

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #23-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THREAD TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNITY CHILD CARE PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council recognizes inadequate child care as a major community and statewide challenge; and

WHEREAS, through adoption of Resolution 23-07, the Valdez City Council established the Child Care Crisis Task Force to engage key stakeholders in a strategic planning process to address the ongoing child care crisis; and

WHEREAS, certain tangible aspects of work assigned to the Child Care Crisis Task Force, including the proposed facilities assessment process and work force development efforts would benefit from concrete monetary support; and

WHEREAS, the Community INNOVATION Grant, administered by thread on behalf of the State of Alaska Department of Health's Child Care Program Office, aims to support community projects that increase and sustain the availability of high quality, affordable licensed childcare across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the grant program focuses on locally driven efforts that meet the unique child care needs of a community; and

WHEREAS, the grant has limited funding restrictions with no required match; and

WHEREAS, communities experiencing shortages in child care are encouraged to apply for grant funding to support community planning efforts for strengthening the child care workforce, improving child care quality, capacity building, or family engagement; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to leverage all available resources to plan for and create a sustainable system of child care to serve the families of Valdez.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

The City supports the community child care planning and capacity building process to be undertaken by the Child Care Crisis Task Force and the City Council authorizes City Manager Mark Detter to apply for a Community INNOVATION Grant through thread to support these efforts.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 4th day of April, 2023.

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Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk