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Constant, Assembly
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2021-116**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
2 **REAPPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000.00) AS**
3 **A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE AREAWIDE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**
4 **PROJECTS (CIP) FUND (401800), PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR**
5 **PROPERTY ACQUISITION BY AO 2020-99, AS AMENDED, AND NOW**
6 **REAPPROPRIATED FOR EXPENDITURES TO IMPLEMENT THE MASS CARE EXIT**
7 **STRATEGY ADOPTED IN AR 2021-350.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, in March 2020 the Municipality of Anchorage began providing mass
10 care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and mass care locations have included
11 the Sullivan Arena and various hotels around the Municipality; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, a legislative drafting committee of the Anchorage Assembly and Mayor
14 Bronson engaged in a facilitated process, funded by philanthropic partners, to
15 address the need to exit the Sullivan Arena for mass care during the ongoing,
16 extended need for mass care services; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the facilitated process yielded a mass care exit strategy from the
19 Sullivan Arena that provides continued mass care during the COVID-19 pandemic
20 that was unanimously adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in AR 2021-350; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the unanimously adopted Sullivan Arena exit strategy utilizes a client-
23 community focused approach to mass care that better serves the clients and better
24 protects and meets neighborhood needs, and that relies on a public private
25 partnership committed to developing a finance plan for implementation that will meet
26 the continued mass care needs and be compatible with longer term, post-mass care
27 client and community needs; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the following types of investments were adopted as part of the mass
30 care exit strategy: single adult facility utilizing a navigation center design, special
31 population facility utilizing a navigation center design, medical convalescence
32 facility, substance misuse treatment with housing; workforce and permanent
33 supportive housing units; and surge capacity within the system; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the facilitation group continues to meet to advance all investments
36 identified in the facilitated plan and has expanded to include representatives from
37 the Rasmuson Foundation, on behalf of philanthropy, and the Anchorage Coalition
38 to End Homelessness as the community convener on homelessness, to identify the
39 steps to implementation and have successfully identified ways to move forward each

1 of the identified investments leveraging private and public contributions; and
2 **WHEREAS, all aspects of implementation, including** the acquisition of
3 properties, will require public-private partnerships, with the Municipality investing
4 into the financial partnership; now, therefore,

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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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8 **Section 1.** The sum of SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000.00) is hereby
9 reappropriated from the Areawide General Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) and
10 reappropriated for expenditures to implement the mass care exit strategy adopted
11 in AR 2021-350.

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13 **Section 2.** The Municipality’s investment in the implementation of the mass care
14 exit strategy will go into the funders’ collaborative that will contain both municipal
15 and private contributions that will be jointly managed by the Municipality, private
16 contributors, and subject matter experts.

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18 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and
19 approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

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21 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
22 _____, 2021.

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27 Chair of the Assembly

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32 Municipal Clerk