

By: Deputy Administrator  
Adopted: February 14, 2022  
Yes: Brown, Graham, Johnson, Sullivan-Leonard, Velock  
No: None  
Absent: None  
*Clerk's Note: Council Seat F Vacant*

**City of Wasilla  
Resolution Serial No. 22-06**

**A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Requesting Participation In The Federal Building  
A Better America Grant Programs.**

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WHEREAS, The Building A Better America Grant Program was approved as a bipartisan infrastructure law that permits local governments to compete for grant dollars to rebuild and reinvest in our communities; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five competitive infrastructure funding opportunities are not structured uniformly, and

WHEREAS, the local governments of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are required to compete on a national level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla desires to work together with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the City of Houston, and the City of Palmer for the betterment of our communities and to enhance the opportunities for successful grant awards; and

WHEREAS, we together have established four grant seeking priorities which are:

1. Workforce development in partnership with private and public sector advancing technology skills to build a strong economy.
2. Affordable and Accessible Healthcare.
3. Long-term Infrastructure plan that includes roads, ports, railroads, and airports.
4. Economic Development in the Region; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure projects in the pre-development stage are:

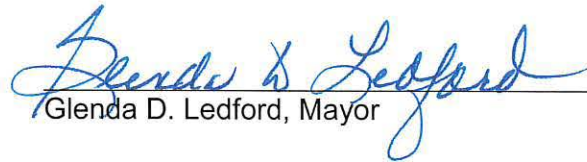
1. Water Systems Expansion and Connectivity.
2. Airport Expansion and Improvement.

3. Port Mackenzie Development.
4. Transportation System Expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, that we join the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the City of Houston, and the City of Palmer, to call upon Representative Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Senator Dan Sullivan to assist us in successfully participating in the Federal Building a Better America Grant Programs.

Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 14, 2022.

  
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Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jamie Newman, MMC, City Clerk

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**City of Wasilla  
Legislative Staff Report  
Resolution Serial No. 22-06**

**A Resolution of the Wasilla City Council Requesting Participation in The Federal Building a Better America Grant Programs.**

Originator: Crystal J Nygard, Deputy Administrator

Date: 2/1/2022

Agenda of: 2/14/2022

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
	Public Works Director	<i>Robert L. Halder for Danielle</i>	2/3/22
	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	2-3-22
	Deputy Administrator	<i>Crystal J Nygard</i>	2-3-22
	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4/2022
	Mayor	<i>Blenda H. Nygard</i>	2/3/22

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes or  no

**Funds Available:**  yes or  no

**Attachments:** Resolution Serial No. 22-06 (2 pages)  
Letter Of Support by City of Houston, City of Palmer, Matanuska Borough, and City of Wasilla (1 page)

**Summary Statement:** The City of Wasilla, City of Houston, City of Palmer, and the Matanuska Susitna Borough have joined together and written a letter to support to call upon Representative Don Young, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Senator Dan Sullivan to assist us in successfully participating in the Federal Building A Better America Grant Program.

The purpose of the resolution confirms the City of Wasilla desires to work together with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the City of Houston, and the City of Palmer for the betterment of our communities and to enhance the opportunities for successful grant awards.

Together we established four grant seeking priorities which are:

1. Workforce development in partnership with private and public sector advancing technology skills to build a strong economy.
2. Affordable and Accessible Healthcare.
3. Long-term Infrastructure plan that includes roads, ports, railroads, and airports.
4. Economic Development in the Region.

Additionally, this resolution supports those infrastructure projects that are in the pre-development stage are:

1. Water Systems Expansion and Connectivity
2. Airport Expansion and Improvement
3. Port MacKenzie Development
4. Transportation System Expansion

**Proposed Action:** Adopt the Resolution.



Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
350 E. Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, Alaska 99645



City of Houston  
13878 W. Armstrong Road  
Houston, Alaska 99694



City of Palmer  
231 W. Evergreen Avenue  
Palmer, Alaska 99645



City of Wasilla  
290 E Hering Avenue  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

February 3, 2022

Senator Lisa Murkowski  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
RE: 2022-23 Joint Project Priorities

Dear Senator Murkowski,

Thank you for meeting with the Borough and Cities on January 24, 2022. Your insight to the Building A Better America program was helpful. We believe that together we have important and impactful projects that are competitive nationally.

Our established priorities are:

- 1) Workforce development in partnership with private and public sector advancing technology skills to build a strong economy
- 2) Affordable and Accessible Healthcare
- 3) Long-term infrastructure plan that includes roads, ports, railroads, and airports
- 4) Economic Development in the region

Immediate infrastructure projects in the pre-development stage are water system expansion and connectivity, airport expansion and improvement, Port MacKenzie development and transportation system expansion. Each of the us have been working individually and together on these vital needs. We realize that these federal funds are a necessary and important opportunity for serving our communities now and into the future.

We look forward to working with your team and successfully competing for these grant dollars.

Sincerely,

Edna DeVries  
Mayor - MatSu Borough

Virgie Thompson  
Mayor - Houston

Steve Carrington  
Mayor - Palmer

Glenda D. Ledford  
Mayor - Wasilla