

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 21-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST  
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING  
A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND  
APPLICATION FROM THE NATIVE VILLAGE  
OF KIVALINA TO FUND DUMPSITE CLEANUP,  
SOLID WASTE TRAINING, AND OPERATIONS,  
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.010 of the Borough Code, the Borough Village Improvement Commission was established to identify village service and capital improvement needs, plan and implement capital improvement and public service programs, and oversee investment of the Borough's Village Improvement Fund (VIF); and

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.020 of the Borough Code, the Commission is responsible for advising the Borough Administration with respect to working with village residents, Borough communities, and village utilities to identify projects and programs for recommended funding; and

**WHEREAS:** on August 10, 2021, the Village Improvement Commission passed Commission Resolution 21-08, approving the Native Village of Kivalina's application for VIF funds in the amount of \$463,064.72 to fund ongoing dumpsite cleanup, staffing, and equipment, as well as the training, operations, and equipment for the solid-waste treatment system project, and recommending the application for final approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly; and

**WHEREAS:** under a program initially paid for with funds from Teck Alaska and with CARES Act money, Kivalina has employed three residents to collect and dump trash and solid waste, charging residents a small monthly amount to assist with fuel; and

**WHEREAS:** CARES Act money has been depleted and Kivalina wishes to equip and fund the program to continue indefinitely, as the dumpsite cleanup crew has become a practical necessity in the community; and

**WHEREAS:** the Applicant also wishes to train residents to operate the community's solid-waste treatment system; and

**WHEREAS:** left unsupported, the Kivalina dumpsite is a public health and environmental hazard, and this project will support the general welfare of Kivalina residents; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed use of funds meets the VIF eligibility requirements and will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS:** the Assembly wishes to approve the VIF application.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:** the Native Village of Kivalina's application for VIF funds in the amount of \$463,064.72 to fund ongoing dumpsite cleanup, staffing, and equipment, as well as the training, operations, and equipment for the solid-waste treatment system is approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~25<sup>th</sup>~~ DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

  
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Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~25<sup>th</sup>~~ DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

  
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Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~25<sup>th</sup>~~ DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

  
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Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

