

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	22-30		
Date action introduced:	11-8-2022	Introduced by:	Peter A. Williams, City Manager
Date action taken:	11-8-2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	K M		

Action Title: Authorize and direct City Administration to issue a check in the amount of \$20,000 to the Bethel Community Services Foundation on behalf of the Qasgirmiut Dance Group and the Community Action Grant award approved by council.

Attachment(s): (1) Check Request for \$20,000 to Bethel Community Services Foundation, and (2) Action Memorandum #22-27 approved October 11, 2022.

Amount of fiscal impact:	Source	Account information:
\$20,000	Funds in FY 2022 Budget. Balance available in CAG fund: \$82,382.85.	100-72-6430

Summary Statement

Bethel City Council approved the distribution of \$85,430 in Community Action Grant awards for Year 5, Quarter 3 through Action Memorandum #22-27 on October 11, 2022. The Qasgirmiut Dance Group was one of the four CAG awardees. Being an informal dance group and not a Bona fide not-for-profit organization, the group is not able to cash a check made out to its name. In an effort to get the \$20,000 CAG award in play, the dance group arranged for the Bethel Community Services Foundation to receive the check on its behalf. BCSF will collect a fee from the dance group for handling its money. This Action Memorandum approves the issuance of a check in the amount of \$20,000 to Bethel Community Services Foundation on behalf of the Qasgirmiut Dance Group and for the use as specified in the dance group's CAG application.

The City of Bethel established the Community Action Grant Program (CAG) to allow community and individuals to request financial support for programs or events that contribute to the health, welfare, and overall quality of life for residents of Bethel, especially its most vulnerable populations. Funding for the program comes from 20% of the Alcohol Tax collected by the City.

The Community Action Grant Committee is a volunteer group of citizens who meet quarterly to review CAG applications, score them, and provide funding recommendations to City Council. Bethel City Council must approve the recommendations before checks are issued. Each recipient of CAG funds signs a grant agreement with the City and is responsible for spending the funds appropriately and producing an exit report at the end of the performance period.