

**SUBJECT: Library Funding Shortfall**

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Chappel

PREPARED BY: Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk      DATE: July 28, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: June 22, 1998

**SUMMARY:**

Council Member Chappel would like to address the library funding shortfall in the FY-99 budget. The borough allocated \$322,000 for the Wasilla Public Library; this leaves a deficit of **\$30,397**.

After conversations with the borough finance department, it is confirmed that the funds allocated to the youth court program in FY-99 **can not** be used for any other program. These funds are specifically appropriated to youth court, and become available to the city on a reimbursable basis only.

The following options are presented for discussion:

**OPTION #1:**

- In view of the deficit, reduce the expenses at the Wasilla Public Library.

**OPTION #2:**

- Cover the short fall with funds from the general fund.

**OPTION #3:**

- Pursue additional funding from the borough.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  No     Yes, amount requested: \$      Fund:

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Upon approval of Option 1,2, or 3 by the council, administration is directed to prepare the proper documentation for council's consideration.

**MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:**

  
Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: None

**Council Action****Postponed: June 22, 1998****Postponed: July 13, 1998****Amended and Approved: July 27, 1998**

**Amendment: Approval of option No. 1 to reduce expenses at the Wasilla Public Library by \$9,000 and direct administration to bring back an ordinance appropriating \$21,397 from the general fund.** 