



CITY OF NORTH POLE

Regular Meeting

January 2, 2023

City Hall Chambers

125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska

www.northpolealaska.com

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Committee of the Whole: 6:30 PM

Regular City Council Meeting: 7:00 PM

MAYOR

Michael Welch
907-488-8584

CITY CLERK

Emily Braniff, CMC
907-488-8583

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chandra Clack – Mayor Pro Tem	907-460-3767
Anton Keller – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-987-2548
Larry Terch – Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-378-9233
Jeffrey Jacobson	907-460-7733
Benny Williams	907-388-5911
David Skipps	907-750-5106

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes from 12/18/2023
6. Communications from the Mayor
 - a. 2024 Committees
7. Council Members Questions of the Mayor
8. Citizens Comments (Limited to five (5) minutes per Citizen)
9. Communications from Department Heads and Borough Representative
10. Ongoing Projects Report
 - a. Explore Fairbanks Update
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
 - a. Resolution 24-01 – City of North Pole - Legislative Priorities
 - b. Resolution 24-02 – Northern Alaska Railroad - Legislative Priority
 - c. Memo – Appointment to the FNSB Historical Preservation Committee
 - d. Memo – JAG Grant Acceptance

13. Council Comments

14. Executive Session

a. Williams Vs. City of North Pole

15. Adjournment



**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, December 18th, 2023, in the North Pole City Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Clack called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, December 18th, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chandra Clack – Mayor Pro Tem
Larry Terch – Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Jeffrey Jacobson
Benny Williams
David Skipps

Absent:

Mayor Welch
Anton Keller – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Clack

INVOCATION

Given by Mr. Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jacobson *moved* to approve the agenda of December 18th, 2023

Seconded *by* Mr. Terch

Mr. Jacobson *moved* to amend the agenda of December 18th, 2023, to move new business forward on the Consent Agenda.

Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance 2023-15, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Establishing the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Levying the Mill Rate, Third Reading
- b. Ordinance 2023-18, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Amending the 2023 Year End Budget, Second Reading

New Business

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- a. Request to Council – Water Meter Purchase American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- b. Request to Council – City of North Pole Sponsorship of Interior Waste & Recycling Symposium
- c. Request to Council – Grant Writing Contract Renewal – Two Bears Environmental Consulting, LLC
- d. Request for Proposals – Water Main Design
- e. Recommendations for Public Auction Items

Seconded by Mr. Williams

On the Agenda, as Amended

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 – Williams, Clack, Terch, Jacobson, Skipps

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Welch, Keller

On the Agenda

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 – Jacobson, Williams, Skipps, Terch, Clack

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Welch, Keller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Clack *moved* to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023, meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

On the Minutes

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 – Williams, Skipps, Terch, Jacobson, Clack,

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Welch, Keller

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

CITIZENS COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE

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Finance, Tricia Fogarty

Ms. Fogarty stated she has all the year-end budget documents finalized and that she will have Ms. Braniff send them out to Council. Ms. Fogarty shared that the back-to-back meetings has made getting everything finalized and wrapped up difficult.

Fire Department, Assistant Chief Tod Chambers

Assistant Chief Chambers reported on the current EMS training and shared that the Christmas Fire Truck is out and making its Christmas rounds.

Mr. Terch thanked AC Chambers for the Fire Truck and he shared that it is his favorite time of the evening when it rolls by his house.

Police Department, Lieutenant Jed Smith

Lieutenant Smith stated he does not have a lot to report since there was Council meeting the previous week but that the department had its annual Christmas party out at the VFW. He shared the Officer of the Year was selected by their peers in the department and Hunter Churness was selected. Lieutenant Smith reported the Employee of the Year for 2023 is Rachel Wing, he shared she has stepped up and done two jobs for a long time and that she is deserving of the recognition.

Director of City Services, Danny Wallace

Special Topics - Employee Evaluations – I finally was able to complete employee evaluations for this year. The evaluation period ended on December 1st. Evaluation discussions have occurred for all employees between the direct supervisor and staff (I directly supervise four individuals – the PW and Utilities Supervisors, the Utilities Accounting and Building Department Specialist, and the Utility Bill Clerk). It took a few months to get the evaluation system in place, and it was done in coordination with the previous HR.

Public Works - We've done our third snow plowing of the year (last Wed, Dec 13th) for City streets and sidewalks. The city continues to get positive comments about those operations, which generally start at 2am and initially focus on access to school roads, emergency services, and critical City facilities. We crosstalk with DOT to try and coordinate efforts, although they tend to focus on Priority 1 roads initially (the Richardson), and then within 18 hours, they should plow the Priority 2 roads in town (Santa Claus Lane and Badger Rd). St. Nicolas Dr., the Old Rich, Buzby and Laurance Road are Priority 3, which are generally cleared 24 hours after the end of a snow event. We anticipate doing hardpack removal in the next few weeks (similar to last year). One other item of note – the DOT snowplows hit and knocked over one of the Candy Cane poles on the Badger Road roundabout, on the north side of the Richardson Hwy. DOT is working on a plan for repair (no word yet), and we will keep you updated.

Building Department - We were contacted by Representative Prax's office about a stop work order that we issued in August. His legislative aide had received a call from the property owner – we had initially contacted this person in July after groundwork had begun on a site within City limits. I personally informed the individual on site and via email about the requirements for building permits – the process is simple, and we go out of our way to help individuals conform to the requirements. There were a number of emails between the City and the property owner, and, on the advice of our legal team, we opted to issue a Stop Work order in early August. We had not heard anything for four months on this issue until they contacted Rep. Prax's office. I discussed the situation with his aide, and they communicated the information to the property owner. As always, we are standing by to help

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individuals and businesses who want to safely build here in North Pole.

Utilities - We are moving forward with efforts to replace all of the older water meter heads (antennas). This includes the needed replacement of over 600 ageing water meter heads and allows for advanced water monitoring by both the city and customers through online and remote monitoring systems.

City Clerk, Emily Braniff

Ms. Braniff stated that since the last Council meeting, she has prepared for the current Council meeting.

ON GOING PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance 2023-15, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Establishing the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Levying the Mill Rate, Third Reading

Mr. Jacobson *moved* to Approve Ordinance 2023-15, as Amended

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

Mr. Jacobson *moved* to Amend Ordinance 2023-15 to Increase Sales Tax Online, Water Usage Revenue, Sewage Usage Revenue, and the Police Department Grant Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

On the Ordinance

Discussion

APPROVED

Yes: Clack, Terch, Skipps, Williams, Jacobson

No: 0

Absent: Welch, Keller

On the Ordinance

DISCUSSION

APPROVED, as Amended

Yes: Clack, Terch, Skipps, Jacobson, Williams

No: 0

Absent: Welch, Keller

- Ordinance 2023-18, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Amending the 2023 Year End Budget, Second Reading

Mr. Jacobson *moved* to Approve Ordinance 2023-18, as Amended

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

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Mr. Jacobson *moved* to Amend Ordinance 2023-18 to balance the fiscal note for the Utilities Department

Seconded by Mr. Williams

On the Ordinance

DISCUSSION

PASSED

Yes: Williams, Terch, Skipps, Clack, Jacobson

No: 0

Absent: Welch, Keller

On the Ordinance

DISCUSSION

PASSED

Yes: Skipps, Clack, Terch, Williams, Jacobson

No: 0

Absent: Welch, Keller

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Terch wished everyone a merry Christmas and asked them to enjoy their family this time of year.

Mr. Williams echoed Mr. Terch's sentiment and shared he loves his new water meter and that everyone else will appreciate them as much as he does.

Mr. Jacobson wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year and reminded everyone to drive safe and arrive alive. Mr. Jacobson shared with the Council the City of Fairbanks legislative priorities. Mr. Jacobson shared that he had printed high school graduation calendars and other important dates from other organizations going forward. Mr. Jacobson spoke of his concern for the haul trucks driving on the highway and that they were not supposed to run before January, but they had already started making runs. Mr. Jacobson stated Department Heads are editing the legislative priorities and sending them to Ms. Braniff and the legislative priorities resolutions will be coming forward at the next Council meeting. Mr. Jacobson stated Ms. Braniff forwarded him three resolutions from the Borough about the Northern Railroad and that language would be added to the list of priorities. Mr. Jacobson stated he is working on a merit pay ordinance that would acknowledge staff for exemplary work done.

Mr. Skipps wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mayor Pro Tem Clack thanked everyone for the work that they have done and thanked everyone for listening. Mayor Pro Tem Clack wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skipps *moved* to adjourn.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clack

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The regular meeting of Monday, December 18, 2023, adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, November 20, 2023.

ATTEST:

Emily Braniff, CMC
City Clerk

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City of North Pole 2024 Committees

Bed Tax

Meets in November each year to review bed tax grant applications. Each entity seeking the grant will have time to present to the committee on their organization and what the funds would be used for. Committee members individually decide on amounts to give each after hearing the presentations. The amounts are then averaged and the committee, as a whole, makes those recommendations to the Council on the results.

Mayor Welch	125 Snowman Lane, North Pole	mwelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-8584	CONFIRMED EB
Buttons		no email address	will update phone #	CONFIRMED EB
Aino Welch	934 Les Rogers Turnaround, North Pole	awelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-5834	
Benny Williams	1028 Hertha Turnaround, North Pole	bwilliams@northpolealaska.org	907-388-5911	CONFIRMED EB
Wanda Adlesperger	Hotel North Pole	waldesperger@hotelnorthpole.com	907-488-4800	
Larnetia Skipps	2729 Permimeter Dr., North Pole	larnetiaskipps@gmail.com	907-378-6635	CONFIRMED EB
David Skipps	2729 Perimeter Dr, North Pole	dskipps@northpolealaska.org	907-750-5106	CONFIRMED EB

* Committee terms are 1/1/24 to 12/31/24 unless otherwise noted

2024 Committee's Master List

Ethics

The committee reviews and considers all ethical complaints and takes actions that it deems appropriate. This committee consists of 3-5 public members and 1 alternate.

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Memorial Park

Plans and executes the Fallen Heroes Memorial Celebration annual event at the Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Scoot Johnson Memorial Park. This committee consists of the Mayor, Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

Mayor Welch	934 Les Rogers Turnaround, North Pole	mwelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-8584	CONFIRMED EB
Chief Dutra	125 Snowman Lane, North Pole	sdutra@northpolepolice.org	907-488-8456	CONFIRMED EB
Chief Heineken	110 Lewis St, North Pole	cheineken@northpolefire.org	907-488-0444	CONFIRMED EB

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Code Violations

This committee reviews and enforces City code violations and recommends remedies and penalties. Consists of the Mayor and 1-2 Council members.

Mayor Welch	125 Snowman Lane, North Pole	mwelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-8584	CONFIRMED EB
Jeffrey Jacobson	391 Finell Dr., North Pole	jjacobson@northpolealaska.org	907-460-7733	CONFIRMED EB
David Skipps	2729 Perimeter Dr, North Pole	dskipps@northpolealaska.org	907-750-5106	CONFIRMED EB

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Economic Development

Committee comprised of Council and community members with the purpose of developing new ideas and evaluating current issues. Leads projects to enhance economic development in the city and provide support to existing businesses. Consists of the Mayor, 1-2 Council or community members.

Mayor Welch	934 Les Rogers Turnaround, North Pole	mwelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-8584	CONFIRMED EB
Anton Keller	508 W. 4th Ave, North Pole	akeller@northpolealaska.org	907-387-2548	CONFIRMED EB
Howard Rixie	North Pole Community Center	hsrixie@gmail.com	907-378-7797	CONFIRMED EB
Chandra Clack	820 Refinery Loop	cclack@northpolealaska.org	907-460-3767	CONFIRMED EB

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Borough Representative *See schedule at end of document

Benny Williams	1028 Hertha Turnaround, North Pole	bwilliam@northpolealaska.org	907-388-5911	Dates confirmed EB
David Skipps	2729 Perimeter Dr, North Pole	dskipps@northpolealaska.org	907-750-5106	
Anton Keller	508 W. 4th Ave, North Pole	akeller@northpolealaska.org	907-987-2548	
Chandra Clack	820 Refinery Loop, North Pole	cclack@northpolealaska.org	907-460-3767	
Jeffrey Jacobson	391 Finell Dr., North Pole	jjacobson@northpolealaska.org	907-460-7733	
Larry Terch	357 E. 5th Avenue, North Pole	lterch@northpolealaska.org	907-378-9233	

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Total Compensation Committee (ad hoc) WILL NOT MEET UNTIL AGAIN UNTIL 2026

Consists of the Mayor and 1 to 2 Council members as well as the city department heads. Meets every 3 years in the summer and fall (approx. 4 meetings) to review the compensation of city employees, including regular pay, merit pay and benefits.

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Housing Development Committee (ad hoc)

Committee consists of the Mayor and 2 Council members. Reviews and recommends housing remedies for the city and the Military Facility Zone. Hears plans from builders/agencies and makes recommendations to the Council fee/tax relief, if appropriate.

Mayor Welch	934 Les Rogers Turnaround, North Pole	mwelch@northpolealaska.org	907-488-8584	CONFIRMED EB
Jeffrey Jacobson	391 Finell Dr., North Pole	jjacobson@northpolealaska.org	907-460-7733	CONFIRMED EB
Chandra Clack	820 Refinery Loop	cclack@northpolealaska.org	907-460-3767	CONFIRMED EB

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FNSB Representative for 2024

Date of Meeting	NPCC Rep
1/11/2024	
1/25/2024	
2/8/2024	Benny Williams CONFIRMED EB
2/22/2024	
3/14/2024	
3/28/2024	
4/11/2024	Benny Williams CONFIRMED EB
4/25/2024	
5/2/2024	Benny Williams CONFIRMED EB
5/29/2024	
6/13/2024	Benny Williams CONFIRMED EB
6/27/2024	
**7/25/2024	
8/8/2024	
8/22/2024	
9/12/2024	
9/26/2024	
10/10/2024	
10/24/2024	
**11/14/2024	
**12/19/2024	

*In 2024 North Pole City Council has chosen to represent at one Borough meeting a month.

* If you are unable to make your designated meeting, let the Clerk know and they will try to find another Council member to attend the meeting.

*Borough meeting are held both in person and via Zoom and start at 6pm. Agendas can be found of the Borough website www.fnsb.gov

** Only one meeting July, November & December

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2023 Q3 Visitor Industry Report

(Unless indicated otherwise, all the below represents the months of July-Sep 2023)

Hotel/Motel Occupancy Rates and Average Daily Rates



Hotel/motel occupancy rates were essentially flat from the same period in 2022, with rates at 82% compared to 83%. August has been the highest performing month this year at 88% compared to 86% in August 2022. YTD occupancy rates through September are at 73% compared to 75% in 2022. Average daily rates (ADR) increased again with an ADR of \$232 compared to \$213, an increase of 8%. YTD through September ADR is \$194, a 9% increase over last year's amount of \$178. For revenue per available room (RevPAR), the average was \$189 compared to last year's average of \$179, with YTD comparisons of \$142 vs \$133.

Source: Smith Travel Report. Not all Fairbanks area hotels reflected in the data.

Short-Term Rental Occupancy Rates and Average Daily Rates

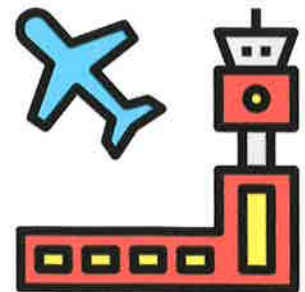
Occupancy rates for short-term rentals were essentially flat at 61% compared to 60%. YTD through September occupancy rates were also flat with 50% compared to 51%, however, supply/listings are at 7,545 in 2023 compared to 5,741 listings in 2022, an increase of 31%. ADR for Q3 was \$177 compared to \$186, a decrease of 5%, while RevPAR was flat at \$108 compared to \$109. YTD for ADR and RevPar were also flat at \$170 and \$86, respectively.

Source: Key Data, contains Airbnb and VRBO

Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) Arrivals and Departures

Combined arrivals and departures at FAI for Q3 increased by 4% over last year, with 328,589 compared to 315,537. In comparison to 2019, there was a decrease of 5%, with 2019 Q3 at 347,662. The month of September outperformed 2019 by 3% with 93,186 compared to 90,521, the highest number for September on record. YTD the airport is up by 15% over 2022 and down by 11% from 2019.

Source: Fairbanks International Airport



Alcan Border Crossings



Highway travel saw a dramatic increase, with the Alcan border reporting 64,350 passenger crossings for Q3, an increase of 176% over the 2022 number of 23,356 and a 29% increase over the 2019 number of 50,271. The month of August 2023 saw a record number with 37,514 passenger crossings. YTD saw an increase of 244% over 2022 and only down 6% compared to 2019. This year is the first time the Poker Creek/Top of the World border has opened since 2019, with a total passenger crossing for Q3 of 10,012 compared to the 2019 number of 12,708, a decrease of 21%.

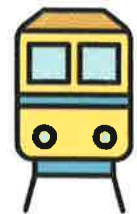
Source: Customs and Border Patrol (CBP)

Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center (MTCVC)

Visitation at MTCVC grew significantly over 2022, with a Q3 total of 51,024 compared to 41,112, an increase of 24% and a decrease of 23% when compared to 2019 numbers of 66,450. YTD total count is 101,814, a 24% increase over 2022 and a decrease of 25% compared to 2019 numbers of 135,544. Note that in 2019 MTCVC was open two more hours a day in the summer compared to 2023.

Alaska Railroad (AKRR)

For Q3, AKRR saw an increase of 13% in total passenger arrivals and departures at the Fairbanks depot, with 24,301 and 21,558 respectively, and a 30% increase over 2019 which had 18,718 total passengers. YTD AKRR reported an increase of 4% over 2022 and 18% over 2019.



Domestic Visitor Profile



Out of a sample size of 21,393 qualified arrivals*, 62% of Q3 visitors were from the Lower 48, with Washington being the number one state at 13%, Texas and California tied at 5%, Oregon at 4%, Florida at 3%, followed by Arizona, Georgia, Colorado and Illinois, all tied at 2%. Of the total sample size, 89% were overnight trips and the average length of stay was 3.4 days.

**Qualified arrival are visitors that met the following criteria: (1) Stayed in the destination longer than four hours and less than two weeks (2) Traveled greater than 200 miles (3) Registered more than 2 "pings" on their mobile device*

Source: Madden Voyage

For more information contact Explore Fairbanks President & CEO Scott McCrea at smccrea@explorefairbanks.com or (907) 460-1193

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 2024-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF NORTH POLE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 34th
LEGISLATURE 2024 REGULAR SESSION

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole considers resolutions through the year to support legislative and policy actions of the State and other local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is concerned with Statewide and Federal issues that affect the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the following list is a list of issues that the City feels are important to residents of the City of North Pole, State of Alaska and Citizens of the United States;

#1 Priority, North Pole Fire Department building expansion

Cost: \$20,000,000

The existing City of North Pole fire station was built in the early 1980's and its structure has served the citizens of the North Pole area for over forty years. It is approximately 7,500 square feet in size with most of that space devoted to housing apparatus. Due to the growing population and the resulting increase in emergency responses the fire department's staffing levels have increased. The office space and staff quarters of the current fire station were not designed to accommodate today's staffing levels. The COVID pandemic highlighted the seriousness of this situation, as social distancing for our essential emergency responders was almost impossible.

Other departments within the City are experiencing similar difficulties and are also in need of larger facilities. To meet this demand the City of North Pole has developed a plan to leverage existing structures and property and address the needs of the fire department. This plan would utilize a vacant portion of the current fire department property to build a new fire station that would meet the community's needs for the next forty years. This would allow the city public works department to move into the current fire station building, doubling their current square footage. The current public works building would then become a critically needed warm storage and training facility for the fire department. The anticipated estimate for this facility is \$20,000,000. This plan has been developed with the intent to grow and benefit multiple departments within our city.

#2 Priority, Interior Training Facility (ITF) to assist interior state, federal and local law enforcement, and other Public Safety organizations with a training facility to conduct firearms training.:

Cost: \$6,000,000

The Interior Training Facility will be a multiuse facility for training of federal, state, and local public safety affiliates. The facility will also be used by said organizations to facilitate community outreach programs, education, and training. The facility will have space for firearms training. The training facility will include multi-bay shooting ranges from 25 to 100 yards security fencing, secured access in the training building with lighting. The lighting will be needed for low-light firearms qualifications to permit use during all 12 months of the year. We estimate the cost to complete this facility will be in the range of \$5 - 6 million dollars in a phased construction approach. Price of construction is broad due to land development costs being dependent on land acquired for the facility and final design requirements. Each large agency has made promises to help pay for maintenance and upkeep of this facility. An indoor facility is the preferred option, but an outdoor facility would be a suitable replacement.

#3 Priority, North Pole Downtown Water Main Replacement Plan

Cost: \$28,200,000

The City of North Pole must develop a plan to address aging water mains in its downtown area. This priority funds a viable replacement plan to address this critical infrastructure problem.

The water mains were installed in the 1970s and early 1980s and consist of single-walled steel piping. The mains are thin gauge steel resulting in significant leakage, which entails high costs to the City. These pipes are at the end of their projected lifespan and are prone to failure. The combined failure of a sewer line and water line in the vicinity of one another poses a serious health risk. These water mains also supply water to the area's fire hydrants. Replacement of these aging water lines is essential to protect public health and safety. This project requires detailed surveys and planning as it will include planning for tearing up streets, excavating the old mains, replacing them with new pipes, and reconstructing the streets.

The City has already funded a 15% conceptual phase to assess the current options available for planning. During this phase we determined the overall scope of the planning for the project and formulated an initial plan with three independent phases. The first is focused on the oldest and most vulnerable area (built in 1972) that habitually experiences failures and leaks. The second and third phases replace pipes built in 1972 and 1982 which consistently show signs of pending failure. Costs for each phase are \$6,500,000 (Phase 1), \$5,400,000 (Phase 2), and \$16,300,000 (Phase 3). The total cost of replacing the entire system is approximately \$28,200,000.

Funding the City of North Pole's planning and construction efforts for all three phases addresses this ongoing concern. This project is directly tied to our efforts to ensure water is available for both customer and safety purposes. This funding is critical to solving this chronic problem of aging water utility infrastructure.

67 **#4 Priority, PFAS Mitigation**

68 **Cost: \$500,000**

69 PFAS are a group of synthetic fluorinated chemicals used in many industrial and consumer
70 products. Two compounds (Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA))
71 were components of aqueous film forming foam used by military, commercial and industrial
72 entities to control petroleum-fueled fires. Our Fire Department and the Department of Defense
73 began using the foam in the 1970s, including at Eielson Air Force Base. These “forever
74 chemicals” pose significant health risks to our citizens to include kidney, prostate and testicular
75 cancer, thyroid disease, liver damage, asthma, and many others. The Air Force is currently
76 mapping the PFAS groundwater plume originating from Eielson Air Force Base and modeling
77 groundwater flow, which generally flows in a northerly direction in this area. PFAS groundwater
78 concentrations have been found within the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project area,
79 located between the community of Moose Creek and the city of North Pole.

80 The City of North Pole is working directly with the Air Force, Alaska Department of
81 Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and Fairbanks North Star Borough to determine mitigation
82 efforts for the eventual contamination of our groundwater and well. In fact, the City of North
83 Pole already has PFAS contamination within our City limits in the ground near our Fire
84 Department. These funds will assist in planning for both the required cleanup of the NP Fire
85 Station and mitigation planning for our overall water system to prepare for this inevitable
86 contamination.

87 **#6 Priority Northern Rail Extension of the Alaska Railroad to Delta Junction**

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89 The population of Interior Alaska continues to grow in response to the critical expansion of the
90 missions of the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard 168th Wing, and the U.S. Alaskan
91 Command to enhance national defense in these uncertain times and increased aggression by
92 Russia, China and North Korea. Additional families and civilian workers translates into more
93 vehicular traffic on the Richardson Highway. Resource development in the Interior between
94 Fairbanks and Delta Junction, specifically gold ore extraction, will increase heavy equipment
95 traffic the likes of which have never be seen nor experienced in Alaska for the next several
96 decades. The Richardson Highway is a vital lifeline for school attendance, medical transports,
97 commuters, commerce, mail and communication. The Northern Rail Link first launched by the
98 Alaska railroad in 2004 with a record of decision from the federal government in 2009 resulted in
99 the first phase of the project constructing the 3,300 foot Tanana River Crossing Bridge in Salcha,
100 Alaska. Not only is the Northern Rail Extension a practical necessity it now is critical safety
101 necessity. The City of North Pole urges that renewed interest, effort and funding be dedicated to
102 the completion of the Northern Rail Link by the State of Alaska, Bureau of Land Management,
103 U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Alaska Command at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Coast Guard, Army

Corps of Engineers, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

#7 Priority North Pole Welcome Center

The City of North Pole supports the construction of the North Pole Welcome Center spearheaded by the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce. The North Pole Welcome Center will not only serve and help those visiting Interior Alaska but will also serve military families and enlisted personnel moving into the greater North Pole Community. We urge consideration of state funds to supplement local funds raised and committed for this much needed service and gathering place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council requests the 34th legislature to consider timely and appropriate action on the issues mentioned.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this ____ day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

Emily Braniff, CMC City Clerk

PASSED Yes: No: Absent:

**CITY OF NORTH POLE
RESOLUTION 2024-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING EFFORTS AND FUNDING TO EXTEND THE
NORTH RAIL TO DELTA JUNCTION**

WHEREAS, natural resource development in Alaska is constrained by the lack of access and infrastructure to undeveloped areas of the State of Alaska rich in natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Richardson Highway provides a lifeline for residents and businesses in Interior Alaska to obtain goods and services;

WHEREAS, the increases in military operations to support the two squadrons of F-35's at Eielson Airforce Base has brought hundreds of new families to the Interior who drive on the Richardson Highway;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the missile defense complex at Ft. Greely has raised the population and drivers in the Delta Junction region;

WHEREAS, the development of the large scale gold mine Mahn Cho near Tetlin will use 95 foot highway tractors pulling two covered side-dump trailers filled with ore to the Ft.Knox Mine Mill site north of Fairbanks to make 60 trips a day between the two mines;

WHEREAS, the Northern Rail Extension Phase II to Delta Junction will provide safe and efficient surface transportation to the significant military training ranges on the south side of the Tanana River;

WHEREAS, in 2014 the first phase of the Northern Rail Extension was completed with the construction of the 3,300 foot Tanana River Crossing Bridge in Salcha and two miles of levee construction;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Government issued a record of decision supporting the Northern Rail Extension

WHEREAS, 15 years have passed since the original National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was completed necessitating updating the study, additional right-of-way acquisitions may be warranted from both federal and private property to obtain final permitting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of North Pole that the completion of Northern Rail Extension Project should be of the highest priority for the State of Alaska, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Alaska Command at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we urge the aforementioned parties to renew discussions, planning and to seek funding to complete the next phase of the Northern Rail Extension to Delta Junction in the best interest of national defense, resource development and the health and safety of Alaskans along this portion of the Richardson Highway and connecting highways.

Section 1. Effective date.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon City Council approval.

PASSED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 2nd day of January 2024.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily Braniff, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED Yes: No: Absent:



MEMORANDUM

City of North Pole Mayor Pro Tem Clack

TO: Council

FROM: Mayor Pro Tem Chandra Clack

SUBJECT: Appointment to the FNSB Historic Preservation Committee

DATE: January 2, 2024

John Porrier has requested he be appointed to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Historical Preservation Committee. Mr. Porrier has a background in Engineering, has previously served on other FNSB Commissions and has actively kept the North Pole Grange up and running. He is a community volunteer and activist and will serve North Pole well on the FNSB Historical Preservation Committee. This seat is currently vacant and serves through December 31, 2025.



North Pole Police Department

Chief Steve Dutra
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December 24, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor Welch
North Pole Council Members

Re: Council approval to accept FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$172,028.00.

I would like the council to approve the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$172,028.00, for the CNP 2023-2024 budget and grant cycle, and authorize the Mayor to sign this grant as presented. This amount covers the period between November 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024.

These funds will cover most of the costs associated with the Detective assigned to the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit for this period. Our drug enforcement efforts in this unit are vital to the ongoing effort to combat illicit drug and alcohol importation into our communities.

We have been thankful for the council and the state of Alaska's support as we continue our drug and alcohol interdiction efforts. We have been participating in the statewide drug unit since 2008 and we have seen tremendous results over this 15 year period. This is the largest distribution in all the years we have been applying for and is \$27,572.00 higher than last year.

I also want to make sure I point out that Lt. Smith has done an amazing job managing this grant over the last year and has made major contributions to improving the process.

Thank you for your time.

Chief Steve Dutra



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CERTIFIED STANDARD ASSURANCES

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.

(2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.

(3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

- a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
- b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
- c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

(4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--

- a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
- b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by

the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;

- c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
- d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

(5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

(6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).

(7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.

(8) If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance--

- a. each such institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
- b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application), for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.

(9) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

- a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C.

- §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
- b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

(10) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law--including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act--seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

(11) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

GRANT AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I - GOVERNING LAW

Statutory Authority: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program statute is Subpart I of Part E of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. Title I of Public Law No. 90-351 (34 U.S.C.10101-10726), including subpart 1 of part E (34 U.S.C. 10151-10158 and 28 U.S.C. 530C(a).

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

Grantor: Federal awarding agency

Department: Alaska Department of Public Safety. Also known as the *pass-through entity*.

Grantee: entity receiving the subaward; also known as subgrantee, subawardee, subrecipient.

State administering agency (SAA): Many OJP formula grants are awarded directly to state governments, which then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. DPS is the SAA for many federal Department of Justice grants.

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF WORK

- A. The Grantee agrees that it will fully implement the Project Description submitted with the application and considered a part of this Grant Agreement.
- B. The Grantee agrees to make no change in the project described in the final approved application without first submitting a written request to the Department and obtaining the Department's written approval of the requested change.
- C. The Grantee shall provide all the necessary qualified personnel, material, and facilities to implement the program described in the Project Description.

ARTICLE IV – PROJECT PERIOD

- A. The term of this Grant Agreement shall be for the period of time described on the Grant Award page. The Grant Agreement shall become effective when it is signed by an authorized signer of both the grantee and the Department.
- B. In the event that, due to unusual circumstances, it becomes apparent that this Grant Agreement cannot be brought to full completion within the time period set forth in the Grant Award, the Grantee shall notify the Department in writing within 7 business days. The notice shall contain a description of the unusual circumstances causing the project to be incomplete.

ARTICLE V – PROGRESS REPORTS

In order that the Department may adequately determine the progress of the Grant Project, the Grantee shall make Progress Reports to the Department per the schedule below. The Reports shall be on the form provided by the Department and contain the following:

- 1. **Progress report:** A description of the work accomplished to date, the methods and procedures used, and the impact of the project. Progress reports shall be submitted to the Department no later than fifteen days following the end of each

report period. Final reports are due no later than 60 days following the end of each report period. Reports are to be submitted through the Office of Justice Programs Performance Measurement Platform at <https://ojpsso.ojp.gov/>.

Quarter	Report Deadline
October 1-December 31	January 15
January 1-March 31	April 15
April 1-June 30	July 15
July 1-September 30	October 15

2. **Other information** specified by the Department or as may be of assistance to the Department in its evaluation, such as Project Equipment Reports.
3. **Changes in Key Personnel:** The Grantee shall report any changes to key personnel to the Department within 30 days of the change.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

- A. The Grantee must establish and maintain separate accounting for the use of grant funds. The use of funds in any manner contrary to allowable grant activities shall result in the termination of the grant and relinquishment of right to any remaining balance of funds. It shall also result in the Grantee being required to return to the State any funds spent on items determined to be not allowed.
- B. **Reimbursement Requests:** The Grantee shall submit a request for reimbursement no later than 15 calendar days after the end of a quarter. Reimbursement requests shall be submitted quarterly unless a different schedule has been approved by the department. A Final Request for Reimbursement must be submitted no later than 60 calendar days following the end of the subaward period of performance.

Reimbursement Requests must be:

1. For expenses incurred within the period covered by the grant agreement;
 2. For expenses incurred and paid by the Grantee within the project period specified on the Grant Award;
 3. Submitted in a format provided or approved by the Department, and must be provided by a responsible signatory of the Grantee;
 4. Based upon the Grantee's accounting system; a financial report generated from the accounting system must be attached to the request for reimbursement.
 5. Supported by appropriate source documentation including, but not limited to: vendor billings, time sheets, travel authorizations, cancelled checks, tickets, payroll records, or other applicable information necessary to substantiate expenditures. Department staff may request copies of source documentation prior to or after payment for any Reimbursement Requests.
- C. The Grantee must use direct charging on timesheets for all time spent on grant related activity or must use a methodology for the allocation of personal services costs approved by the Department. The Grantee must use a cost allocation methodology approved by the Department for any other shared costs charged to the grant and must

provide the Department with appropriate documentation supporting the methodology used. The Grantee shall contact the Department for additional guidance or technical assistance.

- D. No advance payments are authorized under this Agreement, unless approved by the Department.

ARTICLE VII - BUDGET

- A. The Department is not liable for Grantee-incurred costs or services that exceed the approved subaward budget. The Department will not honor requests for payments in excess of the original grant award. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to secure a properly executed grant budget revision to the grant agreement when circumstances require changes to the budget. The Grantee will in no case exceed in expenditure or in commitment the total dollar amount agreed upon in the grant agreement. The Grantee is responsible for all over-expenditures and for any disallowed costs that it may incur.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- A. The Grantee and any sub-recipient shall adhere to generally accepted accounting principles. The Grantee's financial management system shall
1. Provide accurate, current, and complete accounting of financial activities under this grant;
 2. Adequately identify the source and application of funds for cost reimbursable activities;
 3. Provide effective control over and accountability for all grant funds and real and personal property acquired with grant funds;
 4. Maintain separate financial records for the accounting of funds related to this grant agreement;
 5. Maintain systematic methods for timely and appropriate resolution of audit findings or recommendations;
 6. Retain source documentation that adequately identifies the nature and use of grant funds; and,
 7. Allow for comparison of actual and budgeted amounts.
- B. The Grantee shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws regarding the collection, deposit, payment and reporting of taxes, including obtaining an employer identification number and providing W-2 forms to employees.

ARTICLE IX - AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

- A. An Audit of the Grantee operations may be required by the President's Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, or the *State of Alaska Single Audit Regulations at 2 AAC 45.010 – 45.090*.

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- B. A Single Audit is required when an organization meets the parameters under the *State of Alaska Single Audit Regulations* at 2 AAC 45.010 – 45.090.

ARTICLE X - TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION

- A. The grant agreement may be terminated as described in 2 C.F.R. 200.340.
- B. Any change to the terms and conditions of this grant agreement must be made through a written amendment. Amendments do not take effect until signed by both parties.

ARTICLE XI - CONDITIONS OF AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE

- A. Acceptance within 45 days. Within 45 days from the issuance date of these documents to the Grantee, if the Grantee does not confirm acceptance that it will utilize the grant by signing and returning the award agreement to the Department, obligation to set aside these federal funds for use by the Grantee shall be terminated without further cause.
- B. Commencement within 60 days. If a project is not operational within 60 days of the signing date, the Grantee must report, by letter, to the Department the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for delay, and the expected starting date, unless there is prior written approval for the delay
- C. Operational within 90 days. If a project is not operational within 90 days of the signing date, the Grantee must submit a second statement to the Department explaining the implementation delay. Upon receipt of the 90-day letter, the Department may cancel the project and request Grantor Agency approval to distribute the funds to other project areas.

ARTICLE XII - CERTIFICATION

The Grantee hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with State and Federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements with respect to the acceptance and use of funds for this program. Also, the Grantee hereby assures and certifies with respect to this Grant that:

- A. The Grantee agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Department of Justice Programs (OJP) Grants Financial Guide, available online at the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs website. As of 10/12/2023, this link is accurate: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/overview>.
- B. Funds made available under this Grant will not be used to supplant state or local funds. Funds must be used to *supplement* existing state or local funds for program activities and may not *replace* state or local funds that have been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose.
- C. The Grantee will submit all project-related contracts, subcontracts, agreements, and subsequent amendments to the Department for review and approval prior to execution.

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- D. No member, officer, or employee of the Grantee, or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter, will have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the process thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under the grant, and the Grantee shall incorporate, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purposes of this certification.
- E. The Grantee certifies that the programs contained in its application and Project Description meet all the requirements of the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act, that all information is correct, that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the Act and all other applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, and guidelines.
- F. The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must—
- A. Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the recipient (or any subrecipient) properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
 - B. Notify all persons associated with the recipient (or any subrecipient) who are or will be involved in activities under this award of both—
 - (1) this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and
 - (2) the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
 - C. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
 - D. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.
- G. The Grantee will, if required, formulate an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et. seq., and submit their EEOP or EEOP Short Form directly to the Office for Civil Rights within 60 days of the date of this agreement. If the Grantee is claiming a full or partial exemption from the EEOP requirement, the Grantee must submit an EEOP Certification Form to the Office for Civil Rights.
- H. The Grantee agrees to the following: to forward to the Alaska Department of Public Safety for submission to the Department for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice any finding of discrimination against the Grantee by a federal or state court or federal or state administrative agency on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex and to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities to individuals who are Limited English Proficient.

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- I. The Grantee assures that it will comply (and will require any subgrantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily-imposed nondiscrimination requirements, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101-10741); the Victims of Crime Act (34 U.S.C. 20101-20111); the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11101-11322); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12132); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102); and the Department of Justice regulations on the Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations (28 CFR part 38).
 - J. The Grantee assures that in accordance with federal civil rights laws, the Grantee shall not retaliate against individuals for taking action or participating in action to secure rights protected by the laws referenced in Article XI above.

ARTICLE XIII - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A. Management

A State should ensure equipment acquired under a Federal award to the State is managed in accordance with State laws and procedures for property.

Recipients and subrecipients other than States must use procedures for managing equipment (including replacement equipment) acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award, until disposition takes place, that, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

1. **Property records.** Property records must be maintained to include all of the following information:
 - Description of the property
 - Serial number or other identification number
 - Source of the property, including the federal award identification number
 - Identification of the title holder
 - Acquisition date
 - Cost of the property
 - Percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property
 - Location of the property
 - Use and condition of the property
 - Disposition data, including the date of disposal and sale price
2. **Inventory.** A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every 2 years.
3. **Maintenance procedures.** Adequate maintenance procedures must be established and used to keep the property in good condition.
4. **Control system.** A control system must be in place with adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, and theft.

- Promptly and properly investigate and fully document any loss, damage, or theft, and make the documentation part of the official project records. 2 C.F.R. § 200.313 (d)(3).
- Provide at a minimum, the equivalent insurance coverage for equipment acquired with Federal funds that the non-Federal entity owns. Federally-owned equipment need not be insured unless required by the award. 2 C.F.R. § 200.310.
- Non-federal entities are responsible for replacing or repairing property that is willfully or negligently lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed.

5. **Proper sales procedures.** If authorized or required to sell the property, the recipient or subrecipient must establish proper sales procedures to ensure the highest possible return

A. Disposition

A State recipient must dispose of equipment acquired under the award in accordance with State laws and procedures.

Recipients and subrecipients other than States must dispose of the equipment when original or replacement equipment acquired under the award or subaward is no longer needed for the original project, or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal awarding agency, as follows:

1. If the item to be disposed of has a current per-unit fair market value of \$5,000 or less, the item may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the awarding agency.
2. If the item has a current per-unit fair market value of more than \$5,000, the item may be retained or sold, but the awarding agency will have a right to a specific dollar amount. Calculate this amount by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from the item sale by the awarding agency's share of the equipment (i.e., the agency's percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase). The seller is also eligible for limited sale and handling costs of \$500 or 10% of the proceeds, whichever is less.
3. In cases where the recipient or subrecipient fails to take appropriate disposition actions, the awarding agency may direct other disposition actions.

ARTICLE XIV - PROJECT RECORD MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AND ACCESS

- A. The Grantee shall maintain Grant records that disclose the amount and disposition of the total funds from all sources budgeted for the Grant Agreement period, the purpose of undertaking for which such funds were used, the amount and nature of all contributions from other sources, and such other records as the Department shall prescribe. Such records shall be preserved for a period of not less than three (3) years following completion of the project.
- B. The following shall have access to any records of the Grantee necessary to perform audits or examinations or to create excerpts or transcripts:
 1. The U. S. Department of Justice;
 2. The Comptroller General of the United States;

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3. The Department, its agents, or assigns or successors in function; and
 4. Duly authorized representatives of any of the above.

ARTICLE XV - MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- A. Monitoring shall be accomplished by the Department at times deemed reasonable and proper by the Department. The Department shall make every effort not to disturb or disrupt any program or activity beyond that necessary to secure relevant data and make a reasonable assessment of the Grantee's performance.
- B. Monitoring by the Department may be performed on a continuing basis throughout the grant period and may involve electronic contact, written communication, analysis of submitted reports, and on-site visits.
- C. It shall be the purpose of monitoring by the Department to reinforce, improve, and augment the Grantee's capacity to administer this grant by identifying potential problem areas and recommending corrective action to prevent deficiencies.
- D. At the conclusion of a formal site review or electronic monitor, the Department shall provide a Monitoring Report in writing to the Grantee which outlines review findings and identifies any required corrective action and the date by which the corrective action must be completed.
- E. When the Department has confirmed that the appropriate corrective action has been taken, a letter shall be sent to the Grantee stating that the finding(s) has been closed.

ARTICLE XVI - PUBLICATION OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

When publicizing project activities and results, the Grantee shall include the following statements:

- A. "The opinions, findings and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Public Safety or the Department of Justice."
- B. "This project was supported by a grant awarded by the Alaska Department of Public Safety, through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Administration"

ARTICLE XVII - WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS OF PROGRAMS

When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or part with Federal funds, the Grantee shall clearly state the following:

- A. The percentage of the total cost of the program or project which is or will be financed with Federal money; and
- B. The dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program.


However, if disclosing this information would in any way imperil the project, the Grantee is exempt from this requirement.

ARTICLE XVIII - SPECIAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND WAIVERS

- A. Any funds not properly obligated by the end of the Grant Award as specified in Section II of the Grant Award page will lapse and revert to the Department.
- B. If the Grantee is a Native Village, Native tribe or another Native tribal entity, the Grantee hereby irrevocably waives any sovereign immunity that it may possess, and consents to suit against itself and its officers, employees and agents, in the courts of the State of Alaska or any other state or federal court of competent jurisdiction, as to all claims or causes of action by the State of Alaska, or the United States or any other person arising out of or in connection with this grant award.

State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety
Division of Administrative Services
Grants Administration Office

GRANT AWARD

GRANTEE	DEPARTMENT																																				
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CONTACT: Steve Dutra TITLE: Chief of Police	CONTACT: Anthony Davis TITLE: Grants Administrator 1																																				
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STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Public Safety
Alaska State Troopers
Division of Administrative Services

GRANT APPLICATION

Application is hereby made to the Department of Public Safety for funding made available through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, CFDA #16.738.

AGENCY NAME: City of North Pole	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 125 Snowman Lane North Pole, AK 99705	PHONE: (907) 488-6902 AGENCY EIN: 92-6001585 AGENCY UEI: 082506569 (REQUIRED)
MAILING ADDRESS: 125 Snowman Lane North Pole, AK 99705	
PROJECT CONTACT: NAME: Steve Dutra TITLE: Chief of Police	PHONE: (907) 488-6902 FAX: (907) 488-5299 EMAIL: sdutra@northpolepolice.org
PERFORMANCE PERIOD: Start: November 1 st , 2023 End: September 30th, 2024	AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 172,028.00

AGENCY CONTACTS

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Name: Michael Welch Title: Mayor	
FINANCIAL CONTACT	Phone: (907) 488-8594 FAX: (907) 488-3002 Email: tfogarty@northpolealaska.org
Name: Tricia Fogarty Title: CFO	
PROJECT DIRECTOR	Phone: (907) 488-6902 FAX: (907) 488-5299 Email: sdutra@northpolepolice.org
Name: Steve Dutra Title: Chief of Police	

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant) certifies that the statements made in this application document and attached proposal are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Michael J. Welch
 Mayor, City of North Pole, Alaska

DATE: 10/27/2023

PROJECT NARRATIVE

APPLICANT AGENCY NAME: City of North Pole

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 172,028.00

PROGRAM: FFY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Program

PROJECT TITLE: Statewide Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Program

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: November 1st, 2023, End: September 30th, 2024

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Please provide answers to the project bulleted list below:

- a. **Project Overview:** A NPPD Detective will be assigned to the Fairbanks Area Narcotics Team (FANT) to work full-time with the Alaska State Troopers and other LEO partners assigned to the unit. Their mission is to mitigate the transport of illegal drugs into the State of Alaska. The FANT's main target is the area of Fairbanks and North Pole, with emphasis also placed on neighboring communities, and northern regions of Alaska extending all the way to the Canadian Border. The primary role of FANT is to develop leads and conduct investigations into the importation, manufacturing, and sale of illicit drugs. The multijurisdictional team also investigates serious crimes related to the illegal importation and sale of alcohol. To integrate with the team successfully, NPPD has developed specific goals and objectives, which have much in common with the priorities set forth in the Alaska JAG program.

This project was implemented to:

- 1) Coordinate efforts and resources from local, state, and Federal agencies through the use of a statewide multijurisdictional task force.
- 2) Interdict and seize controlled substances and alcohol that are being illegally distributed throughout the interior of Alaska.
- 3) Investigate, apprehend, and successfully prosecute local distributors of controlled substances and illegal alcohol.

b. Statement of Need

The North Pole Police Department (NPPD) is continually seeking to analyze its efforts and successes to make improvements and enhance a proactive approach to law enforcement. According to 2023 data from the US census, the current population of North Pole is approx. 2386. This population doubles during the day due to the presence of multiple public schools, shopping centers, restaurants, and businesses. The number of City and area residents is also projected to continue to increase over the next 3-5 years due to continued expansion of area military bases. Because of this population growth, more serious crimes are on the rise in the City of North Pole. There is also a noticeable increase in the complexity of criminal activity. The criminal element has also been emboldened by ever fluctuating State statute and substantially reduced penalties. This has created a situation that taxes law enforcement's ability to proactively root out criminal behavior and also impacts the area residents. The ongoing analysis of NPPD cases reveals that approx. 88 percent of arrests are made on perpetrators that reside outside the City limits of North Pole. This trend will only continue as the population increases.

Numerous high-profile drug cases have spotlighted the City of North Pole through the years including the following examples. NPPD responded to a burglary of multiple apartments. Investigation revealed the suspects were targeting a drug dealer in the complex, who was using that apartment as a stash house. NPPD and the Fairbanks Area Narcotics Team (FANT) seized a substantial quantity of a substance suspected to be crack cocaine. The City of North Pole had the first marijuana butane extraction explosion in the State of Alaska. A planned drug exchange took a bad turn and resulted in a strong-armed robbery and a shooting, which left one suspect in the hospital with gunshot wounds.

A large amount of vehicular traffic passes through the City of North Pole on the Richardson Highway, with AADT reporting more than 17,000 vehicles in 2022. This reflects a substantial upward trend with thousands of new personnel

continuing to arrive for support operations at Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB). Property crimes which tend to be fueled by the drug trade continue to fluctuate substantially based on enhanced enforcement activities. Recent stats peak in 2020 with a 25% increase in burglaries occurring between 2021 and 2022. Larcenies were mitigated by 22%.

The increase of drug possession and distribution cases taken in North Pole schools is alarming with a 50% increase in drug cases seen at the Middle School and a 200% increase seen at the High School. The continued proliferation, trafficking, and abuse of dangerous synthetic drugs, and the chronic scourge of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl nationwide make it critically important to maintain an aggressive enforcement stance against narcotics. The State of Alaska as a whole continues to see the development of some alarming drug trends. In 2020 the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) reported over 21,854 grams of heroin seizures, over 3,465 grams of cocaine seizures and over 29,969 grams of methamphetamine seizures. Fentanyl abuse is also on the rise, with over 7,922 grams seized in 2021.

NPPD, through calls and service requests made by the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) and the Alaska State Troopers (AST), serves not only the City proper but the area surrounding North Pole. This area has a population in excess of 27,000 living within a 10-mile radius. These calls for service are a significant drain on patrol resources and have a significant impact on the quality of investigations and apprehension of suspects. The North Pole area, to include the City of North Pole, has already begun to see a population explosion due to the assignment of an F-35 fighter jet squadron to EAFB with military personnel, support staff, and families flooding into the area. A substantial portion of this population is expected to settle in and around the city. NPPD expects the drug and crime rates to continue to increase with the current influx of people.

To help address the needs of the community at large, the City of North Pole authorized the creation of a full-time position with the multi-jurisdictional drug

unit in 2008 and has dedicated a Detective to this assignment every year since then. NPPD intends to continue this position indefinitely. NPPD's participation with the FANT has proven highly successful every year. In order to help facilitate this additional position, NPPD is requesting support from the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety pass through JAG sub-grant from Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to help fund a portion of the salary and benefits for FY 2024. The continuation of this position greatly enhances the City's ability to meet local law enforcement needs that will impact the criminal elements that impact our area and every community in the State of Alaska.

The goal of this position is to facilitate joint law enforcement and prosecution efforts involving multiple criminal justice agencies across several jurisdictions. These agencies share the common goal of addressing drug enforcement and violent crime problems in and around North Pole, Fairbanks, and other interior Alaskan communities. NPPD wishes to enhance its abilities by fostering better communications, intelligence sharing, and coordinate activities with all Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the State.

NPPD has demonstrated the ability to competently manage an annual budget in excess of \$2.2 million and has managed COPS, Homeland Security, Alaska Highway Safety, and JAG grants in the past. NPPD is equipped to handle local, state, and federal grants through an internal record keeping system that is filed within the Department and simultaneously in the City Accountant's Office. Negotiations, awards, contracts, program/progress records/reports, procurements, invoicing, payments, time sheets, and other fiduciary aspects of grant management are in this system.

The City implements internal controls to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to all its grant-funded programs. The City recognizes grant revenues when qualifying expenditures are incurred. All of this helps the city meet the requirements of grant agreements and corresponding federal and state laws. The City's accounting system records all

costs associated with each of its grants in separate, self-balancing accounts. The accounting records are used as a basis for completing required grant reports. Before posting any results, grant costs are reviewed for reasonableness, allowability, and allocability to each grant project. Grant project accounts are broken into sub-accounts by program element and cost objective. Appropriate documentation is maintained for personnel costs, fringe benefits, travel, purchases of professional services/consultants, materials, supplies and equipment, and other costs. The accounting records are subject to annual independent financial statement and single audit.

The City also has formal procurement procedures to assure that professional services, consultants, equipment, materials, and supplies are obtained on a competitive basis and has procedures to assure that the types of contracts unacceptable to the federal government are not utilized. Quotations are reviewed to assure that the proposed price is reasonable to the contractor, the recipient, and the party providing the funding.

c. Project Activities

NPPD's goals and objectives for this project are to continue to participate in the FANT program by securing funds to augment our budget in FY 2023-24. NPPD's participation in street level drug enforcement and the multijurisdictional task force program will concentrate on enforcement and prosecution of illegal drug and alcohol crimes, particularly drug and alcohol trafficking. NPPD met this goal in FY 2022 by maintaining its participation efforts in FANT. Continued support of the program currently in place has proven highly beneficial and serves to coordinate NPPD's law enforcement efforts with AST, FPD, University Police, Airport Police, Fort Wainwright Police, EAFB Security Forces, and Federal agencies in a multijurisdictional effort to curb drug, alcohol, and related crimes on a regional and local basis.

The objectives have been met each year. NPPD's current and past FANT Detectives have enhanced cross-jurisdictional information sharing by supplying NPPD's Officers with vital information related to current North Pole cases.

FANT detectives have been a vital link in closing the gap between agencies that has existed for years. NPPD's FANT Detective has been instrumental in facilitating collaboration and increased communication on drug related cases; these cases have also frequently proven to be related to other serious crimes within the City of North Pole.

d. Performance Measure/Evaluation

Goal #1: Participate in the FANT program and assist with intelligence gathering, undercover operations, case work and arrests.

Objective:

1. Reaffirm the appointment of NPPD's Detective to the FANT position and allocate necessary budget monies to fund the position remaining costs for the fiscal year.

Performance Measures:

1. Reaffirm the appointment of one NPPD Detective to FANT.
2. Approval of funds in the FY 2024 budget to offset actual costs.

During the past year, NPPD used the Byrne funds to pay personnel and fringe benefit costs for its FANT Detective. The FANT Detective assisted with intelligence gathering and undercover operations, resulting in an increased case load and number of violator arrests. In previous years, NPPD's FANT Detective was instrumental in bolstering ephedrine monitoring, as it is commonly used in the production of methamphetamine.

Goal #2: Facilitate and improve information sharing between Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

Objectives:

1. Maintain current strategies to increase information sharing abilities between Federal, State, and local law enforcement to decrease criminal activity involving drugs and alcohol.

2. Maintain strong, permanent partnerships with Federal, State, and local law enforcement.

Performance Measures:

1. Maintain Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with various law enforcement agencies.
2. FANT Detective facilitates training and education of all NPPD personnel. Training will be focused on increasing the quality of collection and data entry abilities of patrol Officers and Detectives.
3. Data sharing between groups will be evaluated for efficiency.

NPPD has maintained the Memorandums of Agreement with all participating agencies. Improving information sharing is an ongoing process. NPPD has continued to seek ways to improve this process and allow Patrol Officers access to FANT drug information. The NPPD FANT Detective conducted numerous briefings with various shifts of NPPD Patrol personnel, discussing what clues to look for during traffic contacts, who the local drug pushers and users were, and better ways to improve data entry procedures for police contacts.

Goal #3: Maintain or increase the number of arrests and successful prosecution of violations of State alcohol and drug laws.

Objectives:

1. Facilitate the exposure of underground, illicit drug, and alcohol culture within the Interior of Alaska.
2. Reduce illegal alcohol and/or drug use within the North Pole and Fairbanks area.

Performance Measure:

1. Increase or maintain the number of arrests of illegal alcohol or drug use, possession, distribution, and or importation.

NPPD's FANT Detective has had regular exposure to underground illicit drug use through intelligence sharing with other agencies, partnering with agencies to conduct traffic stops on drug buyers trafficking at known drug houses, and targeting known distributors. These activities have resulted in the seizure of guns, drugs, and money.

Deliverables

- Reaffirm the appointment of NPPD's full time Detective to FANT.
- Plan routine communications from NPPD FANT Detective to NPPD Officers.
- Enforce the current policy and procedures for patrol officers to be required to forward all drug related case information to FANT to help facilitate information sharing, specifically targeting information provided into Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System.

Evaluation

Evaluation for effectiveness is an ongoing process. The NPPD Lieutenant will review shift logs, reports, statistical compilations from the Records Division, and comments from NPPD meetings. His/her regular meetings with the FANT Detective will contribute to an ongoing evaluation process.

NPPD's evaluation process includes review of statistical information regarding arrests and incidents (RMS and or APSIN) and a review of the reports from the State of Alaska District Attorney's Office regarding successful prosecutions. NPPD will engage in routine review of available statistics to chart progress toward stated objectives.

The Lieutenant will monitor each performance indicator as detailed in the Evaluation and Performance Measures. All activities will be monitored on a regular basis. Evaluation of the project will also occur through the AST FANT Sergeant's progress reports (reports prepared for the Chief, the FANT detective, and the City Accountant).

Time sheets, arrests and any problems will be noted and reported to DPS or other designated persons. The City Accountant will ensure all monetary records are correct and all funds and expenses are accounted for.

PROJECT ABSTRACT

APPLICANT AGENCY NAME: City of North Pole

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 172,028.00

PROGRAM: FFY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

PROJECT TITLE: Statewide Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Program

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: November 1st, 2023, to September 30th, 2024

PROJECT SUMMARY: Please provide a brief summary of the project in the box below:

The North Pole Police Department is committed to continue its Federal, State, and other local partners to help identify and dismantle criminal enterprises which are fixated on the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and alcohol into Alaska communities. The primary objective of this project is to decrease the harm illicit drugs and alcohol cause to the residents of Alaska, particularly those residing in the interior communities.

The North Pole Police Department will assign one fulltime Detective to work with the Fairbanks Area Narcotics Team to facilitate a multi-jurisdictional team stationed in the interior of Alaska. The team will work to interdict illicit drugs and alcohol, help curb organized drug trafficking, and assist in decreasing the overall drug use in the interior through active drug interdiction. The goal is to provide for a safer community, punctuated by an overall drop in violent crimes and violent crimes, as well as lowering Fentanyl use and overdoses.

PROJECT REVIEW

This form is to be completed only by agencies that were awarded FFY21 JAG grants for the previous years from the Alaska Department of Public Safety.

APPLICANT AGENCY NAME: City of North Pole

PROGRAM: FFY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

PROJECT TITLE: Statewide Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Program

PROJECT SUMMARY: Please provide an overview of your accomplishments under the FFY22 JAG award.

The North Pole Police Department has provided one fulltime Detective to work in the Fairbanks Area Narcotics Team which is crucial to the multijurisdictional team stationed in the interior of Alaska. The FANT works to interdict illicit drugs and alcohol and helps curb organized drug racketeering and assists with decreasing the overall drug use in the interior through active drug interdiction.

Throughout 2021 and 2022, the North Pole Police Department remained committed to working with our Federal, State, and local partners to help combat criminal enterprises which are fixated on the importation and trafficking of illicit drugs and alcohol. The goal of this project was to decrease the harm that illicit drugs and alcohol cause to the residents of Alaska.

Over the past year, the NPPD FANT Detective has worked multiple major drug seizures, served multiple search and arrest warrants, and conducted investigations that led to the prosecution of significant drug dealers and users. Our Detective further supported the efforts of every police agency in the interior, including Federal partners, and fostered solid relationships and information sharing amongst all the different agencies in the interior.

Budget

Itemized Budget Detail

The following Budget Detail is based on actual cost and overtime estimates for FY2023. All figures are based on full time devotion of one Detective to the FANT position. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Personnel- Lists the projected costs for FANT Detective Wages' salary range and projected overtime costs for FY 2023.

Regular salary costs are projected to be \$110,219.00. This cost is based on the hourly rate of \$52.98 multiplied by the 2080 total hours worked each year. (\$9,184.00 multiplied by 12 months equals approximately \$110,219.00 in salary per calendar year rounded to the nearest whole dollar. These expenses include vacation accrual, which will be billed at the time it is used as a salary expense.

Overtime costs are projected to be \$3,975.00. This cost is based on 50 projected hours of overtime. FY 2023 hourly overtime rate for FANT Detective Wages' is \$79.47. (\$52.98 regular hourly wage x 1.5 = \$79.47 per hour) Total projected overtime cost equals \$3,975.00 (\$79.47 x 50 hours = \$3,975.00).

The total cost estimate for salary and overtime is \$114,194.00, as shown on the following table:

Salary Costs:	\$110,219.00
Overtime Costs:	\$3,975.00
Total	\$114,194.00

Fringe Benefits- Lists the projected costs for benefits outside of regular salary and overtime. This includes retirement costs, taxes, health insurance, and worker's compensation.

Retirement costs are projected based on the standard Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) rate of 22%. Based on projected annual earnings, the retirement costs are

Budget

projected to be \$24,248.00 ($\$110,219.00 \times 22\% = \$24,248.36$, rounded down to \$24,248.00).

Medicare costs are projected based on the standard rate of 6.2% of gross earnings.

Medicare costs are projected to be \$6834.00. ($\$110,219.00 \times 6.2\% = \6833.57 , rounded up to \$6834.00).

Health insurance costs are based on established costs for the City of North Pole employee health insurance plan for an employee and/or family plan. These costs are set at \$800.00 per 2-week pay period. The projected health insurance costs are projected to be \$20,800.00 (26 pay periods \times \$800.00 = \$20,800.00).

Worker's Compensation rate is based on the standard rate of 5.47% of gross earnings.

Worker's Compensation costs are projected to be \$5,952.00 ($\$110,219.00 \times 5.47\% = \$5,951.82$, rounded up to \$5,952.00).

The total cost of Fringe Benefits is projected to be \$48,107, as shown on the following table:

PERS:	\$24,248.00
Medicare:	\$ 6,834.00
Health Insurance:	\$20,800.00
Worker's Compensation:	<u>\$ 5,952.00</u>
Total	\$57,834.00

The total cost of Personnel and Fringe Benefits combined is estimated to be \$156,333.00, as shown on the following table:

Personnel Costs:	\$ 110,219.00
<u>Fringe Benefits Costs:</u>	<u>\$ 57,834.00</u>
Total	\$172,028.00

Budget

Budget Summary

In summary, the increase from FY 2022 to FY 2023 is directly related to Detective Wages being a more experienced Police Officer and earning a higher wage than the prior FANT Detective. Additionally, NPPD received two wage increases to improve recruitment and retention. The Personnel cost, including overtime, for FANT Detective Wages is projected to be \$110,219.00. The Fringe Benefits cost is projected to be \$57,834.00. The combined total is \$172,028.00. Therefore, the grant amount requested for FY 2021 is \$172,028.00.

Personnel	\$ 110,219.00.
Fringe Benefits	\$ 57,834.00
Total Direct Costs	\$172,028.00
Total Project Costs	\$172,028.00
Federal Request	\$172,028.00
Non-Federal Amount	\$ 0.00

**Alaska Department of Public Safety
Division of Administrative Services, Grants Office
PERSONNEL BUDGET DETAIL**

PERSONNEL - List each position by title and name of employee if available. Show the monthly salary amount, number of months, and percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization.

POSITION TITLE/NAME	MONTHLY AMOUNT	QTY	% TIME	TOTAL
FANT Detective / Benjamin Wages (regular wages)	\$ 9,185	12	100%	\$ 110,219
FANT Detective / Benjamin Wages (overtime wages)	\$ 331	12	100%	\$ 3,975
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SUBTOTAL				\$ 114,194.00

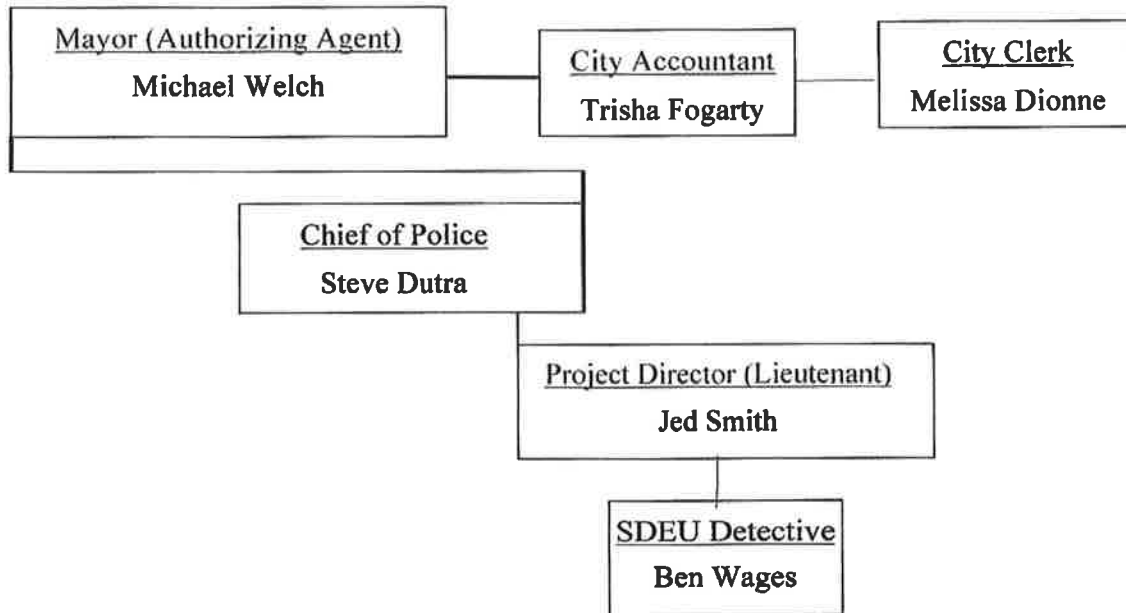
FRINGE BENEFITS - Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed above and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Fringe benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Workman's Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation.

POSITION TITLE/NAME	MONTHLY AMOUNT	QTY	% TIME	TOTAL
Detective Wages (PERS)	\$ 1,859	12	100%	\$ 24,248
Detective Wages (Medicare)	\$ 570	12	100%	\$ 6,834
Detective Wages (Health Insurance)	\$ 1,733	12	100%	\$ 20,800
Detective Wages (Workers Comp)	\$ 496	12	100%	\$ 5,952
				\$ -
SUBTOTAL				\$ 57,834.00

TOTAL \$ 172,028.00

Applicant Agency Description

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Project Personnel

The Authorizing Person for this project will be Mayor Michael Welch, who has been in office for approximately three years as the Chief Executive of the City of North Pole.

Steve Dutra is the Chief of Police for the City of North Pole. Chief Dutra has served in his current position since June 2012 and oversees 15 Officers and staff, including a minimum of two major personnel grants per year. Chief Dutra will contribute up to 1 hour per month to the project to include oversight, report reviews, meetings with the North Pole Police Department Lieutenant and Alaska State Trooper SDEU Sergeant, payroll, and budget reviews with the City Accountant.

Lieutenant Jed Smith directly supervises all personnel in the North Pole Police Department. He has been the Project Director for several annual personnel grants. He will serve as the Project Director and will assist the SDEU Detective in coordinating flow of information between the SDEU Detective and other appropriate personnel. Lieutenant Smith will contribute approximately 15 hours per quarter to assist with the success of the project.

The SDEU Detective will be Benjamin Wages, who has served in this role for approximately 2 years. Detective Wages will contribute 100% of his time to the project, as he is the only full-time staff associated with the funding.

The City Accountant is Tricia Fogarty, who will oversee audit and financing for the project; these tasks will include payroll, fringe benefits calculations, and audits.

Melissa Dionne is the City Clerk; she may contribute some time to the success of the project, but this is limited to Human Resource and other related matters.

**INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNICATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) AND/OR IMIGRATION
AND CUSTOMERS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

Each applicant must provide responses to the following questions as an attachment to the application:

1) Does your jurisdiction have any laws, policies, or practices related to whether, when or how employees may communicate with DHS or ICE?

Select: NO

2) Is your jurisdiction subject to any laws from a superior political entity (e.g., a state law that binds a city) that meet the description in questions 1?

Select: NO

3) **If yes to either**, please provide the following:

- Copy of each law or policy;
- Describe each practice; and,
- Explain how the law, policy, or practice complies with section 1373

DISLCOSURE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS

Each applicant is required to disclose whether it has (or is proposed as a subrecipient under) any pending applications for federally funded grants or cooperative agreements that (1) include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed in the application under this solicitation, and (2) would cover identical cost items outlined in the budget submitted to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) as part of the application under this solicitation. The applicant is required to disclose applications made directly to federal awarding agencies, and also applications for subawards of federal funds (e.g., applications to state agencies that will subaward (subgrant) federal funds).

DPS seeks this information to help avoid any inappropriate duplication of funding. Leveraging multiple funding sources in a complementary manner to implement comprehensive programs or projects is encouraged and is not seen as inappropriate duplication.

Each applicant that has one or more pending applications as described above is to complete page 2 of this attachment.

Any applicant that does not have any pending applications as described above, must certify by signing below:

I certify that, the City of North Pole
does not have any pending applications submitted within the last 12 months for federally funded grants or cooperative agreements (or for subawards under federal grants or cooperative agreements) that request funding to support the same project being proposed in this application to DPS and that would cover identical cost items outlined in the budget submitted as part of this application.

Michael J. Webb
Mayor, City of North Pole, Alaska
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

10/27/2023
DATE

Each applicant that has one or more pending applications as described is to provide the following information about each pending application submitted within the last 12 months:

- The federal or state funding agency.
- The solicitation name/project name.
- The point of contact information at the applicable federal or state funding agency.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CERTIFIED STANDARD ASSURANCES

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.

(2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.

(3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

- a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
- b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
- c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

(4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--

- a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
- b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by

the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;

- c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
- d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

(5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

(6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).

(7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.

(8) If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance--

- a. each such institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
- b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application), for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.

(9) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--

- a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C.

- §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
- b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

(10) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law--including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act--seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

(11) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

Signature: _____


Mayor, City of North Pole, Alaska

Date: _____

10/23/2023



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CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department") determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the Applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If the Applicant's request for Federal funds is in excess of \$100,000, and any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the Applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions; and

(c) The Applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with Federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

A. Pursuant to Department regulations on nonprocurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, and to other related requirements, the Applicant certifies, with respect to prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction," as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), that neither it nor any of its principals—

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) has within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, tribal, or local) transaction or private agreement or transaction;

violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects its (or its principals') present responsibility;

(c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and/or

(d) has within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the Applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, the Applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliance@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), unless such disclosure has already been made.

3. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the Applicant is a corporation, it certifies either that (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliance@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application.

4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 C.F.R. §§ 83.620 and 83.650:

A. The Applicant certifies and assures that it will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace by—

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in its workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the award be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the award, the employee will—
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the Department, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee to the Department, as follows:

For COPS award recipients - COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530;

For OJP and OVW award recipients - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected award;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

5. COORDINATION REQUIRED UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

As required by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, at 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(5), if this application is for a COPS award, the Applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by its award. Affected agencies may include, among others, Offices of the United States Attorneys; State, local, or tribal prosecutors; or correctional agencies.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

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