





SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF THE REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION.

AGENDA OF: April 15, 2025

Assembly Action:

Approved under the consent agenda 4/15/25 - EMW

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution Serial No. 25-038 (2 pages)

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.

With the reactivation of the South Lakes Community Council there are now twenty-one unincorporated communities and their respective nonprofit entities that are eligible for funding under the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Assistance Program. Those communities and respective nonprofit entities are:

<u>Unincorporated Community</u>	<u>Nonprofit Entity</u>
1) Big Lake	Big Lake Community Council
2) Butte	Butte Community Council
3) Chase	Chase Community Council
4) Chickaloon	Chickaloon Community Council
5) Fishhook	Fishhook Community Council
6) Gateway	Gateway Community Council
7) Glacier View	Glacier View Community Council
8) Knik-Fairview	Knik-Fairview Community Council
9) Lake Louise	Louise, Susitna, Tyone Community Association
10) Meadow Lakes	Meadow Lakes Community Council
11) North Lakes	North Lakes Community Council
12) Petersville	Petersville Community Non-Profit Corporation
13) Point MacKenzie	Point MacKenzie Community Council
14) South Knik River	South Knik River Community Council
15) South Lakes	South Lakes Community Council
16) Susitna	Susitna Community Council
17) Sutton	Sutton Community Council
18) Talkeetna	Talkeetna Community Council
19) Tanaina	Tanaina Community Council
20) Trapper Creek	Trapper Creek Community Council
21) 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 2026 Community Assistance Program state grant application has moved to an electronic submittal, and a copy will be provided to the manager for review prior to being submitted to the State Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development before the June 1, 2025 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval.