

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action Memo No.	20-60	
Date introduced:	December 8, 2020	Introduced by: Peter A. Williams, Interim City Manager
Amended actions:	n/a	Approved on December 8, 2020
Confirmed by:	KM	

Action: Authorize Administration to distribute funds to Bethel Community Services Foundation to support the outstanding funding requests of the Round Two Business Recovery Grant Program, the Individual Assistance Program and the Non-Profit Grant Program, contingent on the December 30, 2020 expiration of the CARES Act Grant not being extended.

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
Unknown	Funds in CARES Act.	66-50-684
	Funds in City Budget.	

Summary Statement

The City of Bethel received the CARES Act grant in the amount of \$8,424,380.20 to help the community and City respond to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unless there is a congressional extension of the use of the CARES Act grant funds, the City's ability to spend the funds will expire December 30, 2020.

Administration seeks Council's authorization to distribute funds to Bethel Community Services Foundation to support the following items in the following order:

1. Outstanding funding requests of the Round Two Business Recovery Grant Program-Round Two of the Bethel Business Recovery Grant Program, funded at \$527,500, concluded with the review and prioritization of 46 applicants that were not funded in round one of the grant program. There were approximately 50 more applications received by local businesses that were previously funded but were not reviewed for compliance due to the lack of prior funding.
2. Individual Assistant Program-Distribution of funds from the City through Tundra Women's Coalition to members of the community facing hardships related to COVID-19. Prior funding for this program is still intact however there will be an ongoing need to support individuals through the winter months as the pandemic continues to impact many families in our community.
3. The Non-Profit Recovery Program- This granting program is closed however to maximize the City's distribution of funds to our Community partners facing hardship from COVID-19, this group could not be left out of the consideration of possible funding.

The authorization of the AM will, if the CARES Act funds are not extended, permit Administration to coordinate with Bethel Community Services Foundation and distribute additional funds as needed and following review of qualifications and confirmation of eligibility.