

Proposed by:	Health, Education and Welfare
Attorney Review:	5/15/2023
Vote:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 23-21R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA PROVIDING ANNUAL SUBSIDIES FOR LICENSED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS IN SKAGWAY, AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 22-16R.

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes the importance of supporting local childcare group homes, as defined in 7 AAC 57.05.505(b) providers and the vital role they play as a foundation of a healthy and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway wishes to mitigate the loss of childcare providers in the community and maximize the number of children who may be served by childcare; and

WHEREAS, access to childcare is essential to the ability of family members to participate in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, affordable childcare helps families find and keep jobs, and keeps families in the community, while supporting and providing a safe and healthy environment for a generation of children; and

WHEREAS, supporting childcare providers in Skagway supports long-term and effective economic resiliency in our workforce; and

WHEREAS, valuing and investing in childcare supports children in early development. A childcare facility that is safe and enriching helps support the foundation of a child's potential for success; and

WHEREAS, need for maximization of the number of children who can be served in child care is a priority for the Municipality, and due to that need, the Municipality has determined that subsidies be offered to childcare group homes for the best use of the funding resource; and

WHEREAS, staff will create a program based on the guidelines in this resolution for review and approval by the Health, Education and Welfare Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Skagway Borough Assembly would like to change the deadline for receipt of applications to November 1 of each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly intends to provide financial support to local childcare providers that are licensed through the State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services, subject to available funding each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly will strive to include funding in each fiscal year budget to subsidize licensed childcare providers, as follows:

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Childcare providers may receive an annual subsidy as follows:
 - Childcare providers open at least five (5) consecutive months, \$10,000.
 - Childcare providers open at least ten (10) consecutive months, \$25,000.
- Childcare providers may receive an annual subsidy in only one of the categories above.

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- Childcare providers that receive a grant through CFG in 2022 shall not be eligible for funding in 2022 through this program.
- Childcare providers that receive a start-up daycare provider subsidy pursuant to Resolution No. 20-15R shall not be eligible for funding through this program for the term of the 4-year start-up subsidy.
- The application period is January 1 – ~~April~~ **November** 1 of each fiscal year.
- Subsidies are contingent upon available funding each fiscal year and are in the sole discretion of the Assembly.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an annual subsidy under this program, applicants must:

- Hold a municipal business license;
- Be licensed as a childcare provider through the State of Alaska Department of Social Services;
- Must not have received a subsidy or grant from the Municipality of Skagway for childcare services during the year of application;
- Have a minimum of 10 children enrolled monthly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: that Resolution 22-16R is hereby repealed and replaced with this resolution; and

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk

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