



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 549-2023

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HENNING, INC. FOR FORMER**
4 **GOLDEN LION HOTEL STARTUP FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
5 **ANCHORAGE (MOA) ANCHORAGE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
6 **(AHD) (\$250,000).**
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8 On April 25, 2023, the Assembly appropriated \$250,000 for startup costs to get the
9 former Golden Lion Hotel up and running as low-income housing under AR 2023-
10 102(S). The Anchorage Health Department (AHD) requests approval of a grant
11 agreement with Henning, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for startup expenses to
12 transition the Golden Lion Hotel into affordable housing. The grant period will begin
13 upon execution of the grant agreement and run through December 31, 2023.
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15 Funds under this grant will be allocated to essential items needed to open the
16 former Golden Lion Hotel as affordable housing for the city's most vulnerable.
17 Funds will be used to upgrade the hotel facilities through the installation of
18 necessary furniture, fixtures, other in-room necessities, and commercial-grade
19 washer and dryer units for the facility. Grant funds will also be used to hire and
20 train dedicated staff members who will provide resident support services. Funds
21 may also be used for expenses such as licensing fees, permits, utility connections,
22 initial supply purchases, and essential administrative software or equipment
23 required for efficient management.
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25 The grant will allow AHD to strategically and prudently deploy the allocated funds
26 to transform the Golden Lion Hotel into affordable housing for the community. The
27 allocation of resources towards room upgrades, commercial washers and dryers,
28 staffing, and initial operational expenses will play a pivotal role in creating a
29 comfortable and sustainable living space that meets the needs of residents
30 seeking affordable housing solutions.
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32 Recommended by: Kimberly Rash, Acting Director, AHD
33 Fund Concurrence: Alden Thern, Acting CFO
34 206000-511700-540100-2900001068 \$250,000
35 (Alcohol Tax 2023, Golden Lion Housing)
36 Concur: Kent Kohlhase, P.E., Municipal Manager
37 Respectfully submitted: Dave Bronson, Mayor