

Presented By:
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes 6
No 0
Abstain 0

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-10-05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING (\$18,160,055) FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2018 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

Whereas, Alaska's harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities; and,

Whereas, these harbor facilities are ports of refuge and areas for protection for ocean-going commerce vessels, pleasure craft and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in coastal Alaskan communities; and,

Whereas, many municipalities own and operate these harbor facilities and are therefore responsible for keeping up with deferred maintenance; and,

Whereas, consequently, when local municipalities formulated their annual harbor facility budgets, they were frequently faced with high costs for repairs and improvements that their local municipal governments could not afford; and,

Whereas, in response to this financial burden, the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation to create the Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and,

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities administrative process works to review, score and rank applicants to the Harbor Facility Grant Program, since state funds may be limited; and,

Whereas, for each harbor facility grant application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting costs and 50% of the construction costs; and,

Whereas, the City of Nome successfully completed a Harbor Repairs & Upgrades Project made possible by a \$3,000,000 FY 2013 Harbor Facility Grant with 50% of that matched by the City; and,

Whereas, the municipalities of the City of Kake, the City of Ketchikan, the City and Borough of Sitka, the Municipality of Skagway, the City of Valdez, the City and Borough of Wrangell have offered to contribute \$18,160,055 in local match funding for FY 2018 towards seven harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and,

Whereas, completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50% match from the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program; and,

Whereas, during the last ten years, the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has been fully funded only twice; and,

Whereas, during the last ten years, the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these municipal harbors has increased to over \$100,000,000.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Nome City Council supports and urges full funding in the amount of \$18,160,055 by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2018 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 24th day of October, 2016.



RICHARD BENEVILLE, Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk