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Date: June 24, 2003
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Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #03-23

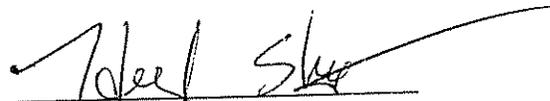
A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK GRANT MONIES FROM THE 2003 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

- WHEREAS,** The Bethel Fire Department has identified grant monies from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and is willing to put forth the effort needed to apply for this grant, and;
- WHEREAS,** The purpose of the grant program is to award one-year grants directly to fire departments to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards, and;
- WHEREAS,** Since the origin of the grant program, Congress has recognized the increasing needs of fire departments and has doubled the previously appropriated amounts of funding, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Bethel Fire Department has identified three grant categories to apply for funding – health and safety equipment, personal protective equipment and communications, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Bethel Fire Department intends to use the health and safety equipment money to equip the fire department facility with an exhaust extraction system, thereby reducing the dangerous amounts of fumes that department personnel are currently being exposed to, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Bethel Fire Department intends to use the personal protective equipment money to purchase equipment for firefighters, EMT's and rescue personnel, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Bethel Fire Department intends use the communications money to carry out FCC mandated upgrades of their mobile radios, and;
- WHEREAS,** Under the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the Bethel Fire Department is applying for \$165,715 of the available grants monies, with a required 10% local cash match contribution of \$16,571, recognizing that these monies will benefit the fire department facility, fire department personnel and safety of the community of Bethel.

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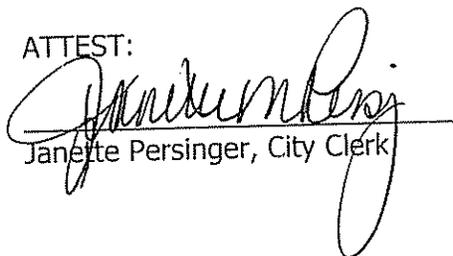
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bethel City Council supports the efforts of the Bethel Fire Department in seeking grant money for health and safety equipment, personal protection and communications. The City Council appreciates the efforts put forth by City departments in seeking funds to support needed projects and directs Administration to prepare a budget modification with the General Fund balance as the source of the required City of Bethel local cash match.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, by unanimous voice vote.



Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Janette Persinger, City Clerk