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November 13, 2020

Mr. John Handeland, Mayor
City of Nome
P.O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Re: 2020 NSED C Community Benefit Share

Dear Mayor Handeland,

On behalf of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED C) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce a 2020 Community Benefit Share (CBS) distribution of \$200,000. NSED C continues to express our firm commitment to our member communities through the CBS which provides financial support to address your highest priorities.

The NSED C board and staff are aware of the need to ensure accountability of not only how NSED C funds are spent, but also the process by which the use of those funds is determined. I stress the importance of – and my appreciation for – your proactive approach to help ensure that all residents of your community are aware of the decision-making process for the use of the funds.

Please note that the City of Nome (City) has the following CBS balances available for use:

Community	2018 Mid	2018 End	2019	2020 Covid	2020	Total
Nome	Audit Documents Requested	Audit Documents Requested	Audit Documents Requested	Audit Documents Requested	\$200,000	\$200,000

As in prior years, NSED C requires an audit of the expenditure of previously issued CBS funds. This requires the municipality to provide financials, copies of invoices and checks, or other information which documents the procurement of items or services for the 2018 & 2019 disbursements and the 2020 COVID-related disbursement. By accepting the CBS, your community acknowledges and agrees to comply with the audit requirement of the funding. Disbursement of the 2020 CBS cannot occur until audits are complete for prior years' distributions. NSED C's Community Benefits Department can assist you if you have questions regarding the audit.

With an emphasis on self-governance and accountability, NSED C requires that the following guidelines be met in order to access the funds:

1. The City must go through a public process at the municipal level to determine the highest priorities and best uses for the funds. The public process can be a regularly scheduled city council meeting or a special community meeting to address the best use of the CBS.
2. The City must report to NSED C on how the funds will be utilized by submitting a letter, budget, and the city council meeting minutes from the session at which CBS funds are approved.

"NSED C will participate in the Bering Sea fisheries to provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to our member communities."

3. The City must provide an audit with copies of invoices and checks, or other information which documents the procurement of items or services outlined in your prior years' declarations.

Please submit all documents by December 20th, 2020 to Thomas Simonsson, Community Benefits Coordinator, at thomas@nsedc.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Ivanoff, Community Benefits Director, at (800) 385-3190 or by email at pivanoff@nsedc.com.

Sincerely,


Janis Ivanoff
President & CEO

cc: Nome City Council
Adem Boeckmann, NSEDC Board Member
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