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6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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8 ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 20 - 1Z
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10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2023-24 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$4,846,731
11 IN FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH GRANT FUNDING TO THE TRANSIT ENTERPRISE
12 PROJECTS FUND FOR THE VOLUNTARY REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, AND
13 BOUNTY PROGRAM, VOLUNTARY HEATING OIL TO NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE
14 CONVERSION PROGRAM AND THE VOLUNTARY NO OTHER ADEQUATE SOURCE OF
15 HEAT (NOASH) REDUCTION PROGRAM (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE
16 CHANGE-OUT PROGRAM)
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18 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made
19 grant funds available to the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
20 (DEC); and
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22 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) operates a
23 voluntary Change-Out Program that is consistent with the requirements of the FY24
24 Targeted Air Shed (TAS) grant titled "Heating Conversion to Natural Gas"; and
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26 WHEREAS, The FY24 TAS grant funding is restricted to the program
27 elements as described in the grant workplan and must comply with all terms and
28 conditions; and
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30 WHEREAS, DEC has partnered with another State agency, the Alaska
31 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) in order to
32 sub-award funding to the Borough; and
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34 WHEREAS, DCCED intends to pass through federal grant funds from the
35 EPA totaling \$4,846,731 to the Borough to be used solely for the Borough's Voluntary
36 Removal, Replacement, Repair, and Bounty Program (FNSBC 21.28.040), Voluntary
37 heating oil to natural gas or propane conversion program (FNSBC 21.28.045) and the
38 Borough's Voluntary NOASH Reduction Program (FNSBC 21.28.046); and
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40 WHEREAS, Grant funds will be used to replace inefficient, high-polluting
41 solid fuel burning appliances (SFBA) and non-SFBA heating appliance with efficient
42 cleaner burning gas appliances; and
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44 WHEREAS, A portion of the grant funds will also be used to establish an
45 education and outreach program to inform residents of the PM_{2.5} issues and local solutions
46 such as the Borough change-out program; and

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48 WHEREAS, The Borough will contribute the staff time to develop the work
49 products and implement the Voluntary Removal, Replacement, Repair, and Bounty
50 Program and the Voluntary NOASH Reduction Program; and

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52 WHEREAS, The EPA, in December 2009, declared part of the Borough a
53 non-attainment area for fine particulate pollution (PM_{2.5}); and

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55 WHEREAS, In the winter, PM_{2.5} concentrations in the non-attainment area
56 routinely exceed the allowable limit, thereby violating the federal health-based standards;
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59 WHEREAS, Air quality issues have impacted large-scale economic
60 development, including military expansion and federal funding for transportation projects;
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63 WHEREAS, Studies have identified wood burning as the largest contributor
64 of PM_{2.5}; and

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66 WHEREAS, Significant PM_{2.5} emission reductions will result from removal
67 and/or replacement of SFBAs with either cleaner EPA certified SFBAs or non-SFBA
68 alternatives; and

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70 WHEREAS, The two additional full-time equivalent employee positions
71 (FTE's) originally authorized in Ordinance No. 2022-20-10 for the 2022 TAS grant will be
72 funded for one additional year with the FY24 TAS grant; and

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74 WHEREAS, If the Borough is unable to implement the program, DEC will
75 operate the program independently.

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77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
78 North Star Borough:

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80 Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is not of a general and permanent
81 nature and shall not be codified.

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83 Section 2. Acceptance of EPA Federal Pass-Through Grant Funds from the
84 State of Alaska. The Borough formally accepts \$4,846,731 in EPA federal pass through
85 TAS grant funds for the Borough's Voluntary Removal, Replacement, Repair, and Bounty
86 Program, Voluntary Heating Oil to Natural Gas or Propane Conversion Program and the

87 Voluntary NOASH Reduction Program (the programs are collectively referred to as the
88 Change-Out Program).

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90 Section 3. Transit Enterprise Projects Fund Appropriation. The FY 2023-24
91 budget is hereby amended by appropriating \$4,846,731 to the Transit Enterprise Projects
92 Fund budgetary guideline entitled "FY24 TAS Grant Heating Conversion to Natural Gas
93 Project" and by increasing estimated revenue from federal pass-through grants by a like
94 amount.

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96 Section 4. Contingency. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt
97 of a signed grant agreement with DCCED.

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99 Section 5. Eligible Expenditure Period. Expenditures subsequent to the
100 effective date of the grant are eligible for reimbursement.

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102 Section 6. Provisions for Grants. This appropriation is for an estimated
103 amount. The actual amount will be appropriated contingent, and based upon, the signed
104 grant agreement. Any material differences, as determined by the Chief Financial Officer,
105 will be communicated to the Assembly.

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107 Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the
108 first Borough business day following its adoption.

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110 ADOPTED THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

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116 Savannah Fletcher
117 Presiding Officer

118 ATTEST:

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121 April Trickey, MMC
122 Borough Clerk
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125 Yeses: Haney, Kelly, Crass, LaJiness, Reeves-Ramos, Rotermund, Guttenberg, O'Neall,
126 Fletcher

127 Noes: None

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
FISCAL NOTE

I. Request

Ordinance No: 2023-20- 1Z Date Introduced: April 11, 2024

Abbreviated Title: Appropriate \$4,846,731 in Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding for FY24 TAS Grant for Heating Conversion to Natural Gas Project

II. Financial Detail

Department/Division Affected: Transportation/Air Quality

EXPENDITURE	Transit Enterprise Projects Fund	
	FY 23/24	FY 23/24
Personnel Services	176,456	
Contractual Services	4,229,664	
Indirect	440,611	
Total	4,846,731	

SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Federal Pass-Through Grants	4,846,731
Total	4,846,731

Specify Funding Sources: U.S Environmental Protection Agency passed through the State of Alaska

OTHER FUNDING (PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED)	


III. Project Purpose:

To fund heating conversions to natural gas projects, personnel services, and education and outreach

IV. Analysis of Future Liabilities and Funding Sources:

None

V. Fund Certification: I certify that funding sources are available as detailed in II above.



 Joanne K. Pascoe
 Chief Financial Officer

3/19/2024
 Date

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