

RESOLUTION #2023-10

A resolution supporting State provision of non-federal match for local government infrastructure projects, and to address gaps in federal infrastructure funding.

WHEREAS, recent federal infrastructure investments provide Alaska's State, local, and Tribal governments with a once in a generation opportunity to make formative change and address incredible need; and

WHEREAS, discretionary, competitive grants for local and Tribal governments are a significant part of the new laws, however, many smaller governments lack the capacity or resources to compete and execute federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure needs of communities in Alaska extend beyond the scope of federal programs in areas such as housing, public safety facilities, school facilities, and recreation and quality of life infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State is in a position to identify and coordinate those community needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League encourages the State to leverage federal infrastructure investment by providing access to funds that could be used for non-federal match by local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports the identification of methods to make funding available for community facilities that might not otherwise be available through federal infrastructure investment.