NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH RESOLUTION 24-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING AN ASSEMBLY DONATION UNDER THE FY24 BUDGET FOR KOTZEBUE BROADCASTING, INC., AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: on an annual basis the Borough receives donation requests from a variety of community and regional organizations, and the Assembly has often appropriated funds to meet certain donation requests; and

WHEREAS: under the FY24 Budget adopted by Ordinance 23-04, the Borough Assembly budgeted \$450,000 for FY24 donations through Account # 01-01-7050; and

WHEREAS: the Borough's Donation Policy requires organizations to submit requests for donations to receive funding under the FY24 budget; and

WHEREAS: the Borough has annually supported the Kotzebue Broadcasting, Inc., which provides the public radio station KOTZ that benefits the entire region; and

WHEREAS: after reviewing the Kotzebue Broadcasting, Inc.'s request for a donation to help fund its public radio station, the Borough has determined that this donation will further a public purpose and facilitate the distribution of important information to the Borough residents; and

WHEREAS: the Kotzebue Broadcasting, Inc.'s donation request complies with the Borough's organizational donation policy codified at Chapter 6.32 of the Borough Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby approves an FY24 Assembly donation to Kotzebue Broadcasting, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000, consistent with available funding under the Borough's FY24 Budget Ordinance 23-04.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2024.

Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2024.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2024.

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:



Northwest Arctic Borough

Phone (907) 442-2500 Fax (907) 442-2930 Email: frontdesk@nwabor.org

Applicant Name:	_Kotzebue	Broadcasting,	Inc.	Date:	5-24-2024
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Group/Organization (if applicable): KOTZ-AM

Amount Requested: \$120,000.00

Are You a Borough Resident? X Yes No

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 78 Kotzebue, AK 99752

Contact Number: (907) 442-3434

Other Donors: Local Businesses & organizations, general public during fundraising events.

Reason for Donation Request: We are a non-profit organization that provides an important service. Our radio station provides news and information relevant to Northwest Alaska that allows our communities to thrive. Whether it's stormy weather, or an important meeting coming up, search and rescue information, or a community event, we're there.

There are several reasons we are asking for this amount, the most significant reason is the state's unwillingness to support public radio. In the past, we have counted on state funding, but, due to the current administration defunding public radio (and television) that money is now just gone.

Kotzebue Broadcasting is also now responsible for the ARCS system (public television broadcast for Kotzebue and our outlying communities). Regular yearly upkeep of ARCS costs the station \$3,000.00 which is reasonable. However, the equipment is aging badly. We have recently had to send the ARCS transmitter out for repair, the cost of this repair can exceed \$4,000.00. This comes directly out of our budget. When the ARCS



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system is down, the communities of Ambler, Kobuk, and Shungnak can't receive our signal because we transmit to those villages through ARCS.

We have worked very hard on a reduced staff to keep the budget in place including eliminating the Program Director position. We will soon rely on volunteers to work the evening shift. We are doing all we can, and it's due to the staff that we're succeeding.

With this donation of \$120,000.00 it would help us sustain what is an important service to our communities.

Thank-you for your time and consideration, we appreciate all the Northwest Arctic Borough has always done to support KOTZ.

Regards,

General Manager

Kotzebue Broadcasting, Inc.

Applicant Signature:

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