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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Scott Runzo Fire Department Coordinator
Through: Jack Savo Jr, Acting City Manager
Date: December 30, 2025
Re: Resolution 2026-01

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska has awarded the City of Dillingham a \$600,000 grant to support the initial development phase of a new fire station. These funds are designated for essential infrastructure work, enabling the project to advance to shovel-ready status and proceed with design and engineering.

PREVIOUS ACTION: Grant 25-DC-078 Downtown Fire Hall Replacement Building awarded and signed 11/15/2024.

BACKGROUND: In May 2024, the city was awarded a \$600,000 Designated Legislative Grant for Phase 2 of the Downtown Fire Hall Replacement Project. This funding is fully executed and reimbursable through the State.

DISCUSSION: During the FY2026 budget process, the grant was mistakenly flagged as "not finalized" and later excluded when all capital projects were removed from the final budget. However, the grant is valid through 2029, and the project is ready to move forward with design and engineering work.

ALTERNATIVES: Budget revision

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no increase or decrease to the fund balance for fiscal year 2026 as a result of accepting this action.; it simply reactivates the budget authority to use the grant funds we've already been awarded. See fiscal note.

LEGAL: Currently there are no legal responsibilities to this resolution for the city of Dillingham.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Passing this resolution will allow the city to complete critical infrastructure planning and move forward with design and engineering for the new fire station. Achieving shovel-ready status positions Dillingham competitively for future funding opportunities and ensures progress on a vital public safety project. We respectfully request Council's support.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the Use of the \$600,000 Designated Legislative Grant for the Fire Hall Replacement Project

PROPOSED ALTERNATE MOTION: There is no alternate motion recommended.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: Acting City Manager recommends approval of Resolution 2026-01.

ATTACHMENTS: Signed Grant Agreement , Fiscal Note