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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-04-03

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FY2020 NSEDC COMMUNITY BENEFIT SHARE SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUNDS TO SUPPORT LOCAL MEASURES RELATED TO COVID-19 RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the City of Nome closed most of its facilities and discouraged travel to Nome during the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, its premier annual tourism event; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome endeavored to keep staff employed, despite the closures to mitigate the impact on employees' family finances; and,

WHEREAS, to control the potential spread of COVID-19 in the Bering Strait Region, the City of Nome implemented a travel permit authorization system which required out-of-the-ordinary staff and resource allocation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome activated its Incident Command System and allocated resources to its Emergency Operations Center; and,

WHEREAS, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic by generously supporting Bering Strait Communities with a supplemental \$100,000 Community Benefit Share (CBS) distribution to offset impacts of member communities' response to the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome proposes to use the supplemental CBS to offset local expenses not reimbursable by FEMA or State of Alaska aid packages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council hereby designates the FY2020 CBS Special Distribution to support local measures related to the COVID-19 response.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 27th day of April, 2020.



MARK JOHNSON
Presiding Council Member

ATTEST:

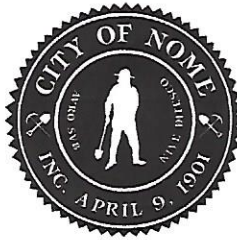


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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2020
To: Glenn Steckman, City Manager & Bryant Hammond, City Clerk
From: Nickie Crowe, Acting Finance Director *Nickie Crowe*
Subject: F20 NSEDC CBS Special Distribution Budget Recommendation

The City of Nome received a correspondence from NSEDC regarding a 2020 NSEDC Community Benefit Share Special Distribution of \$100,000.

Proposed Budget:

\$100,000 – Supplement funding for labor, benefits, and other costs, not reimbursed by FEMA or State resources, to support local measures related to the COVID 19 response

Justification:

City of Nome staff has taken on new roles to ensure public safety during the COVID 19 pandemic. These tasks include staff time for EOC, travel permits, monitoring airport arrivals, and wellness checks via telephone. Additional costs related to the COVID 19 response are leave expenses related to Families First Act, additional cost of deferred maintenance due to travel ban restrictions, and administrative support for preparing FEMA documentation.

FEMA does not reimburse for regular staff hours. This funding will help offset loss of revenue due to public building closures and local industry shutdowns and allow staff to continue to assist in local measures to promote public safety during this health crisis.



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April 16, 2020

Mr. Richard Beneville, Mayor
City of Nome
P.O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Re: 2020 NSED Community Benefit Share Special Distribution

Dear Mayor Beneville,

On behalf of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce a 2020 special Community Benefit Share (CBS) distribution of \$100,000. NSED recognizes that our member communities may need additional support to help offset burdens related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are requiring that this special CBS distribution be applied towards offsetting the impacts of the pandemic in our member communities. While NSED does not dictate specific uses of the distribution, we can offer examples of areas that communities may wish to address with the funding:

- 1) Supplement funding to your municipality due to a loss of tax base income;
- 2) Support local measures or purchase supplies to help mitigate the spread of the virus;
- 3) Provide a direct benefit to the residents of your community to help alleviate personal hardships imposed by the impacts of COVID-19. Examples include, but are not limited to: providing utility (electric, water & sewer) subsidies, food subsidies for families, or heating fuel or gas subsidies. Such an approach must benefit each household of your community and not select individuals.

The process in order to receive the special CBS funding follows:

- 1) Hold a public meeting (which can be held via teleconference or virtually) to determine a budget for how the special distribution will be spent. NSED recognizes this may reduce the potential for community input on how the funding be utilized and suggests that municipalities seek input through other means, such as fliers, social media, or another means of informing residents;
- 2) Submit a budget to NSED, and upon receipt, NSED will remit the \$100,000 to your community. NSED will waive the requirement that prior years' CBS funds be spent and audits received prior to the new funding being disbursed. However, please keep receipts and other documentation regarding expenditures from this special distribution for submission to NSED for audit purposes.

Thank you for your support of NSED's effort to provide financial support to our member communities through this special Community Benefit Share. Please submit all documents by May 1, 2020 to Thomas Simonsson, Community Development Coordinator, at thomas@nsedc.com.

Sincerely,


Janis Ivanoff
President & CEO

cc: Nome City Council
Adem Boeckmann, NSED Board Member

"NSED will participate in the Bering Sea fisheries to provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to our member communities."