



**CITY OF THORNE BAY  
RESOLUTION 20-07-07-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, KNOWN AS THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS (HEREINAFTER "CARES FUNDING")

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is the governing body of the City of Thorne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thorne Bay was allocated CARES Funding in the amount of \$573,859.52, for the necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health crisis with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thorne Bay received the first payment of the CARES funding in the amount of \$355,341.02 on June 16; and

**WHEREAS**, the spending window for this supplemental funding is March 1, 2020 – Dec. 30, 2020, requiring that the city spend 80% of the first installment (\$284,273) before receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thorne Bay Emergency Services Department is not currently equipped, nor do they have the staffing necessary to properly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is the City's intent to rebuild and supply the City's Emergency Services Department with the staffing and equipment needs required for emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a devastating economic impact on many businesses and individuals all over Alaska and it is the City's desire to help with lifting some of the financial burden off of the small businesses and non-profits within the community through the process providing Small Business/Non-profit Grant Funding from the CARES funding, to eligible entities within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it was the recommendation of the Department of Public Health that Thorne Bay consider a facility for quarantine or isolation of persons exposed to or testing positive for COVID 19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby authorizes the CARES Grant Funding received by the City of Thorne Bay, to be utilized for the following necessary expenditures:

1. **EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FUNDING \$169,520.00:**  
Rebuild/restructure Thorne Bay EMS and restock critical supplies to ensure preparedness for any future surge of the pandemic –

<b>EMS coordinator</b> This position will be paid by the grant through Dec. 30, 2020.	\$22,000
<b>EMS Coordinator Benefits</b>	\$13,045
<b>Dispatch &amp; Volunteers Stipend</b> Initially will have increased stipends – ultimately, we hope these will be paid positions.	\$9,100
<b>Travel and Training</b> expenses for EMS staff	\$15,000
<b>Supplies, Materials &amp; Equipment-</b> The expensive items include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Zoll AED/heart monitors @ about \$33,000 each (does not include shipping)</li> <li>• Radios</li> <li>• Portable suction units</li> <li>• Charting software</li> </ul> (Doesn't include gurney)	\$110,375

2. **SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT GRANT FUNDING \$89,500:**

Distribute small grants to local businesses and non-profits -

- The City mailed out applications on June 19 to local small businesses and non-profits. The deadline for applications to be submitted is July 10<sup>th</sup>, at which time the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Officer will review and allocate the money. The amount each business or non-profit receives will depend of the number of complete and eligible applicants.
- As part of the Small Business & Non-Profit grant funding, \$3,000.00 will be provided to the Chamber of Commerce for local business membership fees.

3. **INDIVIDUAL GRANT FUNDING FOR UTILITY RELIEF 70,000:**

Residents may apply for relief for utility bills such as Electricity, Water, Sewer, Garbage and Moorage in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 per household. Applications for relief are due not later than July 30, 2020.

4. **CONSTRUCTION OF QUARANTINE FACILITY \$250,000.00:**

Replace the Bay Chalet building to provide quarantine housing -

Public Health staff recommended early on in the CARES grant planning that Thorne Bay consider a facility for quarantine or isolation of persons exposed to or testing positive for COVID 19. It is possible to have in a community a family in transition that does not have its own housing yet, for example, an incoming teacher, Forest Service employees or EMS workers who have been exposed and need to quarantine.

While several options have been explored, such as renting local lodge space for quarantining, the size and number of persons needing this facility is unknown. Given the nature of the current public health emergency and the many unknowns about how many times the city may need to provide a quarantine space, a building designed for this use was approved by the city council.

An RFP was posted June 22 on the city website as well as a notice for the removal of the current Bay Chalet. Ads went in the Island Post and Ketchikan Daily News.

Additional costs for the construction of this facility will be necessary but will need to be funded from the City's Community Development Funds or through other grant funding opportunities.

**5. REPAIR AND EXPAND DAVIDSON LANDING FACILITY AS AN INCIDENT 'COMMAND CENTER' FOR SOUTH THORNE BAY \$70,800**

Thorne Bay currently uses the City of Thorne Bay for an Emergency Command Center and if so needed, could use the fire hall.

South Thorne Bay currently has bad radio reception and no radio base station for needed emergency communications.

- Building repairs & maintenance – Estimated at **\$3,500**
  - Supplies & Equipment – cleaning and office, radio base station, and 'other equipment' needs may be approximately - **\$65,300**
    - ❖ **"Other equipment needs" may include but are not limited to:**
      - Ambulance tires **\$2,000**
      - EMS Boat – replacement of motors **\$35,000**
- It is possible the City can get other grant funding for some of these items.

**6. EMPLOYEE AND GRANT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES \$75,672**

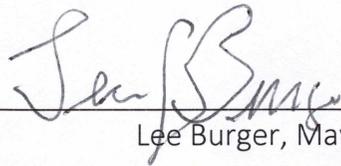
Money to cover employee expenses for work done specifically to alleviate and diminish the pandemic (thereby freeing up general fund dollars) –

- Employee wages March – June – **\$31,801.42**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round estimate - **\$19,870**
- Grant manager/coordinator - **\$24,000**
- Food Bank Delivery to Davidson Landing **\$80**  
Mileage for person who delivers- .55 cents - 24 miles round-trip – estimated **\$80.**
- Cost of COVID-19 testing – Unknown at this time, but will be an added expense
- Upgrades & Maintenance to MMRS tent/trailer – Unknown but will be an added expense
- South Thorne Bay Generator upgrades/purchase – Unknown but will be an added expense.

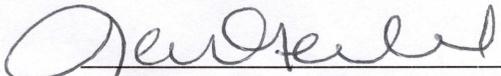
**TOTAL EXPENSES AS LISTED ABOVE ARE - \$655,572.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Thorne Bay will seek additional approval from the City Council for all expenses that are incurred after the CARES Grant funds in the amount of \$573,859.52, have been expended.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY** a duly constituted quorum of the Thorne Bay City Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

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Lee Burger, Mayor of Thorne Bay

Attest:

  
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Teri Feibel, CMC City Clerk/Treasurer