

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 23-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A JOINT GRANT
APPLICATION AND FUNDING COMMITMENT TO U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF CLEAN ENERGY
DEMONSTRATIONS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER DE-FOA-0002970, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body for the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough is a home rule regional government and provides essential programs and services to improve the quality of life for all residents and their 11 communities; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (“OCED”), through Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: DE-FOA-0002970, is awarding \$1 billion over 5 years in grants through the Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Program (“ERA”); and

WHEREAS: the Borough, NANA Regional Corporation, and the Kotzebue Electric Association wish to apply for an ERA grant in partnership on a \$56 million project for a Solar PV, Battery Storage and Heat Pumps in Northwest Arctic Alaska (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS: the Project proposes to install 3.35 MW of solar PV and 16.5 MWh of battery storage across all eleven villages eliminating the need to purchase and use an estimated 322,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually; and

WHEREAS: the Project also proposes to install 1,000 heat pumps, one in every residence in ten villages: Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak; and

WHEREAS: the Borough, NANA, and KEA will contribute the required 20% non-federal cost share, \$5 million of which will come from the Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Borough has identified \$2 million in its FY23 budget; \$2 million in its FY24 budget, and \$1 million in its FY25 budget for its portion of the required cost share that will result in a \$56 million award for the region; and

WHEREAS: the grant application requires this multiyear funding commitment from the Borough and Borough Code § 6.16.250 requires that multiyear contracts requiring the payment of funds from an appropriation at a later fiscal year or for more than one fiscal year shall be approved by an Assembly ordinance adopted by a majority of the votes authorized on the question; and

WHEREAS: the Borough Assembly wishes to approve the joint grant application to the Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Program and authorizes the Borough's multi-year funding commitment for \$2 million in FY23; \$2 million in FY24, and \$1 million in FY25 for its portion of the required cost share to secure \$56 million for the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly as follows:

Section 1. CLASSIFICATION.

This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

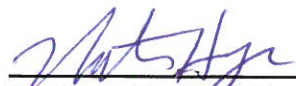
The ordinance satisfies grant requirements for the Borough to submit a joint grant application with NANA Regional Corporation and the Kotzebue Electric Association for an ERA grant for a \$56 million dollar project: Solar PV, Battery Storage and Heat Pumps in Northwest Arctic Alaska and is made a matter of public record.

Section 3. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The Borough Assembly authorizes the Borough to submit a joint grant application with NANA and KEA to the OCED Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Program and authorizes the Borough's multi-year funding commitment for \$2 million in FY23; \$2 million in FY24, and \$1 million in FY25 for its portion of the required cost share to secure \$56 million for the region.

Section 4. This ordinance will be effective upon enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th **DAY OF** July **2023.**



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25 DAY OF July 2023.

Dickie Moto

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF July 2023.

Stella Atoruk

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading: June 26, 2023

Second Reading: July 25, 2023

