Sponsored by: Meszaros

CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA RESOLUTION 2019-091

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 2021 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 Cordova, City and Borough of Sitka, City of Ketchikan, City of Homer, City of Edna Bay, City of Kake, City and Borough of Juneau, and the City of Anchorage have offered to contribute \$12,145,312 in local match funding for FY2021 towards eight 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 eleven 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 Seward City Council hereby directs the City Manager to urge the Alaska Legislature and Governor to fully fund the Harbor Facility Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$12,145,312 in the FY2021 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 28th day of October, 2019.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

Christy Terry, Mayor

AYES:

Osenga, Seese, McClure, Lane, Baclaan, Terry

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

None

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Ballou, MMC

City Clerk

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