

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-47		
Date action introduced:	August 13, 2019	Introduced by:	Acting City Manager Howell
Date action taken:	August 13, 2019	X Approved	Denied
Confirmed by:	<i>KM</i>		

Authorize the Acting City Manager to negotiate and execute and agreement with the University of Alaska to authorize the financial contributions to the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension 4-H Program.

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
\$112,000	No fiscal impact	10-72-798

2020 marks the 25th Anniversary the City of Bethel has supported the annual operation of the University of Alaska’s Cooperative Extension 4-H program which is operated out of the City’s property commonly known as the Teen Center. In addition to the financial contributions made through the reduced leased rate and utilities to the facility, the City Council has approve in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget \$112,000 to the University in exchange for the management and operation through trained personnel the 4-H program.

Alaska 4-H is the state’s premier youth development program that is open to all youth from kindergarten through high school. 4-H is the only youth program affiliated with a university and using research-based information and strategies. 4-H gives young people the extra edge for life success by teaching essential life skills such as confidence, competence, character and community service. In 4-H, youth work together with adults to make a difference in their communities, helping build a stronger nation. Bethel 4-H provides an after school program that can support up to 60 kids per day with about 300 youth annually enrolled. They oversee traditional clubs such as the popular Kusko Kicker’s soccer club which enrolls about 90 participants per season and the Sports camp at the Fitness Center is a chartered 4-H Club.