

1 **Denali Borough Assembly**
2 **Minutes of the Special Grant Review Meeting**
3 **Virtual Meeting**
4 **March 31, 2021**
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6 **GRANT REVIEW AND SPECIAL MEETING**

7 **CALL TO ORDER**

8 Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
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10 **ROLL CALL**

11 Assembly members present: Lisa MINER, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Tallon SHREEVE, Dominic
12 CANALE, Joe CHATFIELD, Krista ZAPPONE, and Jeff STENGER. Mayor Clay Walker was
13 also present. Assembly members absent: Eileen HOLMES and Jake HILL.
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15 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to excuse Assembly Members HILL and HOLMES. The motion
16 was seconded.
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18 The MOTION TO EXCUSE PASSED by unanimous consent.
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20 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

21 There were no public comments.
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23 **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

24 Mayor Walker reviewed the grant process, described the dramatic loss in borough revenue
25 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and expressed the need to conserve general fund dollars
26 as much as possible to limit the continued financial impacts of the pandemic.
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28 **MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW**

29 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

30 Mayor Walker reviewed the list of Matching Grant application requests and recommended
31 funding as follows:

32 Kobe Farm Community = \$0.00
33 McKinley Community Club = \$0.00
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35 **APPLICANT COMMENT**

36 Dan Irelan and Keith Mitchell spoke in support of the McKinley Community Club grant
37 application request.

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2 Dorothy DeBlauw spoke in support of the Kobe Farm Community grant application request.

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 There were no public comments.
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7 **ASSEMBLY REVIEW AND AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

8 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED, and the motion was seconded, to not award any matching grant
9 funding requests as follows.

- 10 Kobe Farm Community = \$ 0.00
- 11 McKinley Community Club = \$ 0.00

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13 THE MOTION TO NOT AWARD ANY MATCHING GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS
14 PASSED by unanimous consent.

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16 **NONPROFIT GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW**

17 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

18 Mayor Walker reviewed the list of Nonprofit Grant application requests and recommended
19 funding as follows:

- 20 Healy Hockey = \$5,000
- 21 Denali Visitor Center = \$5,000
- 22 Denali Chamber of Commerce = \$5,000
- 23 Railbelt Mental Health and Addictions = \$5,000
- 24 Kobe Farm Community = \$ 0.00
- 25 Cantwell Community Library = \$5,000
- 26 Tri-Valley Community Library = \$5,000
- 27 Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association = \$5,000
- 28 McKinley Community Club = \$5,000
- 29 Denali Preschool and Learning Center = \$ 0.00

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31 **APPLICANT COMMENT**

32 Hannah Filardi spoke in support of the Denali Preschool and Learning Center grant
33 application request and encouraged funding for the local preschool and childcare facility.

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35 Dorothy DeBlauw spoke in support of the Kobe Farm Community application request and
36 asked why most funding recommendations were for \$5,000 and the Kobe Farm Community
37 was recommended to receive \$0.00.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ASSEMBLY REVIEW AND AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Assembly members expressed disappointment in the need to reduce grant funding this year and expressed hope that grant funding can be more generous in the future as we recover from the pandemic losses.

Jeff STENGER MOVED to include \$5,000 grant award recommendation to Denali Preschool and Learning Center. The motion was seconded.

The roll call VOTE TO INCLUDE \$5,000 GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATION TO DENALI PRESCHOOL AND LEARNING CENTER passed with Joe CHATFIELD opposed.

Krista ZAPPONE MOVED, and the motion was seconded, to recommend Nonprofit Grant funding as follows:

Healy Hockey =	\$5,000
Denali Visitor Center =	\$5,000
Denali Chamber of Commerce =	\$5,000
Railbelt Mental Health and Addictions =	\$5,000
Kobe Farm Community =	\$ 0.00
Cantwell Community Library =	\$5,000
Tri-Valley Community Library =	\$5,000
Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association =	\$5,000
McKinley Community Club =	\$5,000
Denali Preschool and Learning Center =	\$5,000

The MOTION TO RECOMMEND NONPROFIT GRANT FUNDING AS LISTED ABOVE PASSED by unanimous consent.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Walker reviewed the list of Emergency Services and Public Safety grant application requests and recommended funding as follows:

Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department =	\$215,000
McKinley Volunteer Fire Department =	\$ 19,900

1 Denali Emergency Services Association = \$ 71,508
2 Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department = \$ 15,812.59

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4 **APPLICANT COMMENT**

5 Sam Kimmel spoke in favor of the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department request and
6 answered questions posed by assembly members.

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8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9 There were no public comments.

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11 **ASSEMBLY REVIEW AND AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

12 Dominic CANALE MOVED, and the motion was seconded, to recommend Emergency
13 Services and Public Safety Grant funding as follows:

14 Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department = \$215,000
15 McKinley Volunteer Fire Department = \$ 19,900
16 Denali Emergency Services Association = \$ 71,508
17 Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department = \$ 15,812.59

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19 The MOTION TO RECOMMEND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY
20 GRANT FUNDING AS LISTED ABOVE PASSED by unanimous consent.

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

23 There were no public comments.

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25 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

26 Assembly members commented on the following:

- 27 • Expressed appreciation for our local organizations and their applications.
- 28 • Expressed appreciation for all those that participated in the meeting.

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30 **ADJOURN**

31 Jeff STENGER MOVED to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned
32 by unanimous consent at 7:47 PM.

33 APPROVED: _____

34 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

35 ATTEST: _____

36 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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