

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 10/13/20
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstained

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2020-075**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITIES IN THE BOROUGH TO USE CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS (CRF FUNDS) FROM THE BOROUGH TO FUND DISTRIBUTION BY THE CITIES FOR HOUSING RELIEF DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN EACH CITY THROUGH THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND THE CITIES FOR THE COOPERATIVE AND/OR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OR POWERS TO PROVIDE FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN THE CITIES

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has provided funding to the Kenai Peninsula Borough through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), a pass-through program authorized by federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and

WHEREAS, funding to the borough in the total amount of \$37,458,449.47 is being provided to the borough in three installments, which may only be used to cover costs that (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the coronavirus disease 2019, (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 by the borough, and (3) were incurred during the performance period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.010(13) authorizes all municipalities to enter into agreements for cooperative administration of any function or power with another municipality subject to other provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative agreement between the borough and the cities in the borough authorized by Resolution 2020-064, did not include cooperating in the administration of functions and powers to provide funding for housing assistance through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) inside the cities using a portion of the CRF funds granted to the borough; and

WHEREAS, housing assistance is and will continue to be needed in the borough both inside and outside of the cities as a result of this disaster especially as the winter approaches, and cooperation in this program will be beneficial to both the borough and city residents; and

WHEREAS, the borough has the authority under AS 29.35.040 to provide for housing in the area of the borough outside of the cities as it is wholly in an area that was declared by the President and the governor to be a disaster area, and the cities have the power to provide for housing in their boundaries; and

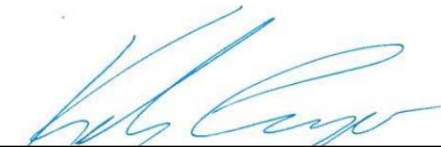
WHEREAS, cities in the borough have asked the borough to enter into a cooperative agreement with them for the joint administration of functions and powers to support COVID-19 response and recovery efforts within the cities including sub-granting some of the CRF funds received by the borough to the cities to help fund AHFC housing assistance programs inside their city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the borough mayor to execute an agreement for the sub-grant of CRF funds from the borough to the cities in the borough either as a part of the grant agreement with the city or as an amendment to that agreement, for cooperative or joint administration of providing funding for housing assistance needed in the cities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

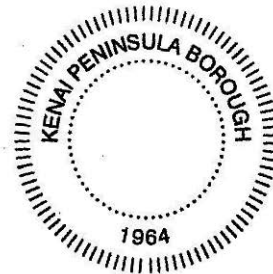


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper
No: None
Absent: None
Abstained: Cox