

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) DUE APRIL 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program provides \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution; and

WHEREAS, a successful grant application must consist of projects that can be accomplished within five (5) years so that results can be achieved in the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska's application to the CPRG program includes \$50M to fund drilling that can prove the resource at the Makushin Volcano is sufficient enough to support geothermal energy production; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska application also includes \$70M to fund a wind turbine project that will diversify the City's energy production and help our community move away from fossil fuels, thereby reducing Unalaska's carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska plans to increase the availability of sustainable, low cost energy for its rate payers, including residents, businesses and industry; and


WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska is working with its Trilateral Coalition partners, Ounalashka Corporation and the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, to submit the CPRG application and create a plan that will confidently pursue the projects through to their completion; and

WHEREAS, the City requested support letters from our local industry, as well as state and federal officials, to illustrate the strong support everyone still has for the Makushin Geothermal Project and energy production efforts; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be combined with the other letters and resolutions of support garnered from the Trilateral Coalition to solidify our resolve to win this grant award and improve our island's electrical grid, its resiliency and to reduce pollution emissions from power production.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council hereby supports the submission of a grant application seeking approximately \$125 million to the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program to move Unalaska away from energy production using fossil fuels and toward using renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on March 26, 2024.


Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Estkaeren P. Magdaong
City Clerk

