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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Acting General Manager

DATE: September 28, 2022

RE: **Resolution No. 22-2862 – Submitting a Grant Application to Obtain Funds from the United States Government, Acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, Pursuant to a Request for Funding, in an Amount Anticipated Not to Exceed \$6M, to be Used for Such Purposes as Approved by Rural Utilities Service; and Establishing an Effective Date**

At its meeting of September 15, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 22-2860 - Assigning a Representative-Signature-Certifier, Assigning Administrators in Respect to the USDA’s Online Application Program for ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program. The resolution authorized Telecommunications Division staff to submit a funding application to the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program.

The below motion was prepared at the request of Acting Telecommunications Division Manager Dan Lindgren, who asked that it be placed before the City Council for consideration at its meeting of October 6, 2022. If approved, Resolution No. 22-2862 states the specified maximum grant award request and funding category, and is also a requirement of the grant application.

The Acting Telecommunications Division Manager will attend the City Council meeting of October 6, 2022, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion approving Resolution No. 22-2862 – Submitting a Grant Application to Obtain Funds from the United States Government, Acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, Pursuant to a Request for Funding, in an Amount Anticipated Not to Exceed \$6M, to be Used for Such Purposes as Approved by Rural Utilities Service; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Recommended Motion: I move that the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2862 – Submitting a Grant Application to Obtain Funds from the United States Government, Acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture's Federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, Pursuant to a Request for Funding, in an Amount Anticipated Not to Exceed \$6M, to be Used for Such Purposes as Approved by Rural Utilities Service; and Establishing an Effective Date.



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Memorandum

To: Lacey Simpson, Acting KPU General Manager

From: Dan Lindgren, Acting KPU Telecommunications Division Manager

Date: September 23, 2022

Subject: **Resolution No. 22-2862 – A Resolution of The City Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska for Submitting a Grant Application to Obtain Funds from the United States Government, Acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, Pursuant to a Request for Funding, in an Amount Anticipated not to exceed \$6M, to be used for such Purposes as Approved by Rural Utilities Service; and Establishing and Effective Date**

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek City Council approval of Resolution No. 22-2862 – A resolution of The City Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska for submitting a grant application to obtain funds from the United States Government, acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture’s federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, pursuant to a request for funding, in an amount anticipated not to exceed \$6M, to be used for such purposes as approved by Rural Utilities Service; and establishing an effective date.

Background:

At the September 1, 2022 City Council Meeting the City Council met in executive session to discuss KPU’s potential application to broadband grant funding opportunities. As a result of that discussion, KPU-Tel is proceeding with applying for a Reconnect Program or Community Connect Program grant.

At the September 15, 2022 City Council Meeting the City Council approved Resolution No. 22-2860 - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska; Assigning a Representative-Signature-Certifier, Assigning Administrators in Respect to the USDA’s Online Application Program for Reconnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program and Establishing an Effective Date.

The funding request resolution is required from the applicants governing authority authorizing the application to be submitted and stating the applications funding category and maximum award amount.

Resolution No. 22-2862 was created to meet this requirement and is presented herewith for approval by the City Council.

Recommended Motion: I move that the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2862 – A Resolution of The City Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska for Submitting a Grant Application to Obtain Funds from the United States Government, Acting through the Administrator of Rural Utilities Service and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, Pursuant to a Request for Funding, in an Amount Anticipated not to exceed \$6M, to be used for such Purposes as Approved by Rural Utilities Service; and Establishing an Effective Date

Cc: Michelle Johansen, Finance Director

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2862

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA FOR SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ACTING THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURES FEDERAL RECONNECT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT ANTICIPATED NOT TO EXCEED \$6M, TO BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS APPROVED BY RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1: RESOLVED The City of Ketchikan, Alaska is a first class home rule municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska (hereinafter the "Corporation") which as the owner and operator of a public telecommunication utility desires to participate in USDA's ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program.

Section 2: RESOLVED that the City of Ketchikan further authorizes the submission of the reconnect application under the category of 100 percent grant for a project designed to serve an area where 90 percent of households lack sufficient access to broadband. The maximum award amount being requested is six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00)

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 6th day of October, 2022.

Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, City Clerk

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Kim Stanker do hereby certify that: I am the City Clerk of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, a first class home rule municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska (hereinafter the "Corporation"); that the following are true and correct copies of resolutions duly adopted by the City Council of the Corporation at the regular meeting held on October 3rd, 2022, and entered in the records of the Corporation; that the meeting was duly and regularly called and held in accordance with the ordinances of the Corporation; and that none of the following resolutions have been rescinded or modified:

THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2862

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA FOR SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ACTING THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURES FEDERAL RECONNECT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT ANTICIPATED NOT TO EXCEED \$6M, TO BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS APPROVED BY RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 6th day of October, 2022.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT each member of the City Council of the Corporation was furnished with notice of said meeting in compliance with the ordinances of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Corporation this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Kim Stanker
City Clerk

**Budget Transfer – Public Works-Wastewater Division’s 2022
Travel-Business Account**

Moved by Flora, seconded by Bradberry the City Council authorize the Acting City Manager to transfer \$3,500 from the Appropriated Reserves of the Wastewater Fund to the Public Works – Wastewater Division’s 2022 Travel-Business Account No. 600.01 to fund travel expenses related to filling the Wastewater Division Supervisor position.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry and Flora voting yea.

**Budget Transfer – Acquisition of FCC Auction No. 108 2.5 GHz
Mid-Band Spectrum Licenses for Next Generation Wireless
Services**

Moved by Flora, seconded by Bradberry the City Council authorize the Acting General Manager to create a 2022 FCC Auction 108 License capital project account for the Telecommunications Division, transfer \$68,850 from Appropriated Reserves of the KPU Enterprise Fund to the Telecommunications Division’s 2022 FCC Auction 108 License Capital Account, and authorize funds in the amount of \$68,500 from the Telecommunications Division’s 2022 FCC Auction 108 License Capital Account to acquire FCC Auction No. 108 2.5 GHz mid-band spectrum licenses for the next generation wireless services at a total cost of \$68,850.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry and Flora voting yea.

**Resolution No. 22-2860 – Assigning a Representative-Signature-
Certifier -Assigning Administrators in Respect to the USDA’s
Online Application Program for ReConnect Program and
Community Connect Grant Program**

Moved by Flora, seconded by Bradberry the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2860, Assigning a Representative-Signature-Certified, Assigning Administrators in Respect to the USDA’s Online Application Program for ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program; and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry and Flora voting yea.

**Three-Year Memorandum of Agreement for Berth III Off-
Season Berthing – The State of Alaska, Department of
Transportation & Public Facilities, Alaska Marine Highway
System**

Moved by Gass, seconded by Mahtani the City Council approve the three-year Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Ketchikan and the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Alaska Marine Highway System for Berth III off-season berthing and direct the Acting City Manager and Port & Harbors Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Councilmember Gass questioned if this is tied to the moorage rates, and asked if staff could refresh the Council on the status of our current rates and when those are set to increase.