NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING AN ASSEMBLY DONATION UNDER THE FY22 BUDGET FOR THE CHUKCHI CONSORTIUM LIBRARY.

WHEREAS: on an annual basis, the Borough receives donation requests from a variety of community and regional organizations, and the Assembly has often appropriated funds to meet certain donation requests; and

WHEREAS: under the Borough’s FY22 Budget adopted by Ordinance 21-05, the Borough Assembly budgeted $500,000 for FY22 donations through Account # 01-01-7050; and

WHEREAS: the Borough’s Donation Policy requires organizations to submit requests for donations to receive funding under the FY22 budget; and

WHEREAS: after reviewing the University of Alaska Fairbanks Chukchi Consortium Library’s request to help fund the Consortium Library, the Borough has determined that this donation will further a public purpose and facilitate services within the Borough that the Borough cannot otherwise provide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby approves an FY22 Assembly donation to the Chukchi Consortium Library in the amount of $25,000.


Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor
SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:
Mayor Lucy Nelson
Northwest Arctic Borough
PO Box 1110
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

May 4, 2021

Dear Mayor Nelson,

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank the Northwest Arctic Borough for its generous support of the Chukchi Consortium Library in FY2021. NWAB funding has been crucial to the operation of the library since the late 1980’s. This longstanding partnership is quite remarkable and has persisted through very thin years as well as years of great stability.

As we come out from under the terrible grip of COVID and reflect on the past year, we realize how important the library is to our residents. We receive phone calls daily about the status of the library and there is eagerness by many for us to reopen. Chukchi Campus closed to the public in mid-March 2020. The library remains closed to the public but has been running public services as safely as we are able. We have been setting up appointments for computer usage and materials ordering for pickup and our revolving free books are available to anyone who can stop by. We don’t see opening to the public in the way we have historically anytime soon but we are hopeful.

We weren’t able to expend out Borough funds as planned due to a number of things; COVID, the inability to travel for professional development, Mae Mendenhall was on maternity leave for a couple of months this winter and the part-time librarian position has been vacant all year. As you are aware, though, the University of Alaska experienced devastating budget cuts handed down by the governor these last three years. Those cuts trickled down to Chukchi Campus and were quite devastating for us. Chukchi Library was almost completely unfunded except for a small materials budget. Because of this NWAB funds were crucial this year to the operation of the library. Internet, library system, building operations and maintenance and all office supplies continue to be the responsibility of the UAF.

We have just recently hired part-time library staff after a long period of vacancy. Coronavirus will greatly change how we train and work with this person but we are hopeful that with lots of creativity we can safely do most of the work we’ve traditionally done at Chukchi Library in the near future. We are watching what other libraries in the state do to reopen and are finding that many are open either by appointment or are fully open.
We would like to request a NWAB contribution in the amount of $100,000 for FY2022 support for the library. Borough funds will support the salary and benefits of the full-time permanent library director position and a part-time youth services librarian.

2021 NWAB Funds Request
Carry forward from 2020
Total

2021 Projected NWAB expenditures
Library Director
Books, dvds, supplies
Total

2022 Total Chukchi Library Budget
Public Library Assistance Grant
University of Alaska

2022 Budget Request to NWAB
Library Director (salary and benefits)
Part-time Librarian
Total

We look forward to our continued partnership that provides this important service to our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stacey Glaser, Director
Chukchi Campus/UAF
ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTION REQUEST FORM

Organizations requesting donations must be a non-profit, public charity, tribal government, or other not-for-profit that supports a public institution, program, faculty, or provides benefits to Borough residents. Donation requests must be approved by the Assembly and are dependent on current resources. You may be requested to appear before the Assembly regarding your request. A follow-up report will be required if approved, addressing how the contribution was used to benefit Borough Residents. By submitting this form and signing at the bottom, you acknowledge the requirements set forth by the Borough.

APPLICANT NAME: Stacey Glaser                      DATE: May 11, 2021

ORGANIZATION: Chukchi Consortium Library

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AMOUNT REQUESTING: $100,000

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET (attach copy of budget): see attached

ATTACH REASON FOR DONATION REQUEST (include a brief description of the program or service for which contribution is sought, the importance of the contribution to the success of the program or service, and how the program or service will provide a direct and material benefit to Borough residents)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: Stacey Glaser

Digitally signed by Stacey Glaser
DN: cn=StaceyGlar, o=nu, e=ulglsr@alaska.edu
Valid Dates: 20210511132621-0800

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