

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Action Title: Direct City Administration to complete one or more grant applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to pay costs associated with quarantine lodging and food distribution resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic emergency between December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Attachment(s): None.

Amount of fiscal impact:	Source	Account information:
\$465,351	FEMA Public Assistance	TBD

Summary Statement

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation is currently filling a health need in the community by administering and covering the costs associated with individuals and families who must quarantine in Bethel due to COVID-19. Several hotels and YKHC-owned facilities are being used as quarantine sites. Based on actual lodging rates for three of the facilities used, YKHC is estimated to have incurred \$142,24 in November 2020 to house adults and some families for 654 lodging nights. Three nights are paid for after each stay to ensure a 72-hour cleaning/disinfection virus purge time.

YKHC prepares three meals a day for those in quarantine. The City of Bethel arranges for non-profit organizations and groups to distribute the food to those in quarantine. The City has been using CARES Act funding to pay each organization/group \$2,520 per week to distribute the meals using organization members. The City Clerk spends up to 15 hours a week coordinating food distribution.

The City of Bethel is in a position to greatly help the community and YKHC by applying for a FEMA Public Assistance grant to cover the cost for quarantine lodging units and the cost of food distribution to those individuals in quarantine. YKHC supports the City's effort to ascertain funds for this purpose because FEMA funding will free up YKHC funds for other vital COVID-19 or health response purposes. YKHC agreed to continue to administer and pay quarantine costs and wait to be reimbursed by the City, if and when the City is awarded a FEMA grant.

The FEMA grant application requires no City match and is funded in 30-day increments.

The proposed cost for the two projects are:

Quarantine Lodging	\$427,716
Food Distribution	\$37,635
Total	\$465,351