

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGERS SIGNATURE ON AND SUBMITTAL OF THE REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION.

**AGENDA OF:** May 17, 2022

**Assembly Action:**

Approved under the Consent  
Agenda 5-17-22

**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 - P. Graham | <i>PG</i>          |         |
|           | Finance Director       | <i>CF</i>          |         |
|           | Borough Attorney       | <i>MS</i>          |         |
|           | Borough Clerk          | <i>BOA for IKM</i> |         |

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
Resolution Serial No. 22-056 (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 2023 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           |

Funding from this program has been used over the last 13 years 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, 2022 deadline.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Adopt the legislation as presented.