




MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

THROUGH: Mayor Bryce Ward 

FROM: Melissa Harter, Library Director

DATE: December 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2021 - 20 - 1M
Appropriating \$63,524 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services
CARES Act Grant for Bridging the Gap in Computer and Internet
Resources Project

Due to the rural residential nature of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough), along with the economic challenges exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic, many of our residents do not have adequate computer and internet access. This lack of access presents a huge hurdle to our citizens efforts to find employment, further their education, and connect with local, state, and federal resources. The computer and internet resources at the Borough library's physical locations are able to address some of that need, but many of our residents are unable to make it to our buildings as frequently as their needs require.

This ordinance appropriates the grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) CARES grant to assist in bridging the gap in computer and internet access in our community. The grant provides funding for the Department of Library Services to procure laptops, software, and internet mobile hotspots that can be checked out. The laptops will be usable online or off, and will come pre-loaded with productivity, resume-building, and educational software, along with instructional materials developed by library staff. Laptops will also have safety and security software installed to ensure that patron data is protected and that the assets are recoverable in case of loss. The hotspots will similarly be metered and can be controlled remotely to prevent overuse of data. The grant allows for the purchase of carts to manage, charge, and store laptops between uses, and cases to ensure equipment safety during transport.

Time is of the essence to adopt this ordinance as it will take time to purchase the items needed to provide the service.

I urge its adoption.

Attachment



1 By: Bryce Ward, Mayor
2 Introduced: 12/9/2021
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4 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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6 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 20 - 1M
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8 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$63,524 IN
9 FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE BRIDGING THE
10 GAP IN COMPUTER/INTERNET RESOURCES PROJECT
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12 WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
13 (P.L. 116-136) was signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020; and
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15 WEREAS, The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) received a
16 total of \$13,800,000 from the CARES Act "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to
17 coronavirus to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and
18 provide support services;" and
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20 WHEREAS, IMLS has awarded the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough)
21 Public Libraries \$63,524 to bridge the gap in computer and internet resources; and
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23 WHEREAS, The IMLS CARES Grant was made available to expand access to
24 underserved communities facing economic hardship and lack of computer and internet
25 access due to the ongoing pandemic; and
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27 WHEREAS, The Borough Department of Library Services provides
28 computers and internet access for use by its patrons; and
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30 WHEREAS, Due to the rural residential nature of the Borough, and the
31 difficulties of the current economic environment, there are many Borough citizens who
32 do not have adequate access to the internet or computers; and

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34 WHEREAS, The computers, software, and mobile hotspots afforded by this
35 grant will provide citizens online and offline resources to assist in their job-seeking,
36 literacy attainment, and educational needs and allow them to conduct their online
37 business.

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39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
40 North Star Borough:

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42 Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is not of a general and
43 permanent nature and shall not be codified.

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45 Section 2. Acceptance of Federal Grant Funding. The Borough formally
46 accepts the award of \$63,524 in federal grant funding from the Institute of Museums and
47 Library Services to assist in bridging the gap in computer and internet resources.

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49 Section 3. Special Revenue Fund Appropriation. The FY 2021-22 budget
50 is hereby amended by appropriating \$63,524 to the Special Revenue Fund budgetary
51 guideline entitled "Bridging the Gap in Computer/Internet Resources" and by increasing
52 estimated revenue from federal grants by a like amount.

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54 Section 4. Eligible Expenditure Period. IMLS grant expenditures incurred
55 within the effective dates of the signed federal grant agreement between IMLS and the
56 Borough are eligible for reimbursement.

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58 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the
59 first Borough business day following its adoption.

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61 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

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ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney

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FISCAL NOTE

I. Request

Ordinance No: 2021-20-1M Date Introduced: 12/09/2021

Abbreviated Title: Appropriate \$63,524 in Federal Grant Funding for Bridging the Gap in Computer/Internet Resources Project

II. Financial Detail

Department/Division Affected: Library Services

EXPENDITURE	Special Revenue	Total	
	Fund	FY 21/22	FY 21/22
	FY 21/22		
Commodities	19,112		
Contractual Services	14,893		
Capital Outlay	23,744		
Indirect	5,775		
Total	63,524		

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Federal Grant Revenue	63,524		
Contribution from Fund Balance			
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Total	63,524		

Specify Funding Sources: Institute of Museum and Library Services CARES Act Grant

OTHER FUNDING (PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED)

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III. Project Purpose:

To bridge the gap of computer and internet resources through library lending

IV. Analysis of Future Liabilities and Funding Sources:

If the grant purchased resources are found to be in high demand, continued lending would incur future costs for software renewal and data plans.

V. Fund Certification: I certify that funding sources are available as detailed in II above.

Debra L. R. Brady
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Chief Financial Officer

11/16/2021
Date

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TBM	SA		

**Fairbanks North Star Borough Fiscal
Impact Statement (FIS) (FNSBC 3.20.010 C.)**

Check	Date
Version 1	
Version 2	
Version 3	
Version 4	

Originator's Name: Renee Van Nort Department: Library Services
 To Be Introduced/Sponsored By: Mayor Bryce Ward
 Abbreviated Ordinance Title: IMLS Grant Bridging the Gap in Computer/Internet Resources
 Department(s)/Division(s) Affected: Library Services
 Proposed Introduction Date: December 9, 2021 Ordinance No.: 2021-20-1M

Does this ordinance authorize:

- 1) a new or expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted budget? Yes No *
- 2) a project that is capital in nature and increases operational costs of the Borough in the current or any future fiscal year? Yes No *

Required Information/Estimates	FISCAL IMPACT PRO FORMA SUMMARY - BEST ESTIMATE				
	Remainder of Current FY	1st Full FY of Operations	2nd Full FY of Operations	3rd Full FY of Operations	4th Full FY of Operations
	FY 2021 / 22	FY 2022 / 23	FY 2023 / 24	FY 20 / /	FY 20 / /
1. Timeline inclusive of all phases					
2. Number and type of new positions which may be required			na		
3. Cost of operations and maintenance			\$9,350.00		
4. Future costs to complete capital assets			\$0.00		
5. Estimated revenue impact			\$9,350.00		
6. Estimated non-Borough funds that may be received:					
a. to fund the ordinance			\$0.00		
b. to fund future phases			\$0.00		
c. to fund future operations and maintenance costs			\$0.00		
7. Anticipated annual tax subsidy			\$ 9,350.00		

Is backup attached? Yes No

Contact Person's Name, for FIS questions: Renee Van Nort Extension: 1025
 Director(s) Signature(s): Melina Hunt Date: 10-28-21
 Mayor's Office or Assembly Member Signature: Lanceo Will Date: 11/2/21
 Chief Financial Officer Signature: Debra L R Brady Date: 11/16/21