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Mayor John Handeland
City Council Members

Dear Mayor & Nome City Council,

I want to thank the council for all of the support Nome Community Center has had in the past. We have been able to some amazing work through this partnership.

Last February we were granted Community Benefit Shares for the Nome Youth Court. The funds were requested to help get our 19 members of the court to the annual conference that was planned to take place in Juneau.

With the arrival of COVID-19, all travel for youth courts in the State were prohibited. As a result our youth members missed out on an amazing opportunity to network and learn from experts in the field along with other youth courts about restorative systems of justice, best practice and options for sentencing.

At the same time, Alaska Court Houses were closed to hearings, trials and youth court meetings. We purchased lap tops to enable our youth members to continue learning and reviewing referrals while making plans to conduct hearings telephonically.

We would like to request the use of the approved funds to cover the cost of the technology we needed to purchase to keep our court and its members engaged.

If this is agreeable, I can submit receipts for the cost of the equipment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gratefully,

Rhonda Schneider
Executive Director