NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL RELIEF, SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANCE, HOMELESS ASSISTANCE, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: the Borough will receive a total of $4,077,540 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds for use in direct response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS: the Borough wishes to authorize use of CARES Act funds in order to assist Northwest Arctic Borough residents by improving public safety facilities in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

- $200,000 to fund construction renovations for the Shungnak Village Public Safety Officer facility;
- $60,000 to fund renovation of the Shungnak public safety facility; and
- $90,000 to fund renovation of the Kiana Village Public Safety Officer facility.

WHEREAS: this appropriation for public safety facility improvements is a necessary expenditure incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency in order to make these facilities functional and safe in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: these facilities will provide housing for public safety officers responding to COVID-19 situations as well as community safety activities, and provide for a safe holding building for offenders awaiting transport; and

WHEREAS: the Borough wishes to provide the School District with a $250,000 contribution to assist with student-related activities and supplies to directly combat COVID-19; and
WHEREAS: the Borough wishes to expend $7,075 for direct assistance for the region’s homeless population who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS: the Borough wishes to expend up to $1,000,000 for general economic relief grants for direct assistance for the region’s population who have suffered economic hardship directly due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: these expenditures were not otherwise accounted for in the Borough’s FY20 or FY21 budget; and

WHEREAS: these expenditures will be incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ending on December 30, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves the following CARES Act appropriations:

A. to improve village public safety facilities in the amount of $350,000 in direct response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

B. to provide the School District with a $250,000 contribution to assist with student-related activities and supplies to directly combat COVID-19; and

C. to provide direct assistance to the region’s homeless population in the amount of $7,075; and

D. to provide economic relief grants in a total amount of up to $1,000,000 for those that suffered an economic hardship directly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Mayor Lucy S. Nelson is authorized to execute contracts to carry out these expenditures.

[Signature]
Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

[Signature]
Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

[Signature]
Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST: