



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 10, 2023

RE: Resolutions 23-11, 23-12, and 23-13 as required for Community Development Block Grant

SUMMARY: Local governments receiving Community Development Block Grant Funds through the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, must take steps to comply with certain federal requirements regarding civil rights and fair housing. These steps must be taken *prior to the release of funds* for CDBG projects. As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the City will be required to comply with several laws, regulations, and requirements pertaining to the design, implementation, and administration of our CDBG project, the Bulk Fuel Facility/Dispensing Tankage Upgrade. These laws include the following:

- A. Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- B. Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act);
- C. Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259 (24 CFR Part 107);
- D. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- E. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794).
- F. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; (12 U.S.C. 1701u)
- G. Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council passed Resolution 22-18 approving applying for the CDBG grant.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: These laws make it unlawful to discriminate in employment, places of public accommodation, sale or rental of real property, and financing and

credit practices, by the State or its political subdivisions because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, handicap status, or other instances such as age and marital/family status. Acceptance of these requirements is documented by Council's approval of four Resolutions included in this action. City administration will be expected to familiarize themselves with these requirements and the materials provided in the Civil Rights Handbook, review current City procedures for insuring compliance with these laws, and implement additional procedures if necessary. The City will be monitored by CDBG Department staff for evidence of compliance with these laws and requirements.

ALTERNATIVES: Council may choose not to pass these Resolutions or abide by these requirements, which will result in the City losing the grant funding for the Bulk Fuel facility upgrades.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Minimal administrative and staff time to ensure compliance.

LEGAL: None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of these Resolutions.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolutions 23-11, 23-12, and 23-13.

ATTACHMENTS: CDBG Civil Rights Handbook; Resolutions 23-11, 23-12, and 23-13