



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: *Use of NSEDC Community Benefit Share Funds*

Nome has yet to spend \$250,000 of NSEDC community benefit share funds. It is advisable to formally identify and allocate this funding before the end of 2024. This will ultimately be accomplished by identifying separate allocations of \$100,000 of the 2022 CBS and \$150,000 of the 2023 CBS.

My understanding is that historically two avenues for use of the CBS have been taken. One avenue is to open requests for grant funding to community non-profits. The other avenue is to use the funds to benefit existing City of Nome needs. Administration is seeking direction from the Council on which of these avenues to take. Taking both is also an option. Direction can be provided by motion. Here are two suggested options:

1. "I move to direct Administration to prepare a resolution for use of NSEDC Community Benefit Share funds for City of Nome services that benefit the community". This would include potential uses for the Nome Public School System.
2. "I move to direct Administration to seek grant applications from community non-profits for use of NSEDC Community Benefit Share funds"

If Council wishes to make some or all of the CBS available to non-profits a request for proposals would be issued. The Council would then select the non-profits to receive funding at a future meeting. If Council prefers to use the funds for specific City of Nome needs that benefit the community the precise projects would be identified at a future meeting.



Department heads have identified City needs as has Nome Public Schools. Below is a summary of potential uses of the CBS with initial cost estimates.

Recreation Center-

Shower and Sauna refurbishing - \$70,000
Add 2 heat recovery ventilators- \$30,000
Locker room refurbishing/renovation - \$38,000
Total- \$138,000

Chip Leeper will be available to provide details if Council has questions. The work would be accomplished in house by the Public Works department.

Animal Control Fencing- replaced aged/damaged fencing at impound yard - [waiting to receive cost details from Ms. Stotts]

Outdoor Basketball Court- \$25,000. NSHC has offered to contribute \$100,000 to this project. But total costs are conservatively estimated at \$125,000

Nome Public Schools- replace stage –[waiting to receive cost information from NPS]

XYZ Center- replace non-functioning commercial ovens- \$14,000