

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2023-114**

**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 2025 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 \$500,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Sitka and Juneau have committed to contribute half of their project cost in local match funding for FY2025 towards 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 fifteen 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 \$7,644,677 in the FY2025 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 9th day of October 2023.

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THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

Sue McClure

Sue McClure, Mayor

AYES: Barnwell, Finch, Wells, Calhoon, Osenga, McClure
NOES: None
ABSENT: DeMoss
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Jodi Kurtz

Jodi Kurtz
Acting City Clerk

