

RESOLUTION NO. 5146

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FFY2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City of Fairbanks on October 25, 2024, and a record of that meeting is attached as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, community members expressed support to apply for funds to upgrade the Moore Street parking lot to repave and fix drainage issues, cracks and obstructions, land which is owned by the City of Fairbanks (see Attachment B); and

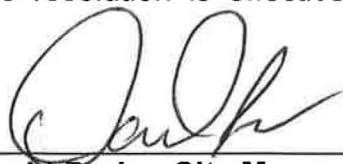
WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is eligible to apply for a grant in the amount of \$640,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the value of the land at 1420 and 1424 Moore Street will provide a 25% in-kind match, and Moore Street Seniors, Inc. will provide an additional \$1,000 cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to request funds from the CDBG Program and to negotiate and execute any and all documents required for granting and managing funds on behalf of the City of Fairbanks for the Moore Street parking lot upgrade project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute subsequent amendments to the CDBG agreement to provide for adjustments to the project within the scope of services or tasks, based upon the needs of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective five days after adoption.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:	PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
APPROVED:	December 2, 2024

ATTEST:



D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5146

Abbreviated Title: Participation in FFY24 CDBG Program

Department(s): Engineering Department

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No X

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No X

If yes, how many positions? _____

If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	Infrastructure	Building	Equipment	Total
Moore Street Parking Lot Upgrade	\$640,000	\$0	\$0	\$640,000
TOTAL	\$640,000	\$0	\$0	\$640,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Infrastructure	Building	Equipment	Total
Grant Fund (Federal & Local Match)	\$640,000	\$0	\$0	\$640,000
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$640,000	\$0	\$0	\$640,000

Moore Street Seniors, Inc leases the lot (lot 1 B) located at 1420 Moore St from the City of Fairbanks. The lease is effective until December 31, 2069. The value of the land at 1420 (\$130,675) & 1424 (\$465,482) Moore Street will provide the 25% in-kind match for the grant, with Moore Street Seniors, Inc. providing a \$1,000 additional cash match for the project. Moore Street Seniors, Inc. will be responsible for maintenance and operations associated with this upgrade.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial sf

Date 11/19/2024

Attachment A to Resolution No. 5146



CITY OF FAIRBANKS

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

October 25, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2:00 p.m.

Sarah Fuerst, Grants and Contracts Administration Manager for the City of Fairbanks, opened the meeting to inform the public of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding opportunity, provide information on program and project categories, and seek recommendations for projects to apply for funding under the FFY24 Alaska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Sarah Fuerst informed attendees that the CDBG is a federal program funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and that the State of Alaska plans to award approximately \$2.5 million in CDBG funds for FFY24. She explained that the State of Alaska is accepting applications from municipal governments and cities for a single project with a maximum request of \$850,000 and recommended match of 25% which could consist of cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The Grants and Contracts Administration Manager gave an overview of the State of Alaska CDBG program objectives that guide the distribution and use of funds which included: potential for long-term positive impact and increase in community self-sufficiency; reduction of clear and imminent threats and conditions detrimental to the health and safety of local residents; construction and improvement of public facilities and the reduction of maintenance and operation costs; development and use of design, engineering, architectural, or feasibility plans as appropriate; economic development including business development, job creation and planning; evidence of strong local support; use of local resources in combination with CDBG funding.

Sarah Fuerst explained that the grants are awarded on a competitive basis and must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and informed attendees of the three categories for project funding: community development, planning, and special economic development. A list of eligible activities for each category was handed out to attendees, presented and described from the FFY24 CDBG Application Handbook.

Sarah Fuerst informed attendees of the following projects that have been funded by the CDBG program: ADA compliant sidewalks on 23rd, renovated home to create a homeless youth shelter, Bjerremark subdivision revitalization, purchase of a new platform truck for Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD), and Senior Center Renovations of the kitchen and dining room.

Sarah Fuerst announced that the meeting would shift to presenting a list of projects proposed for the FFY24 CDBG application. The list included the following proposed projects: architectural design for new Fire Station 2 located at 1710 30th Avenue, Heavy Rescue Unit purchase for the Fairbanks Fire Department, and upgrade of the Moore St. parking lot. Sarah Fuerst asked if there were any other recommendations for projects that attendees would like to submit at that time. There were no other recommendations for projects from attendees at the time.

Chief Cocco of the Fairbanks Fire Department was in attendance of the meeting and Sarah Fuerst

requested that he come up and speak on the two project ideas that were proposed by FFD. Chief Cocco first explained the need for an architectural design for a new Fire Station 2, noting that the Fire Department's operations have grown and spread out, increasing the need for a properly designed station in Fire Station 2's location. Chief Cocco noted this step is needed before construction could begin at the location.

Next, the Fire Chief described the second project idea submitted by FFD for the purchase of a Heavy Rescue Unit. He described the Heavy Rescue Unit as being a multifaceted unit capable of different rescues and services from car fire suppression to building collapse and water rescues. The Chief stated the unit is crucial when there is a vehicle fire or other type of rescue that needs service when the other engines are in use.

Sarah Fuerst requested that Vivian Stiver, Onsite Manager for the Moore Street Apartments, speak about her project idea for the Moore St. parking lot upgrade. Vivian Stiver gave information on the Moore St. parking lot being used by the Moore Street Senior Apartments, which is affordable housing for seniors, and the Fairbanks Senior Center. Ms. Stiver stated multiple hazardous conditions including drainage issues, water and ice puddles, pavement cracks and uneven surfaces. The overall condition of the parking lot causes mobility and visual issues for seniors who live independently in the apartments, which house seniors who are at an average age of 80.

Sarah Fuerst let attendees know that they would now have an opportunity to vote on what project would be the priority for the FFY24 application submission by raising their hand to show support for projects of their choice. Sarah Fuerst explained that a priority ranking system would be used in case a chosen project was deemed ineligible by the CDBG staff, so that a second priority project could then be used for the application submission. After voting on the projects, the architectural design for Fire Station 2 and the upgrade to the Moore St. parking lot received the same amount of support from attendees.

Having received equal amounts of community support, Sarah Fuerst requested that both project submitters gather additional support from community members to gauge the need for both projects.

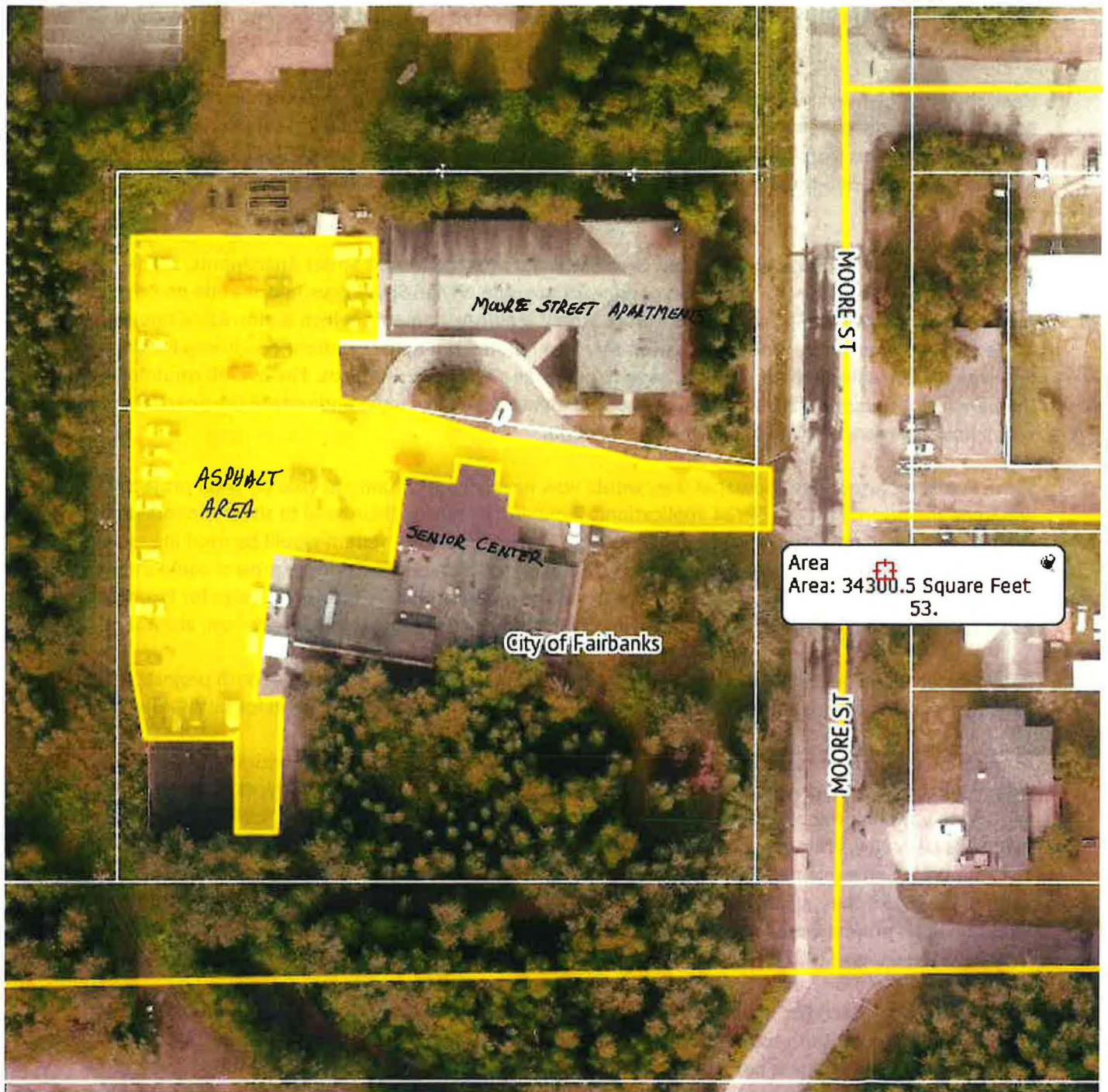
At this time, Ms. Stiver raised her hand for comment. Ms. Stiver stated concerns with the project idea submission process involving accepting project ideas from City of Fairbanks employees who then are allowed to vote on projects. Sarah Fuerst explained that the solicitation request is published in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner and anyone who has an idea to benefit the community can submit it for consideration. She explained that City of Fairbanks employees are also citizens and can propose and vote on projects if they would benefit the community. Ms. Stiver expressed that she felt the Moore Street Senior's project would not receive as much support as the Fire Department's project ideas since they have the support of the Fire Union.

Sarah Fuerst expressed the importance of having strong community support for both projects and restated the need for both submitters to garner support to show community involvement. Sarah Fuerst also stated that the City was not sure if the Fire Department's projects were eligible at the time and would still need to ensure that their submitted project ideas would benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

Sarah Fuerst thanked attendees for coming and showing an interest in the program.

The hearing was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Attachment B to Resolution No. 5146



MOORE STREET SENIOR APARTMENTS

Lot 1B of the Replat of Lot 1 of ASLS 80-21, Plat 93-128, F.R.D.

Parcels_with_TaxInfo:

PAN	470,791
Subdivision	ASLS 80-21
Block	
Lot	01B
Parcel Type	Lot
Parcel Name	
Record Name	1993-128
Record Date	3/22/1993, 3:00 PM
Record Area	42,427.00
Record Area Units	sq ft
Assessing_Neighborhood	Van Horn Industrial (City)
Assessing_Primary_Use	Exempt
Business	Moore Street Seniors
CityStateZip	FAIRBANKS AK 99701 4615
Country	
Improvements	2,514,078.00
Land_Value	130,675.00
Mailing_Address	800 CUSHMAN ST
MillRate	16.51
Owner1	FAIRBANKS CITY OF
Owner2	MONROE STREET SENIORS INC
Owner3	
Tax_Status	COMMUNITY PURPOSE
Tax_Year	2,024
Total_Value	2,644,753.00

NORTH STAR COUNCIL ON AGING - SENIOR CENTER

Lot 1A of the Replat of Lot 1 of ASLS 80-21, Plat 93-128, F.R.D.

Parcels_with_TaxInfo:

PAN	94,072
Subdivision	ASLS 80-21
Block	
Lot	01A
Parcel Type	Lot
Parcel Name	
Record Name	1993-128
Record Date	3/22/1993, 3:00 PM
Record Area	1.78
Record Area Units	acres
Assessing_Neighborhood	Van Horn Industrial (City)
Assessing_Primary_Use	Exempt
Business	Meals on Wheels
CityStateZip	FAIRBANKS AK 99701 5716
Country	
Improvements	742,997.00
Land_Value	465,482.00
Mailing_Address	1424 MOORE ST
MillRate	16.51
Owner1	NORTH STAR COUNCIL ON AGING
Owner2	FAIRBANKS CITY OF
Owner3	
Tax_Status	COMMUNITY PURPOSE
Tax_Year	2,024
Total_Value	1,208,479.00