

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING USAFV TO KEEP
UNEXPENDED FY26 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City approves Community Support Grants to nonprofit organizations each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USAFV) is a nonprofit organization that receives funding from the Community Support Grant program and is in good standing with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Community Support Grant program typically requires recipients to return any unexpended funds following the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, USAFV regularly returns unexpended grant money to the City after each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, USAFV is requesting to retain and reallocate \$50,000 from the FY26 Community Support Grant award to pay for a local Sexual Assault Response Team training in order to improve Unalaska's coordinated community response to the crime of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, USAFV is requesting to retain and reallocate \$17,000 from the FY26 Community Support Grant award to help pay for renovations to the shelter facility in order to improve its energy efficiency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve USAFV to retain \$67,000 in unspent funds awarded from its FY26 Community Support Grant to hold a local Sexual Assault Response Team training and to help pay for renovations to the shelter facility to improve its energy efficiency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on July 14, 2026.


Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Estkaflen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Cameron Dean, Planning Director
Through: Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager
Date: July 14, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-41: Approving USAFV to retain \$67,000 in unexpended FY26 Community Support Grant Funds

SUMMARY: Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV) has requested to retain \$67,000 in unexpended FY26 Community Support Grant funds to pay for a local Sexual Assault Response Team training and to complete improvements to the shelter recommended by their recent energy audit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has previously adopted resolutions allowing USAFV to retain unexpended Community Support Grant funds:

- Resolution 2020-59: Approving USAFV to keep unexpended FY20 Community Grant funds in the amount of \$34,515 for programmatic uses related to COVID-19
- Resolution 2022-05: Approving USAFV to keep unexpended FY22 Community Grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 for an emergency generator
- Resolution 2025-49: Allowing USAFV to retain \$50,000 in unexpended FY25 Community Support Grant Funds to develop a temperature-controlled storage space to make a wider variety of food and household goods available for distribution to the community

BACKGROUND: All grantees are required to follow the Community Support Grant guidelines approved by Council. When the City receives a request that falls outside those guidelines, City Council may elect to approve that request by resolution and has done so a number of times.

USAFV received \$392,838 through the FY26 Community Support Grant. Grantees must normally return any unexpended funds to the City at the end of the fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: USAFV submitted the attached request to retain \$67,000 in unexpended FY26 grant funds. As described in the attached letter from USAFV, the money would be used as follows:

- \$30,000-\$50,000 to bring a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training to Unalaska for medical providers, law enforcement and victim advocates. Representatives from the Police Department will attend the SART training if available.
- \$17,000 to pay for energy efficiency renovations to the shelter as recommended by an energy audit completed last fall. This would complement \$68,000 in other funding that USAFV has secured for this work.

USAFV does not request *additional* funding from the City, but rather is requesting to reallocate the grant funding within the total already approved for FY26. If not approved, the unspent grant funds would return to the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES: Council may elect to set a different amount that USAFV may retain; or not approve the request.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: USAFV will retain \$67,000 rather than returning it to the General Fund.

LEGAL: None needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None, as this is a Council decision.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2026-41.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: None, as this is a Council decision.

ATTACHMENTS: Request from USAFV

Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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July 6, 2026

The Honorable Vince Tutiakoff, Mayor
City of Unalaska
PO Box 610
Unalaska, AK 99685

Dear Mayor Tutiakoff:

On behalf of the USAFV Board of Directors, I am requesting permission from the Unalaska City Council to retain \$67,000 in unexpended FY26 City of Unalaska grant funds to pay for a local Sexual Assault Response Team Training and for work recommended in our recent energy audit.

One of our full-time positions has been unfilled since January, and we also have a part-time position which has been vacant for some time, resulting in lower than anticipated personnel costs. We also saved money on insurance coverage for the dependents of our full-time staff: while we budgeted to provide dependent coverage for all three full-time employees needing coverage for a spouse and children, only one of our staff needed any dependent coverage, and for only part of the year.

Here is a more detailed explanation of how we will use the unexpended FY26 City Grant Funds, should you choose to approve our request:

- USAFV is seeking permission from the City of Unalaska to retain \$50,000 in unexpended FY26 City Grant funds to bring a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training to Unalaska. A trained SART can provide a coordinated community response to reported adult sexual assault, a response which is trauma-informed, survivor-focused, and more likely to result in a successful prosecution of perpetrators. It's vital that team members (medical providers, law enforcement, and victim advocates) attend training together whenever possible. Unalaska, with our transient population, small agencies, and high turnover, has always struggled to send folks out together for the SART trainings held in Anchorage, so we would like to bring the training here. While we do not have a firm budget yet (we are working with experts from the state to determine how much of the training can take place online), we estimate that it will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. This training will help Unalaska improve the way we respond to, and serve the survivors of, sexual assault in our community and region.

- USAFV is seeking permission from the City of Unalaska to retain an additional \$17,000 in unexpended FY26 City Grant funds to pay for shelter renovations related to the energy audit we received last fall. The total amount we need to complete all of the recommendations that were rated in the audit as "cost effective" is about \$78,000. We have secured \$68,000 in other funding to complete most of the work, and are requesting to use unexpended City funds to pay the difference and also to be prepared for any cost overruns. We believe that utility and fuel costs are going to continue to rise significantly over the next few years, and believe that it makes sense to complete this project now.

We appreciate the ongoing support that we receive from the City of Unalaska, and continue to strive to meet all of the requirements of our grant agreement. Please contact me at 907-581-1500 or email me at usafved@arctic.net if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



M. Lynn Crane
Executive Director, USAFV

cc: Unalaska City Council
Cameron Dean, Director of City Planning