



# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

## ALASKA

### MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Lynn Sterbenz, Grants & Projects Specialist

**CC:** Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager; Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

**DATE:** April 4, 2023

**RE:** Resolution 23-06 To Apply to The U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and Provide Required Matching Funds

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**SUMMARY:** Resolution 23-06 approves applying for the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and Provide Required Matching Funds

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council has not taken previous action on this specific grant.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** The PSGP provides funds to state, local, and private sector maritime partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024, the PSGP supports the goal to Strengthen Preparedness and Resilience.

The objective of the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) is to provide funding to port authorities, facility operators, and state, local, and territorial agencies for activities associated with implementing Area Maritime Security Plans (AMSP), facility security plans, and other port-wide risk management efforts.

One of the eligible maritime security project types is Planning, which includes risk management for protection programs and activities, risk and disaster resilience assessment, threats and hazards identification, operational coordination, and community resilience.

The City desires to apply for the PSGP funds to develop a port security continuity of operations plan, including risk mitigation and resilience planning. In an effort to improve information sharing and collaboration amongst the various partners and stakeholders with operations in the Saint Paul Harbor and Small Boat Harbor, this plan will address ways in which planning integration can serve to enhance security and protection from emergencies and disasters.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Council could choose to submit this project to another state or federal grant opportunity instead of this one, or not submit this project to any grant funding opportunities.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The PSGP has a 25% cost-share requirement, which can be met through in-kind or cash match. The City's application will meet this requirement through the use of in-kind match.

**LEGAL:** None.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to approve Resolution 23-06.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 23-06. Additional information on the grant opportunity can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security>