

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President *CP*
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor

FROM: Rachel Chaffee, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *RC*
Trent Burnett, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Fire Chief *TB*

DATE: June 23, 2022

RE: Resolution 2022- 042 , Approving a Modification to the Spending Plan for the Remaining Balance of \$100,000 from the State of Alaska for the Healthy and Equitable Communities Program, a Federal Pass-thru Award Under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Mayor)

Ordinance 2021-19-31 authorized the mayor to accept the Healthy and Equitable Communities Program grant of which \$53,940.61 was for the Homeless Coalition, and the remaining \$100,000 was for COVID testing and treatment. The assembly directed the mayor to determine a program that would utilize \$100,000 of the funds not designated for the Homeless Coalition.

Resolution 2022-009, approved a spending plan for the use of these funds which required the issuance of a proposal for COVID-19 testing and treatment services. The request for proposal was issued and there was only one respondent that provided a response with an amount that exceeded the funds available for the project. The one response provided, was not from a local agency.

The Nikiski Fire Service Area has been operating a mobile integrated health program within the service area. This program has been providing a valuable service that has been well received by the members of the Nikiski community. The program is scheduled to end by December 31, 2022 absent any plan or additional funding.

The Nikiski Fire Service Area will conduct the following activities under this new spending plan:

1. Contract with an agency to evaluate and source ways to continue the program indefinitely;
2. Complete a program handbook and strategy that will be available for boroughwide use; and

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3. Continue providing Covid testing, treatments, vaccinations, and mobile integrated health services.

This modification of grant expenditures has been pre-approved by the granting agency, and is within the federal guidance. The Nikiski Fire Service Area is capable of fulfilling all requirements of the grant, to include reporting.

Your consideration of the resolution is appreciated.