

**Date: September 22, 2020**

**To: ESTF**

**From: Juneau/Lynn Canal CHARR**

**Regarding: Additional Funding needed by industry businesses & employees affected by the various levels of covid closures specifically mandated to the hospitality industry.**

The local Juneau Hospitality industry (i.e., eating & drinking establishments) have endured multiple closures and restricted openings throughout the course of the current Covid-19 pandemic. These full and partial closures have been instituted largely without warning and ability for preparation by the businesses or employees, resulting in a very unstable employment base as well as great loss of perishable and coded products. As this community moves through Fall and into the winter months, it is important we stabilize our trained work force and hospitality industry. This industry can provide a safe social outlet for our community, in a controlled and regulated environment, as opposed to unmonitored large group settings such as beach bonfires, private parties, etc.

**The J/LC CHARR group is requesting \$1.3 million in CARES community funds to be utilized by both businesses and employees, and distributed as follows ----**

\$930,000 would be distributed directly to license holders in the form of a grant based on type of license held. Licenses that were operating on June 1<sup>st</sup> would be eligible. The list of licenses is verifiable by the State. It is anticipated the grants would be:

Beverage Dispensary Licenses (BDL) would receive \$30,000 each. 18 licenses x \$30,000 = \$540,000

Restaurant Eating Place Licenses (REPL) would receive \$15,000 each. 17 licenses x \$15,000 = \$255,000

Brewery/Distillery Licenses would receive \$15,000 each. 5 licenses x \$15,000 = \$75,000

Club/Rec/Seasonal Licenses would receive \$5,000 each. 12 licenses x \$5,000 = \$60,000

**Total grants to licensed businesses = \$930,000**

\$370,000 would be distributed directly to industry employees, that were on the payroll of the above businesses during the month of August. Payroll lists could be provided to CBJ/JEDC so that staff claims could be verified. Application for the grants could be done by the employee via a short form and administered by JEDC. The grants would be for \$1000 paid directly to each employee, and it is anticipated coverage of 370 employees would help stabilize and keep trained hospitality staff in Juneau.

**Total grants to qualified hospitality employees = \$370,000**

The J/LC Charr hospitality industry strives to keep Juneau as a positive destination for visitors and legislators, as well as provide a safe environment for our local residents to come together. Trained staff and licensed businesses are key to providing that safe environment, and these grants will help see this important community industry through these difficult times.