

By: Finance Department  
Adopted: November 22, 2021  
Yes: Brown, Graham, Harvey, Johnson, Sullivan-Leonard, Velock  
No: None  
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla  
Resolution Serial No. 21-28**

**A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Awarding A COVID-19 Relief And Recovery Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000 To Wasilla Area Senior, Incorporated For The Meals On Wheels Nutrition Program.**

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WHEREAS, through Resolution Serial No. 20-24 and Ordinance Serial No. 20-28, the City of Wasilla (City) accepted \$18,690,897.67 for Coronavirus relief funds through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for costs that are for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla estimates that by December 31, 2021, approximately \$2,000,000 remains available to assist business and non-profits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated (WASI) has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and have expressed economic need caused from the COVID-19 pandemic to help support the Meals on Wheels Nutrition program in the amount of \$242,108.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council approves granting \$242,108 to WASI for the Meals on Wheels Nutrition program and directs Administration to administer the grant.

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the source of funding for the WASI grant is a transfer from one project account to another within the same accounting fund as follows:

Appropriation of Funds. The funds are appropriated to the following:

110-4181-499-45-15	Small Business Grant	\$242,108
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Source of Funds.

110-4181-499-45-18 City Resiliency and Recovery \$242,108

Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on November 22, 2021.

  
Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sarah Stanifer, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

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Legislative Staff Report  
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Originator: Troy Tankersley, Finance Director

Date: 11/17/2021

Agenda of: 11/22/2021

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		11-17-21
X	Deputy Administrator		
X	City Clerk		11-17-2021
X	Mayor		11/17/21

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes or  no

**Funds Available:**  yes or  no

**Account name/number:** 110-4181-499-45-15 Small Business Grant

**Attachments:** Resolution Serial No. 21-28 (2 pages)  
Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. letter dated November 16, 2021 (2 pages)

**Summary Statement:** Since June 2020, the City of Wasilla has offered five different phases to assist the community with Coronavirus relief and recovery. The programs offered have been small business grants, personal protective equipment grants, housing relief (mortgage and rental assistance), and utility relief. Along with these grant programs, the City has expended funds allowed through the CARES Act federal grant program to mitigate and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated (WASI) has demonstrated a need caused from the pandemic through a letter dated November 16, 2021. The request is to provide relief for the Meals on Wheels Nutrition program, which includes the replacement of a vehicle that had to be repurposed to restore transportation services for the seniors in Wasilla.

Should no further grant funds be required for economic or hardship relief, the Finance Department estimates that approximately \$2,000,000 will remain available by December 31, 2021, the close date of the CARES Act funding, and would require the City to return any excess funds to the State of Alaska.

Through action taken at the November 10, Special Meeting, the Council directed Administration to assist WASI in support of the Meals on Wheels Nutrition program and transportation costs caused from or associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding in support of Resolution Serial No. 21-28 requires the transfer from one account to another account within the same fund as allowed through WMC 5.04.150.

If adopted, Administration would require WASI to attest to the need of this funding through a memorandum of agreement or similar document before the funds would be granted to WASI.

**Proposed Action:** Adopt Resolution Serial No. 21-28.



WASILLA AREA SENIORS INC.

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**City of Wasilla**  
**Office of the Mayor**  
290 E. Herning Ave.  
Wasilla, AK 99654-7091

Dear Mayor Ledford and Distinguished City Council Members:

As you are aware; COVID 19 has significantly impacted our Senior community in a markedly negative way. Throughout the pandemic, Seniors have been isolated from family, friends and services that have been proven to be not only life enrichening, but life extending as well. Community resources (such as WASI) originally designed to augment family and social support systems are now often the only means of assistance available to this vulnerable population.

Between July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021, WASI served 218 unduplicated Wasilla residents **9,699 COVID HDM and/or To Go meals**. These 218 residents are new clients since the onset of the pandemic.

City of Wasilla Cares Act

	July 1st to Sept 30th			
	Wasilla residents			
	(554) / (218) COVID	All Meals	Per Meal	
Meals	26307	32613		80.66%
COVID Meals	9699	26500		(HDM only)
Food	\$ 36,229.29	\$ 121,821.40	\$ 3.74	
Program Supplies	\$ 6,744.45	\$ 22,678.30	\$ 0.70	
Fuel	\$ 1,578.44	\$ 4,312.69	\$ 0.16	(HDM only)
Vehicle R&M	\$ 880.27	\$ 2,405.11	\$ 0.09	(HDM only)
Personnel	\$ 22,944.90	\$ 77,152.49	\$ 2.37	
Shared Costs (Acct/Admin)	\$ 15,176.73	\$ 51,031.92	\$ 1.56	
	\$ 83,554.08	\$ 279,401.91	\$ 8.61	
October to December	\$ 83,554.08			
Grand Total	\$ 167,108.16			

With this in mind, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI) would like to formally request that the City of Wasilla award \$167,108.16 in C.A.R.E.S. Act funding for

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the seniors of our community. These funds would go directly toward Nutritional costs incurred but not budgeted as result of increased demand due to COVID.

Furthermore, senior service providers are faced with the unfortunate task of continuing to meet the rapidly growing demand of senior service delivery in the age of COVID. We are faced with the challenge of providing services to more individuals with less resources in terms of funding and available labor. During the same period identified above our wheelchair accessible vehicle was necessarily repurposed as a campus bus to allow our members to attend meals at the WASI Senior Center. This action has markedly improved nutrition intake while decreasing self-isolation and self-neglect in our on-campus Senior population. Unfortunately, it left a hole in WASI's ability to support non-emergent medical appointments, shopping, and other transportation needs. To this end; Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI) would like to formally request that the City of Wasilla award and additional \$75,000 in C.A.R.E.S. Act funding for the seniors of our community. These funds would go directly toward the purchase of a wheelchair accessible vehicle to replace the repurposed bus, (another expense not budgeted but incurred as result of COVID) and used to restore transportation services for Seniors in Wasilla.

It is our hope these C.A.R.E.S. Act funds are granted to allow WASI to close out the 2021 calendar year without major pandemic induced deficits. We also ask the City of Wasilla to match these funds to ensure continued delivery of services into 2022 as demand continues to grow and is compounded by the migration of Seniors to Wasilla.

The proposed funding from the City of Wasilla would greatly help us in carrying out our mission of *helping seniors to live as independently as possible for as long as possible.*

Thank you for your dedication to serving the people of our community.

Sincerely,



James Drayton  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.