



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: May 9, 2023

RE: Resolution 23-10 To Apply to The RURAL CAP Thriving Communities Grant Program

SUMMARY: The Thriving Communities Grants Program is made available by Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) with funding provided by the State of Alaska Department of Health COVID-19 Health Equity grant. The purpose of this grant program is to fund Alaska based organizations working to promote health equity and reduce disproportionate negative health outcomes, including impact of COVID-19, to populations that are medically underserved and at higher risk for poor health. These populations include BIPOC, low-income and rural communities, rural and historically underserved and marginalized communities. In order to address health equity, this grant program employs a social determinants of health framework as defined by the CDC.

In order to serve the long-term goal of creating healthy and equitable Alaska communities, RurAL CAP seeks to fund projects in the following five key areas of social determinants of health as determined by the CDC's Healthy People 2030 Program: Economic Stability, Education Access and Quality, Health Care Access and Quality, Neighborhood and Built Environment, and Social and Community Context. Examples of eligible projects under the Economic Stability category include reducing household food insecurity; supplies and personnel time for community gardens and food pantries.

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

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The City has identified a city-owned property to construct two community greenhouses. The City is seeking funding through other sources for the construction costs of building the greenhouses. The RURAL CAP Thriving Communities Grant would fund greenhouse supplies as well as a Community Greenhouse Coordinator. The maximum amount of funding available per award is \$250,000.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose to submit this project to another grant opportunity instead of this one, should one exist. The Council could choose not to submit this project to any grant funding opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This grant does not require any matching funds.

LEGAL: None.

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

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 23-10.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 23-10.

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