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July 3, 2006

Ms. Deborah Bauer, Office Manager
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RE: FY 2007 Designated Legislative Grant (Named Recipient)

Dear Ms. Bauer:

I am pleased to notify you that the Federation of Community Councils, Inc. has been appropriated a FY 2007 Designated Legislative Grant per AS 37.05.316 for the purpose of Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium - Title 21 Document Prep. The amount of State funding available for this grant is **\$150,000.00**.

In order for the grant funds to be released, you must enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development for this project. Please provide the following information at your earliest convenience via mail, fax or email:

1. **Brief project description** that explains how the grant funds will be utilized.
2. **Federal Tax Identification Number**, which is necessary for accounting purposes.
3. Name and title for the **highest-ranking official** who is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other grant documents.
4. **Contact information** including name, title, telephone/fax numbers and email address (if any) for the person who will be administering this grant.

Upon receipt of the above, I will prepare and send the Grant Agreement for signature. If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 465-4814. Congratulations on this grant award! I look forward to working with you to ensure the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Gail Nāpiha'a
Grants Administrator



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Hillside East

Huffman – O'Malley

Mid-Hillside

Midtown

Mountain View

North Star

Northeast

Old Seward – Oceanview

Portage Valley

Rabbit Creek

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Sand Lake

Scenic Foothills

South Addition

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RE: FY 2007 Designated Legislative Grant Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium-
-Title 21 Document Prep.

In receipt of your letter dated July 3rd, 2006 the following information is
provided per your request:

1. Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils

Title 21 Document Preparation

Background

Chugiak-Eagle River community councils have been active participants in the role that Chugiak-Eagle River has been playing in the on-going Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Title 21 Rewrite Project (Land Use Regulations). The community councils were concerned that the resulting draft land use regulations did not address Chugiak-Eagle River's outstanding land use development issues and, in fact, raised new issues. In addition, the community councils concluded that the draft regulations were inadequate to protect Chugiak-Eagle River's unique character.

To ensure adequate regulatory oversight to guide and manage growth in Chugiak-Eagle River and preserve its small town culture, Chugiak-Eagle River community councils passed individual resolutions and motions requesting the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to create a separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River in AMC Title 21. Consequently, the Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils (the "Consortium") was created in March 2006 to formally request this chapter as a united front. The Consortium represents all of the community councils within Chugiak-Eagle River: Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Eklutna Valley, and South Fork.

On March 14, 2006, the Consortium formally requested that the MOA authorize the creation of a separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River in AMC Title 21. The Consortium argued that such a chapter: would allow Chugiak-Eagle River to develop community design standards guided by policies and strategies identified in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan; would identify Chugiak-Eagle River-specific zoning districts and land use regulations; would give residents more of a say about development; and would differentiate Chugiak-Eagle River from the Anchorage Bowl. Once implemented, the chapter would ensure an orderly, efficient pattern of development that would reflect the community's vision and diversity. The regulations would encourage growth in a manner consistent with historical land use and the natural environment. The chapter could then grow and be amended in the future from a community-perspective.

On March 28th, the Assembly responded to the Consortium's request by unanimously passing a resolution supporting a separate chapter as a placeholder in the final draft of AMC Title 21 to include the community of Chugiak-Eagle River (AR 2006-072). The Administration also voiced their support of a separate chapter. In addition to this support, the implementation schedule in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update – Public Hearing Draft (April 2006) calls for revising Title 21 to include a separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River. This comprehensive plan update is currently awaiting actions by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission and Assembly.

Since the AMC Title 21 Rewrite Project is currently in progress, implementing a separate Chugiak-Eagle River chapter is a high priority for the Consortium. However, Assemblymembers have stated that there is no municipal funding or planning personnel available to implement the separate chapter at this time. Consequently, the Consortium requested a FY2007 legislative grant to develop the chapter. On July 3, 2006, The Consortium was notified that a legislative grant of \$150,000 was awarded by the State to the Federation of Community Councils, Inc. for the purpose of preparing the separate chapter.

Project Purpose and Scope

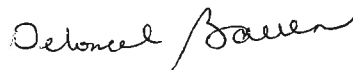
This \$150,000 grant would be utilized by the Consortium to prepare a chapter of draft land use regulations specific to Chugiak-Eagle River. Funds would be spent to:

- Contract for a community survey to determine how Chugiak-Eagle River residents and business owners would like Chugiak-Eagle River to develop (estimate 11%);
- Contract with a land use planner to properly draft land use regulations and to coordinate between the Consortium, MOA, and other stakeholders (estimate 66%);
- Retain an attorney to review our draft land use regulations for legal conformity (estimate 11%);
- Pay the Federation of Community Councils, Inc. to administer the grant (2%);
- Contingency (10%).

All other project work would be done by community volunteers and all other project expenses would be paid through donations.

2. Federal Tax ID # 92-0063045 Federation of Community Councils
3. Justina Meyer, Chair Federation of Community Councils
4. Deborah Bauer, Manager, 907-277-1977, fax 907-277-3952
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Sincerely,



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