

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING USE OF BBEDC FY10 COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO PURCHASE A SEPTIC PUMPER TRUCK FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE SNAG POINT SEWER LINE**

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WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) provides Community Block Grant (CBG) funding for projects that promote sustainable community and regional economic development, particularly through improving the value of the Bristol Bay fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham was awarded a \$150,000 BBEDC CBG for the purpose of improving its wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the sewage line to the wastewater lagoon carries 90 percent (90%) of the community's sewer system sewage, about 50,000 to 60,000 gallons of raw sewage daily; and

WHEREAS, Snag Point beach has eroded dramatically, removing about 10 feet of beach sand and gravel, and exposing the sewer line to sub-zero temperatures, tides, wind, and icebergs; and

WHEREAS, a break in the sewage line could potentially lead to a cumulative spill of millions of gallons of raw sewage; and

WHEREAS, the exposure of the Snag Point Force Main sewer line from erosion presents a risk to human health, the environment, and the Nushagak Bay commercial and subsistence salmon fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fisheries are the economic base of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Nushagak Bay and the fishery is an immediate need, more pressing than the issues presented by the wastewater treatment lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham affirms that the sewage line response and relocation project will reduce the risk of a spill and the danger of physical, economic and social harms to residents of Nushagak River, Wood River, and area; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Response Plan for the Sewage Line Response and Relocation project calls for two (2) septic pumper trucks to be on standby to pump the Main Street lift station in the event the line freezes or ruptures; and

WHEREAS the City is asking for emergency funding to respond quickly and take measures to mitigate a possible sewage spill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council recognizes the need to reprioritize the use of the FY10 BBEDC CBG.

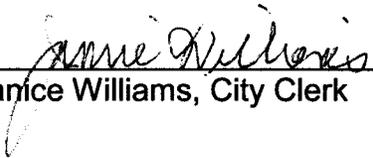
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dillingham authorizes City staff to amend the original grant request to allow for the purchase of a pumper truck in the estimated amount of \$108,500, including freight costs, for the immediate response that would be pursued should the sewer main break and become an emergency disaster.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on January 6, 2011.

SEAL:

  
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Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Janice Williams, City Clerk

