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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 92-02

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: January 9, 1992

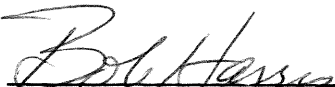
RE: Snow Removal Grant

During the winter of 1989-1990, Southcentral Alaska received an unusually large snow accumulation. Reimbursement for extra snow removal costs were made available in the form of grants through the Division of Emergency Services. We applied for a grant and received \$40,000 which has not been designated for a specific use.

The City road grader was purchased in 1984 at a cost of about \$125,000. It has about 4,500 operating hours and, with proper maintenance, should last another 3,000 to 4,000 hours, or about five (5) years at which time it will probably be more economical to replace it.

It would be prudent to place the \$40,000 into a reserve account designated for grader replacement and to begin annual appropriations to the reserve account for that purpose. By preparing for the inevitable need to replace the grader, the City may be able to mitigate an otherwise significant budget impact four or five years from now.

Recommend that Council approve transfer of the \$40,000 to the vehicle replacement program for future road grader replacement.



Robert E. Harris
Deputy Administrator

Approved 1/27/92

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City of Wasilla, Alaska

The Honorable John C. Stein
Mayor of Wasilla
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Dear Mayor Stein:

Thank you for your application for a grant for snow and ice removal. The Division received requests in excess of \$6 million, the total amount appropriated by the Legislature was \$900,000.00. Your grant award is \$40,000.00.

The Division assigned a weighted factor based on each element of the criteria contained in the language of the bill. Each applicant's request was calculated using this formula and a grant award was determined. In the cases where the calculated authorization exceeded the request, the community was awarded the amount requested in their application. The community and the award was then subtracted from the total remaining amount and a new calculation was performed with the distribution of the surplus balance between remaining applicants.

The purpose of the grant was not intended to make you completely whole for your full additional snow removal expenses you experienced this last winter, but rather to offset only some of the costs associated with the snow removal effort. I am sorry more money was not appropriated for the larger jurisdictions with exceptionally high expenses but greater responsibilities are being conveyed for the State and federal governments to local jurisdictions.