




SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGERS SIGNATURE ON AND SUBMITTAL OF THE REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION.

AGENDA OF: April 16, 2024

Assembly Action:

Approved under the consent agenda 04/16/24 - *emw*

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	 Recoverable Signature X Pamela Graham Signed by: Pamela Graham 4 / 4 / 2 0 2 4
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ATTACHMENT (S): Resolution Serial No. 24-049 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Community Assistance Program is a grant program administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The Borough has participated in the program since its inception as the Community Revenue Sharing program in fiscal year 2009. The program allows funds to be passed to the unincorporated community through a native village council or incorporated nonprofit entity that will agree to receive and spends the funding for the public benefit of the unincorporated community.

To qualify for the program the communities must have at least 25 residents and pay for three of the following services: fire protection, emergency medical, water and sewer, solid waste management, public road or ice road maintenance, public health, and search and rescue. Once the amount of funding is known, an ordinance

will be presented to the Assembly to accept and appropriate the funds.

The twenty unincorporated communities and their respective nonprofit entities that are eligible for funding under the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Assistance Program are:

<u>Unincorporated Community</u>	<u>Nonprofit Entity</u>
Big Lake	Big Lake Community Council
Butte	Butte Community Council
Chase	Chase Community Council
Chickaloon	Chickaloon Community Council
Fishhook	Fishhook Community Council
Gateway	Gateway Community Council
Glacier View	Glacier View Community Council
Knik-Fairview	Knik-Fairview Community Council
Lake Louise	Louise, Susitna Tyone Community Association
Meadow Lakes	Meadow Lakes Community Council
North Lakes	North Lakes Community Council
Petersville	Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation
Point MacKenzie	Point MacKenzie Community Council
South Knik River	South Knik River Community Council
Susitna	Susitna Community Council
Sutton	Sutton Community Council
Talkeetna	Talkeetna Community Council
Tanaina	Tanaina Community Council
Trapper Creek	Trapper Creek Community Council
Willow	Willow Area Community Organization

In past years funding from this program has been used by the unincorporated communities to fund a variety of community projects, such as:

- Providing funds for community food banks to purchase food and transportation of goods.
- Replace bridges on trails using pressure treated lumber.

- Trail maintenance including straightening out dangerous curves, trail grooming and signage.
- Providing funds to libraries for teen and preschool programs.
- Construction of pavilions in local parks.
- Construction of an open air amphitheater.
- Providing training and equipment for local fire stations.
- Repairs to boat ramps at the public launch area.
- Purchase of satellite phones for emergency response communications.
- Providing educational classes to the community youth and adults with programs that teach outdoor safety, senior safety and healthy living.
- Sports field maintenance including the maintenance of lawns, equipment and access trails and roads.
- Planning, preparation, and construction of community parks and community center buildings.
- Providing medial bags and supplies to local schools.
- Providing funding to weather-proof recycling containers and building a platform for accessibility to the containers.
- Provide operational funding for non-profits such as MY House, a nonprofit helping homeless youth in the Mat-Su.
- Providing funding for training and signage for Neighborhood watch programs.

The Community Assistance Program state grant application will be provided to the manager for signature and submitted to the State Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development prior to the June 1, 2024 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval.