

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, TO THE STATE OF ALASKA OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY, ON BEHALF OF THE THE ALASKA STATE FAIR, TO REHABILITATE TWO BUILDINGS LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AS PART OF THE REBARCHEK HISTORIC FARMSTEAD.

AGENDA OF: August 17, 2022

Assembly Action:

*Approved under the Consent agenda
8-17-22 (BDD)*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

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Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - A. Bradway	<i>AB</i>	
	Planning and Land Use Director	<i>AD</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>CV</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>Jag N.S.</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>BDD for item</i>	

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO x

Historic Preservation CLG Grant Announcement (1 pp)

Resolution Serial No. 22-070 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Alaska State Fair (State Fair) is seeking grant funding to rehabilitate two Historic Buildings within the historic Rebarchek Farm. The buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic places as contributing historic outbuildings to the Farmstead. One building will serve as an office for the coordinator of education and activities on the farm. The other is an exhibit of Rebarchek's smokehouse.

The Office of History and Archeology is offering a grant opportunity to Certified Local Governments (CLG) to fund Historic Preservation Planning efforts. Awards of up to \$50,000 per project

can be used to support:

- Resource surveys,
- Archive inventories,
- National Register Nominations,
- Public preservation education,
- Pre-development and development, and
- Historic preservation planning

As a CLG, the MSB is eligible to apply for this funding. The CLG is also able to pass this funding through to local projects.

Background:

The Alaska State Fair has for several years been working to rehabilitate and show-case the Historic Rebarchek Farmhouse and surroundings as a visitor destination and working farm. It is designed to advocate farming by introducing farming technologies through its youth programs.

This project will help the Fair realize its objectives by rehabilitating a historic building, saving it from further deterioration, and providing an office for the coordinator of educational programs and activities. This project serves the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as an additional attraction and destination for the growing tourist industry. It also serves to bring back the Borough's agricultural potential by introducing more youth to farming.

The State Fair has asked the MSB to apply for funding on their behalf, with the understanding that the State Fair will write the grant application. Should a grant be awarded, the MSB would be the recipients of record and would manage financial reporting, while the State Fair would manage all other grant activities and reporting.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Staff respectfully recommends supporting a grant application on the behalf of the Alaska State Fair.



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RE: FY22 Historic Preservation CLG Grant Applications

To Alaska CLGs:

The Office of History & Archaeology is accepting grant applications from Certified Local Governments (CLGs) for 60-40 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) matching grant projects. All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides up to 60 percent assistance with a 40 percent CLG match for the cost of a historic preservation project in one of the following categories:

- Survey
- Inventory
- National Register Nomination
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Public Preservation Education
- Predevelopment
- Development Acquisition

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Grant requests must not exceed \$50,000 maximum in matching assistance.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022. The HPF application package is attached and available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Lewis at maria.lewis@alaska.gov or by telephone at 907-269-8717.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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