

## City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Date action introduced:	November 12, 2019	Introduced by:	William F. Howell, Acting City Manager
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Confirmed by:	KM		

**Action Title:** Direct Administration to sign the School Violence Prevention Program grant agreement and accept the award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in the amount of \$500,000 to purchase security features for Bethel schools and negotiate and execute a related Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Lower Kuskokwim School District.

**Attachment(s):** (1) Award Letter from COPS Office, dated October 3, 2019.

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
\$166,667 match	Funds in City FY 20 LKSD Budget.	TBD - LKSD

### Summary Statement

The City of Bethel worked with the Lower Kuskokwim School District to prepare and submit a grant application to the COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program. The City sought and was awarded the maximum amount available through the grant: \$500,000. The School District pledged to contribute \$166,667 in cash match toward the project. This grant is unique in that only the City could apply as an eligible entity, but the money had to be used to improve school security.

In the two-year grant performance period, the City and LKSD plan to purchase and install a mobile phone application on all Bethel teacher and staff cell phones that has the capability to alert police, fire, medical service, or school staff members with the push of a button.

Grant funding will provide card reader door locks on all high school interior doors. This system will make every door more secure, reduce thefts, and stop unauthorized access.

Push bar door alarms will be installed on all high school exit doors. These fire alarm doors will prevent the ingress and egress through the doors that presently occurs.

The largest portion of grant funds will be used to purchase and install a front entry system with video cameras, monitors, intercom, and electronic door locks with controls located inside the Front Office. This "buzz-in" system will be monitored by an LKSD staff member.

The City and LKSD will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding that will specify each party's responsibilities. The MOU will be signed by the City Manager.