

Proposed by: Finance Committee
Attorney Review: 07/29/2020
Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-32R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ESTABLISHING
A SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS
OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF SKAGWAY.**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway declared an emergency based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial adverse economic impacts to Skagway residents, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Skagway businesses rely upon the tourism industry for financial stability; and

WHEREAS, the widespread cancellation of cruises to Alaska has and will continue to have a detrimental impact on all Skagway businesses; and

WHEREAS, impacts to the local economy due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and health mandates have been and will continue to be devastating, with an estimated total community revenue loss of approximately \$160 million for the 2020 season alone; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway wishes to implement a Small Business Relief Grant Program to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial stability of Skagway businesses; and

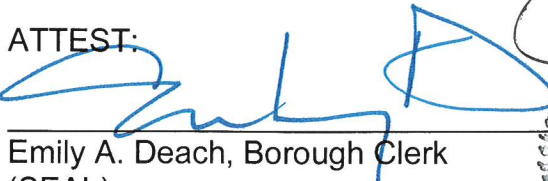
WHEREAS, the Small Business Relief Grant Program will be funded from Sales Tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway establishes a Small Business Emergency Grant program, that may be administered with the assistance of the Skagway Economic Development Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 6th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)


Andrew Cremata, Mayor

