



Economic Stabilization Task Force

Appointed by the City & Borough of Juneau's Mayor

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Mayor Weldon and Assembly Members:

The Task Force was formed two weeks ago, and we have had three meetings since inception. Two were held last week. The Rental Housing Assistance Subcommittee met once. In addition, we formed several fact-finding areas that various task force members are working on, including:

- Research into rental and mortgage assistance
- Business to Business support and mentoring
- Day Care assistance
- Tourism Industry
- Restaurants and Bars
- Personal Care
- Other business sectors, and
- Individual Assistance programs through other grants and agencies such as the tribal organizations.
- State and other programs through the Governor's Economic Stabilization Task Force.
- Liaisons with other entities such as THRHA, Chamber of Commerce and JEDC for alignment in objectives.

We have had discussions on CV19 impacts on the future and how to address the economic flow aligned with health safety measures and timing.

In addition, through the help of CBJ Staff a website was setup for the Task Force, an email for the public to contact, and all public comments are captured on that website. CBJ Staff also prepared a matrix that captures the public comments by category as a type of "index" to the listing of comments, as well as a protocol for response.

We are in the process of archiving all reports, articles, data received by individual task force members. What has become abundantly clear is that there is a huge gap in knowledge in the community. We have identified task force members to work with the CBJ PIO, and to immediately get information out in the form of PSA's and radio spots, written literature, speaking opportunities, etc.

Items for your consideration since our report last week to the Assembly include the following and we will address any questions, comments you have on this:

Task Force Recommendation on Rental Housing Assistance Resolution 2889

Background:

There are multiple sources of housing assistance currently available to individuals, and the Task Force submitted information surrounding this at the last Assembly meeting. In addition, landlords and homeowners have debt deferral options available to help delay their negative economic impact due to CV19. However, the timing of funding sources, the gap between funding sources and the economic need is varied. The Task Force strongly believes that the \$200,000 grant from the Affordable Housing fund balance of \$1,200,000, needs to be carefully managed on a case by case basis to provide the largest blanket of assistance to the most people, rather than simplistically paying rent receipts. Because of this, a Letter of Intent was developed to help provide the City

management with guidelines to AHDC for use, disbursement, and reporting on the use of funds. There was discussion on disbursing this in smaller increments from the City to see how the program worked, but the vote of the task force, after much discussion was to issue the full \$200,000. There is also a strong belief that this will only serve a small fraction of the need, but it will help bridge the immediate gap until more information is received.

This resolution was developed prior to subsequent knowledge of various assistance programs including those for day care, stimulus funds, employment assistance, and SB241, which is very important in stopping evictions for the next three months. Therefore, the Task Force made a few suggested changes to the Resolution to refine the use of the funds specifically for adverse economic impacts due to CV19, and the draft that is before you incorporate those changes.

Recommendation:

A. RESOLUTION (Add Amendment #1)

The Task Force recommends the Assembly pass the Resolution with the changes as addressed in the attached proposed amendment #1, which has been reviewed by the CBJ Attorney, Rob Palmer.

B. LETTER OF INTENT (Exhibit A to the Resolution):

The Task Force recommends the Assembly approve the attached Letter of Intent to be incorporated as guidance to AHDC in implementation of the program, under the City Manager's discretion.

Request for Clarification by Assembly

Process for Ebb and Flow of CV19

The Task Force is looking to the Assembly for guidance on whether it is in the Task Force's scope of responsibility regarding the process and intersection of health care and economic responsibilities at the Federal and State vs. the City level.

Other Updates

Day Care Assistance for Reopening

Background: Day Care facilities are not prohibited from being open. However, it has become very clear that there are needs specific to PPE prior to opening (need for masks, thermometers, sanitizers, etc.), consistent guidelines for safety protocols, economic issues of opening and potential funding sources (may not have enough customers to cover costs of reopening).

Status: The Task Force intends to provide a summary report and recommendation to the Assembly next week.

Guidelines for All Business to Follow

The task force is working to develop sector-specific protocols for Juneau businesses to follow to meet safety guidance provided in a general way by various State and federal government agencies. The goal of this effort is that when it is time to slowly start opening businesses, that there will be clear guidance to be followed by the businesses.

Liaison to Governor's Task Force on Economic Stability

Max Mertz will be the Mayor's Task Force liaison to the Governor's Task Force on Economic Stability.

Business to Business Assistance

The Chamber of Commerce is coordinating volunteer companies to help guide other businesses through the crisis. They are working with accountants, banks, attorneys to make sure that there is a plan that can be implemented to help businesses work through the various loan programs, etc.

Appointed Task Force Members

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