

CITY OF KOTZEBUE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE TO SUBMIT A ZENDER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CLEANUP INITIATIVE.

- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue recognizes the importance of protecting public health, safety, and the environment through proper waste collection, disposal, and landfill management; and
- WHEREAS,** large discarded items, debris, and other waste located around the community and on authorized private properties may create health, safety, and environmental concerns if not properly collected and disposed of; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue seeks to improve community cleanliness, reduce environmental hazards, and support proper solid waste management through a community cleanup initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue intends to submit an application to the Zender Environmental Health Community Grant Program in the amount of \$60,000.00; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed grant funds will support staff time, landfill-related expenses, training for Freon removal, and other eligible costs necessary to carry out the community cleanup initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** the initiative will focus on picking up large items from around the community and from authorized private properties, and properly disposing of those items through appropriate landfill and waste management procedures; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue has determined that this project will benefit the community by reducing debris, improving public safety, supporting environmental health, and strengthening local solid waste practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kotzebue City Council authorizes the City of Kotzebue to submit a Zender Environmental Health Community Grant application in the amount of \$60,000.00 for a community cleanup initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kotzebue City Council authorizes the City Manager, or their designee, to sign and submit all necessary documents related to the grant application and to carry out the project if awarded.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue, Alaska, this 16th day of July 2026.

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Saima Chase
Mayor

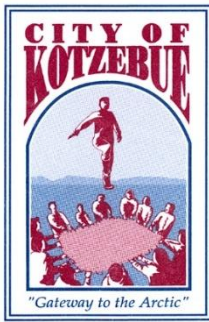
ATTEST:

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Donald Jones Jr
City Clerk

Attachments:

- **Exhibit A:** City of Kotzebue Community Cleanup Grant Application Support Letter
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July 3, 2026

Re: City of Kotzebue Community Cleanup Grant Application

Dear Zender Environmental Health and Research Group:

On behalf of the City of Kotzebue, I am pleased to submit this grant application requesting support for a community-wide cleanup project. This project will focus on the removal of large items and debris throughout the community that may create health, safety, and environmental concerns for residents, including abandoned vehicles, appliances, and other large discarded materials.

Grant funding will allow the City to provide a coordinated cleanup effort by supporting staff time, equipment use, operational expenses, and disposal-related costs. The City intends to reduce barriers for residents by using grant funds to offset eligible disposal and recycling costs associated with large debris and abandoned vehicles. By making disposal more accessible, the City hopes to encourage greater participation and reduce hazards in public areas and around residential properties.

In addition to cleanup activities, the City plans to use a portion of the grant funds to train a staff member in the safe and proper removal of refrigerants, including Freon, from discarded refrigerators, freezers, and other appliances. This training will increase local capacity to properly manage appliances and hazardous materials in accordance with environmental requirements and will strengthen the City's ability to continue addressing these challenges beyond the grant period.

The City of Kotzebue recognizes that abandoned vehicles and accumulated debris can pose significant challenges in rural Alaska communities, where transportation, disposal, and recycling options are limited. This project represents an important step toward creating a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for Kotzebue residents while building sustainable local practices for future community cleanup efforts.

The City appreciates Zender Environmental Health and Research Group's continued support of rural Alaska communities and its commitment to improving environmental health through practical, community-based solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Kotzebue's application. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson

Ron Johnson
City Manager