



CITY OF KOTZEBUE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION FOR UP TO \$700,000 THROUGH THE SFY 2027 RURAL PROFESSIONAL HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RENOVATION OF A FORMER BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 804 GARDEN STREET FOR POLICE HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the City of Kotzebue recognizes that the availability of safe, adequate, and affordable housing is essential to recruiting and retaining qualified police officers and other public safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation administers the Rural Professional Housing Grant Program to support the development, acquisition, and rehabilitation of housing for eligible public service professionals in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kotzebue owns property located at 804 Garden Street, which includes former Bureau of Land Management residential buildings that may be renovated and used as housing for City police officers; and

WHEREAS, one of the former Bureau of Land Management houses located on the property is available and ready for renovation, making the proposed project well suited for funding under the Rural Professional Housing Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, renovating the existing residence will allow the City to make productive use of an existing publicly owned structure while increasing the availability of dedicated housing for police officers serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kotzebue intends to apply to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$700,000 through the SFY 2027 Rural Professional Housing Grant Program to complete the renovation of the residence; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project may include design, engineering, inspections, permitting, environmental review, site improvements, utility improvements, construction, rehabilitation, project administration, and other eligible expenses necessary to place the residence into service as police housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA, authorizes the City of Kotzebue to submit an application to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for up to \$700,000 through the SFY 2027 Rural Professional Housing Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE FURTHER BE AT RESOLVE, that the grant funds will be used to renovate a former Bureau of Land Management residence located on City-owned property at 804 Garden Street for use as housing for City of Kotzebue police officers.

FUTHER BE AT RESOLVE, The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, submit, and administer all applications, agreements, certifications, reports, reimbursement requests, and other documents necessary to apply for, accept, and manage the grant award.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue, Alaska, this 3rd day of September 2026.

CITY OF KOTZEBUE

Saima Chase
Mayor

ATTEST:

[SEAL]

Donald Jones Jr
City Clerk

Attachments:

- **Exhibit A:** Rural Professional Housing Grant Program Registration Form [1 page]

Rural Professional Housing Grant Program

SFY 2027 RPH Registration Form

This form must be completed and emailed to the Program Manager at rmattingly@ahfc.us . Only applicants who have submitted this registration form by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026, will be eligible to apply for SFY 2027 RPH Funding. If an applicant intends to submit multiple proposals, the applicant must submit a separate registration form for each proposal they intend to submit in the SFY 2027 cycle.

Applicant Organization Information - This is the Organization that will apply to be a Grant Recipient.

Organization Name: City of Kotzebue

Organization Email: ccook@kotzebue.org or tessacyrus@sailaq.com

Organization Phone Number: 907-442-3401

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 46

City: Kotzebue, Alaska Zip Code: 99749

Applicant Representative - This is the individual who will complete the application on behalf of the Organization.

Representative Name: Chief Christopher Cook

Representative Email: ccook@kotzebue.org

Representative Phone Number: 907-412-

Representative Employer: City of Kotzebue Police Department

Title: Chief of Police

Community to be Served - Please Identify the Eligible Community.

"Small Community": In the space below, enter the Community Name where the proposed development will be constructed.

Community Name: Kotzebue, Alaska

