

RESOLUTION 24-122

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOTZEBUE'S NANA VILLAGE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT (VEI) APPLICATION FOR \$900,000 INTENDED FOR GRAVEL PAD, PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND THE DESIGN OF THE FIXTURES, FIXINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Kotzebue (Tribe) is the Federally-recognized Tribe of Kotzebue, Alaska and the Native Village of Kotzebue Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Kotzebue (NVOK) has faced significant challenges since the destruction of its administrative office building by fire in the 1980s, which has resulted in ongoing inefficiencies due to reliance on rented spaces; and

WHEREAS, the NVOK Strategic Plan and the Borough's Village Improvement Fund (VIF) priorities for Kotzebue both identify the need for a new facility to house administrative offices and a school, contributing to improved operational efficiency and local economic development; and

WHEREAS, NVOK has secured a 19,000 sq ft property located at the corner of 4th Avenue & Lagoon Street, and has outlined a plan to construct a new facility on this property; and

WHEREAS, the NVOK's request for the NANA VEI funds will be used for the following:

- Gravel Pad for Lot 10 Block 13 USS 2863
- Purchase Property of Lot 10 Block 13 USS 2863
- Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E) Design

WHEREAS, the City of Kotzebue (COK) has agreed to support this project by facilitating the property acquisition process and collaborating with NVOK on necessary permits and compliance with local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, both NVOK and COK recognize the mutual benefits of this project, including the creation of local jobs, stimulation of local business growth, and enhancement of community services;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOTZEBUE AND THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, The Native Village of Kotzebue and the City of Kotzebue jointly support the construction of a new facility that will serve as both NVOK's administrative offices and a school, to be located on the 19,000 sq ft property at the corner of 4th Avenue & Lagoon Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, Both parties commit to working together to ensure the successful completion of this project, including providing necessary resources, facilitating the property acquisition, and adhering to local ordinances and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The City of Kotzebue agrees to assist NVOK with the property acquisition process and any related administrative tasks. NVOK will manage the project, including construction and procurement, and will ensure compliance with all relevant contracts and financial agreements.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: Both NVOK and COK acknowledge that the successful completion of this project will significantly enhance the capacity of NVOK to serve the community and will contribute positively to local economic development.

CERTIFICATION:

Resolution 24-122 is approved by vote of the Native Village of Kotzebue, Kotzebue IRA Council at the Regular Tribal Council meeting on the 17 day of September, 2024 by a vote of for, ____ against, and ____ not voting.

Toni Raye Bergan, Chair

Carol Schaeffer, Secretary