

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2016-075**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEWARD, ALASKA, URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE
AND GOVERNOR TO FULLY FUND THE MUNICIPAL
HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2018
STATE CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, in 1999 the State of Alaska transferred ownership of harbors to the communities; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these former State owned harbors has increased to over \$100,000,000; 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, and the City and Borough of Wrangell have offered to contribute \$18,160,055 in local match funding for FY2018 towards seven harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; 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 cost; and

WHEREAS, other communities have supported Seward with resolutions to the state to fund the Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, during the last ten years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has only been fully funded twice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA that:

Section 1. The City Manager be directed to urge the Alaska Legislature and Governor to fully fund the Harbor Facility Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$18,160,055 in the FY2018 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 21st day of November 2016.

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THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

Jean Bardarson

Jean Bardarson, Mayor

AYES: Casagrande, Keil, Squires, McClure, Altermatt, Slater, Bardarson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Johanna Kinney
Johanna Kinney, CMC
City Clerk

(City Seal)

