

Introduced by: Don W. Baird, City Manager
Date: October 23, 2007
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 07-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FY 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND FY 2007 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION BUILDING IN BETHEL, ALASKA

- WHEREAS**, the Office of Housing and Urban Development administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at the federal level;
- WHEREAS**, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development administers the CDBG program in Alaska;
- WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel, as a municipal government, is typically eligible to apply for up to \$850,000 in CDBG funds on an annual basis;
- WHEREAS**, in an effort to redistribute unused CDBG funds from last year, applications for a special, one-time CDBG grant for homeless assistance projects is being accepted by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
- WHEREAS**, CDBG grant guidance requires the City of Bethel to hold one or more public meetings to explain the CDBG parameters, answer questions, solicit ideas for projects, and select the one best project from those presented;
- WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on October 12, 2007 from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers for the express purpose of meeting the grant guidance, soliciting CDBG project ideas from the community, and determining which one should be pursued;
- WHEREAS**, those in attendance at the community meeting agreed that pursuing both CDBG grants as a way to provide some of the expected \$9.26 million construction cost of a new Tundra Women's Coalition building was the best alternative;
- WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel will be an applicant in the amount of \$850,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, under the CDBG program.

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WHEREAS, the City of Bethel will be an applicant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Homeless Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel will administer the grant funds over the lives of the two CDBGs and plans to collect 1% from grant funds (\$13,500) to cover the cost of its administration services;

WHEREAS, the required 25% match can be cash or in-kind and will be the responsibility of Tundra Women's Coalition;

WHEREAS, grant preparation, submission, and reporting will be the responsibility of Tundra Women's Coalition and its affiliates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents required for granting and managing funds on behalf of this organization. The City of Bethel supports and approves of the Tundra Women's Coalition preparing and submitting an FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant and a Homeless Assistance Program Community Development Block Grant to fund costs associated with the construction of a new Tundra Women's Coalition building in Bethel, Alaska. The City of Bethel is hereby authorized to execute subsequent amendments to said grant agreement to provide for adjustments to the project within the scope of services or tasks, based upon the needs of the project.

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Mary Kenick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk