

Proposed by:	Assemblymember Hylton
Attorney Review:	5/31/22
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-15R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA PROVIDING SUBSIDIES FOR TWO LICENSED CHILDCARE START-UPS IN SKAGWAY.

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes the importance of supporting local childcare 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

WHEREAS, access to childcare is essential to a family's ability to participate in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, affordable childcare helps families find and keep jobs, and keeps families in the community, all while supporting learning and health development 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 learning and brain development. A childcare facility that is safe and enriching supports the foundation of an individual's success; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly intends to provide financial subsidies for two new childcare provider start-ups, located in Skagway, Alaska, that are licensed through the State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services, have a minimum of 10 children enrolled monthly, and commit to maintaining operations for at least eleven (11) consecutive months in each calendar year for a minimum of 4 years.

Definition of Start-up

"Start-up" means a Skagway childcare service provider that is newly licensed within the past 12 months, or their affiliates, that has not previously received a subsidy from the Municipality of Skagway for childcare services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly will strive to include funding in its budget to subsidize two newly incorporated and licensed childcare providers, as follows:

- A. Newly incorporated, licensed childcare provider may apply for a one-time subsidy of \$100,000 payable in 4 yearly installments (\$40,000 for the first year, and \$20,000 for each of the subsequent three years), upon approval of the Borough Assembly. Funding of subsidies will depend on Assembly approval via the budget adoption process each fiscal year as outlined in municipal code, and will be limited to two \$100,000 subsidies.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 2 day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:


Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk

(SEAL)


Andrew Cremata, Mayor

