additional 1,000 hour employees to support increased cleaning and disinfecting schedule in all Borough facilities, parks and recreation areas.

19. Credit Card Fees from Approval date though \$150,000
December 30 for tax payments

Currently taxpayers that pay by credit card either on-line or in person pay the third-party and card processing fees. In order to limit in-person payments the Borough will cover these fees from July 1 through December 30, 2020. This will avoid in-person interactions, help social distancing, and minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19. This will also allow the Borough time to install permanent barriers to create adequate distancing to minimize risk going forward.

20. Increased Bandwidth \$91,610

The Borough normally sees less than 10 simultaneous Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections by employees working off-site. Due to COVID-19, we have experienced in excess of 80 simultaneous VPN connections. These VPN connections take greater network bandwidth then does the regular traffic. Network bandwidth to the Internet had to be increased to allow for this traffic. Additionally, many citizens lost their access to the Internet when they could no longer report to work or use commercial locations that offered Internet access. The Borough made wireless Internet access available to the public from parking lots from a number of facilities.

21. Additional Laptops \$100,000

Due to COVID-19, many employees of the Borough are allowed to work from home when they otherwise would not. Many of these employees have desktop workstations that are not mobile nor suited to take home. Many of these workstations have software that must be locally connected to the Borough network. In order for the employee to work from home, they need a mobile workstation (laptop) and special access and connections that allow them to remotely connect to the desktop workstation in their offices and perform their work. This requires a significant increase in the amount of IT equipment issued to a large number of employees. In some cases, older equipment that was destined for surplus was pulled back into service for this purpose. This older equipment is no longer maintainable and as they fail they must be replaced. Also, there was not enough equipment to satisfy all the needs, so additional equipment was purchased and other equipment borrowed from other functions, and now must be replaced as normal operations resume while maintaining the ability for personnel to work remotely as necessary.

22. DSJ Meeting Room Enhancements \$30,000

As more meetings are being conducted online, and more personnel are attending meetings remotely, due to COVID-19, meeting rooms within the Borough need modern and more advanced IT and audio equipment to make the meetings effective. Most of the meeting rooms in the Borough have outdated large screen displays that cannot run the latest version of the operating systems. This creates increased security risk and decreased functionality. Modernization of meeting room

equipment will allow more effective meetings in this new environment to allow for less in-person gatherings.

23. Additional Cleaning supplies \$10,000

As a result of COVID-19, increased cleaning and disinfecting public areas requires more supplies.

24. Locker Room Wasilla Pool \$500,000

The current locker room at the Wasilla Pool does not allow for social distancing in the shower area. The shower area has two pillar type showers with 6 heads. Patrons are often standing in very close proximity of each other taking showers. The toilet, urinal, and sinks are also located very close together and out of compliance with social distancing protocol.

25. Settlers Bay Park \$140,000

Funding is requested to improve the unregulated parking, after hours trespassing, and social gatherings in violation of social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19. This project will include an automatic gate to prevent unregulated gatherings. In addition, this project will install a restroom to stop human waste from accumulating in the west parking area as well as adequate signage to increase sanitation and minimize exposure risk to COVID-19.

26. Stryker Lucas 3 Cardiac Compression Devices \$303,000

Purchase 20 Stryker LUCAS 3 cardiac compression devices with four-year service plans. MSB EMS continues to be on the cutting edge of cardiac arrest management. With our Resuscitation Quality Improvement training and monitors with instant feedback and data collection, our Return of Spontaneous Circulation rates in cardiac arrests has increased significantly. An essential part of cardiac arrest management is quality compressions. COVID-19 has highlighted the need to minimize person-to-person contact. Treatment devices which minimize or avoid contact will minimize the risk of further spread of COVID-19. The LUCAS 3 devices will help us to continue providing the best possible patient care for our patients that suffer from an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, while protecting the health and risk exposure to all involved.

27. Assessments Workstation redo \$23,715

The front counter area in Assessments workstations need to be re-done to provide adequate social distancing between employees and maintain distance due to COVID-19. When the area was set-up many years ago it was with the intent of installing as many work areas as possible within the confined space. This created five workstations without adequate work areas and no social distancing. Since there is truly only the need to have three employees stationed in that workspace, it makes sense to re-do the area to accommodate only three employees so that there is adequate social distancing when they are working at their desks.

28. Planning Workstations \$19,000

Several Long Range Planners share work spaces and are not currently able to work while maintaining proper social distancing which increases risk of exposure to COVID-19. The funding would go towards reconfiguring work spaces on the third floor and would reconfigure and equip the space downstairs next to the EOC area in order to move staff to that area. In order to make the area downstairs for the Records Technicians to operate, we would need to purchase a new plotter/scanner and copier as well as reconstruct four new work stations.

29. Permit Center Reconfiguration \$30,000

The Permit Center receives over 1,000 customers annually. Construction of a secure transaction window at the Permit Center will reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19 by providing a physical barrier between Planning staff and members of the public. The installation of a physical barrier is reflected as part of the requests being made by Capital Projects. However, to install a barrier, the existing permit counter needs to be removed and new workstations reconfigured. These new stations will enable distancing from the public and allow employees adequate distance to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

30. Online Public Engagement Tools \$25,000

With the requirement to limit big gatherings and the need for social distancing to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, the Planning Department needs new public engagement tools that will allow efficient work in the digital space. Much of the work Planning does requires some level of public engagement. Planning Department work also requires that opportunities are created for members of the public to provide meaningful public comment on many things from conditional use permits, plat reviews, ordinances, and new long-range plans. The Planning Department also supports seven different boards and commissions, and they each have a public process associated with them. Much of the work with the public and boards and commissions came to a halt when the COVID-19 restrictions were put into place. The Planning Department is now scrambling to catch up as Alaska opens up. To avoid another lapse in public engagement, the Planning Department will develop new ways to connect with the public in the digital space to include new internet and phone based tools, new software to collect and organize public comments, and training for deployment, implementation, and use.

31. Sutton and Trapper Creek Library access \$50,000

The Sutton and Trapper Creek Libraries current doors lack automatic, sensor, or wheelchair openers. Protocols for addressing COVID-19 include minimizing the number of people who come into contact with the same surfaces which cannot be regularly cleaned. In addition, persons with mobility issues are also required to rely on staff or patrons to open the doors for them. While good Samaritans are a plus they must violate COVID-19 social distancing protocols to help this population which often times has underlying health issues.

32. First Responder Ambulance and Rescue Wages/Benefits \$5,747,097

First Responder Wages and Benefits are presumed to be COVID related. Wages and benefits incurred from July 1 through December 30, 2020 are presumed to be allowed costs to respond to COVID-19 and the ongoing public health emergency.

*33. Small Business Grants up to \$10,000 \$14,000,000

A Small Business Grant program to provide assistance to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 is contained in separate legislation. The dollar amounts associated with that program are reflected here so that the overall total of the combined programs is accurate.

*34. Chambers of Commerce \$300,000

Funding to the Chambers of Commerce (for example, Palmer, Wasilla, Houston, Big Lake and Talkeetna) is contained in separate legislation. This funding will to promote a restart of all sectors of the economy affected by COVID-19 and assist with social distancing needs and additional maintenance and sanitation. For example, Talkeetna has requested \$50,000 to provide for additional bathroom cleaning, utilities, maintenance and trash disposal as well as hand washing stations rental, maintenance, supplies, and cleaning. Funds for Chambers will be allocated by membership outside the city limits. The dollar amounts associated with that program are reflected here so that the overall total of the combined programs is accurate.

35. Impact Aid Grant to residents ~~\$11,000,000~~ \$9,900,000

This program will allow residents to apply for direct payment of \$100 per person for costs incurred due to COVID-19 from March 1 through December 30, 2020. Applicants would certify that they have incurred losses or costs such as lost wages, additional cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, etc. over \$100. The program would use PFD records to verify residence and eligibility.

36. Administration of Direct Aid and Small Business Grants \$150,000

Administration costs incurred running the Small Business Grant program, the Direct Aid Grant program, and the Chamber of Commerce program. Costs include staff time, postage, check stock, software, on-call or contractor fees, etc.

37. Big Lake Lions Club \$40,000

The Big Lake Lions Club provides a recreational and meeting location for the community of Big Lake. Due to COVID-19, the recreation center has been closed yet is still incurring expenses. This direct grant will give up to \$40,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closure. Money can be used to help support the overall operations of the recreational facility.

38. Iditarod \$297,000

The Iditarod is an iconic Alaskan institution steeped in history and tradition. While the administrative offices are located just inside the city limits of Wasilla, the activities of the race are wholly located outside the cities and the main component of the activities in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the re-start in Willow. Due to COVID-19, the Iditarod has been shut down and unable to have banquets, social activities, fundraiser gatherings, and has suffered a steep and detrimental decline in visitors. Without assistance, the Iditarod may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures and travel restrictions. This direct grant will give of up to \$297,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closures and drop-off in visitors. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Iditarod.

39. Alaska State Fair \$450,000

The Alaska State Fair is an iconic Alaskan institution steeped in history and tradition. While the administrative offices are located inside the city limits of Palmer, the activities of the fair support businesses throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Due to COVID-19, the Alaska State Fair has been cancelled for the first time since World War II. The annual budget for the State Fair is over \$8million and the deficit right now for the State Fair is \$1.3million. Without assistance, the State Fair may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures. The loss of the State Fair would be devastating to the over 400 vendors who participate. Over 2/3 of the vendors are small businesses in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough outside of the cities who depend on participation at the annual fair. This direct grant will give of up to \$450,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to COVID-19 related closures. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Alaska State Fair.

40. Musk Ox Farm \$65,000

The Musk Ox Farm is an unique Alaskan institution created to sustain the wild musk ox, provide education and a cottage-based textile industry. It is located outside the City of Palmer. Due to COVID-19, the Farm has been shut down and unable to provide educational tours and sell products. The decline in visitors has been detrimental. Without assistance, the Musk Ox Farm may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures and travel restrictions. This direct grant will give of up to \$65,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closures and drop-off in visitors. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Musk Ox Farm.

LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE 6.18.2020 REQUEST FOR SERVICE DESK EMPLOYEES TO STAFF ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FISCAL NOTE

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ORIGINATOR: Cheyenne Heindel

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>\$23,732,472</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>CARES ACT Funds</u>
FROM ACCOUNT #	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: <u>475.000.000 3xx,xxx</u>	PROJECT # <u>47532</u>
VERIFIED BY: <u>Cheyenne Heindel</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>06/25/2020</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		<u>23,732.4</u>				
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds		<u>23,732.4</u>				
Other						
TOTAL		<u>23,732.4</u>				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____
 DEPARTMENT: Cheyenne Heindel DATE: 6/25/2020
 APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

IM No. 20-139
ORD No. 20-069
RESO No. 20-069

LINE ITEM VETO ISSUED JULY 16, 2020
TO IM 20-139

Lonnie McKechnie

From: Vern Halter <vhalter@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Lonnie McKechnie; Nicholas Spiropoulos
Cc: George Hays; Cheyenne Heindel
Subject: Line Item Veto- Ordinance 20-069-Line 35

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]

I hereby reduce Line 35 Ordinance 20-069 by 1.1 million dollars. This reduces the total for line 35 from 11 million to 9.9 million dollars.

The Chief Financial Officer for the Borough has assured me that the 99 thousand potential applicants as determined by prior permanent fund applicants will receive \$100 per person. The deleted portion of line 35 can revert to unallocated funds that the Assembly can redistribute prior to December 31st, 2020.

And I thank Assemblywoman Nowers for making the motion to reduce Ordinance 20-070 by one million to bolster unallocated funds and to assist the Assembly in utilizing Cares money for the State Fair, the Iditarod and others. These two events define the Mat Su and are important economic drivers. The Assembly did a great service to the Borough in allocating Cares money at the Tuesday night meeting on July 14th, 2020.

Vern Halter-Mayor
Mat Su Borough
July 16th, 2020

8/4/20 No motion to override was made
The veto stands