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### **Letter of Support for Spenard Beautification Efforts**

The Spenard Community Council signs this letter of support for all efforts of beautification of Spenard to make our neighborhood a more pleasant place to live. The council supports efforts to achieve this through landscaping, environment stewardship, community cleanup events, and other service projects that improve our vibrant neighborhood.

As such, the Spenard Community supports the efforts to apply for Matson's Caring for Alaska micro grant. The following is key grant information:

As part of its corporate focus on protecting the environment and improving the quality of life in the communities it serves, Matson has launched a new program that partners with nonprofits to care for the environment.

The ***Caring for Alaska*** program donates up to \$2,500 to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofits that organize and conduct community cleanup, riverbank and land rehabilitation, and small infrastructure improvement projects, such as trail maintenance, in Anchorage, Kodiak, and Unalaska.

In addition to the donations, the new program reimburses organizations for pre-authorized expenses associated with projects, such as trash disposal fees, bags, and disposable gloves. Matson also provides safety vests, trash grabbers, and trash carts, and will assist with trash disposal as needed.

Funds for beautification efforts shall come from grants or through in-kind donations. Any additional funding requests will require a presentation and approval from the Spenard Community Council per the SCC Bylaws.



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