

Introduced by: Council Member Teresa Keller
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #24-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL PLACING A HOLD ON ISSUING COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS UNTIL THE THIRD QUARTER 2024 AND WAIVING THE HOLDING OF COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2024

- WHEREAS,** Bethel Municipal Code 2.60.140 establishes the Community Action Grant Committee, whose duties include but are not limited to providing recommendations to the City Council on the funding opportunities to individuals and organizations that request financial support through the community action grant program and to hold two meetings each fiscal quarter;
- WHEREAS,** funding generation for Community Action Grants (CAG) was authorized by Ordinance #17-36, dedicating 20% of alcohol tax revenue to the CAG programs, which focus on advancing the community opportunities, sustainability, and wellbeing with components that foster community wellness, direct impact to the community's vulnerable populations, and/or civic engagement of Bethel residents and project beneficiaries;
- WHEREAS,** the authority to distribute 20% of the alcohol tax revenue CAG grant applicants happens annually through the adoption of the fiscal year operating budget;
- WHEREAS,** when the CAG program started and for each year following, the City didn't have an accumulation of funding for CAG, rather, the amount listed in the fiscal year operating budget was based off estimates of expected alcohol tax remittance;
- WHEREAS,** tracking of the CAG program revenue, expenditures, and budgets have been inconsistent, resulting in more grants being paid out than the amount of incoming revenue;
- WHEREAS,** in November 2023, through Resolution #23-16, the Council became aware of the CAG revenue shortfall, and placed a hold on accepting grant applications, and the distribution of funds;

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WHEREAS, since November, and through March of 2024, the available funding for CAG has increased from a deficit of \$410 to a gain of \$13,336.02, this total is expected to grow as April, May, and June alcohol tax returns are filed;

WHEREAS, to reduce future failures, it is necessary to modify the City's budgeting processes, and ensure the funds being released for the CAG program come from known revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL that the Bethel City Council:


- Places a hold on the distribution of funds for the Community Action Grant Program until the Third Quarter of 2024, Application Period Opens July 29-August 27, 2024.
- Waives the meeting requirements for the Community Action Grant Committee until September 2024 to coincide with the review of the 2024 Third Quarter Community Action Grant application review.
- Confirm the Council will appropriate the known unexpended revenue designated to the Community Action Grant Program from Fiscal Year 2024, in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
- Confirm future appropriations for the fiscal year operating budget will include prior year revenue designated for the Community Action Grant Program (2025 revenue will be presented in the 2026 budget, and so on).

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2024 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Kevin Morgan

Kevin Morgan, Deputy City Clerk



[Sophie Swope \(May 1, 2024 13:14 AKDT\)](#)

Sophie Swope, Vice-Mayor









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