



## Office of the City Manager

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### **The City of Kodiak and Rasmuson Foundation Award \$85,000 to Local Arts & Culture Organizations**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 – KODIAK – In partnership with the Kodiak Economic Development Corporation (KEDC), Mayor Pat Branson announced the Municipal Arts and Culture Matching Grant awards to four local nonprofit agencies with funds provided by the Rasmuson Foundation and the City’s CARES Act allocation. The awards were announced and presented at the City Council meeting on September 24, 2020.

“The City of Kodiak is pleased to support the cultural community in these challenging times. We’re always looking for ways to leverage funding support and improve the quality of life for Kodiak residents and this program was effective with attaining both those goals” said Mayor Branson.

The grant was developed by the Rasmuson Foundation to provide matching funds to arts and culture organizations who had previously received a municipal allocation of Alaska’s CARES Act “Direct Municipal Relief” funds. The four agencies who were eligible and received matching grant awards were the Kodiak Historical Society, the Kodiak Maritime Museum, the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation and the Kodiak Arts Council. The total awarded amount with City CARES Act and Rasmuson Foundation funding was \$85,000.

“KEDC is glad to continue working with the City of Kodiak and applying for grant funds on behalf of local nonprofit agencies. This additional financial relief will hopefully offset the COVID-19 impacts to the arts community” said John Whiddon, President of KEDC.

If you have any questions regarding this press release, please contact Josie Bahnke, Deputy City Manager at 907.486.8640.

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Pictured L to R: Laura Counciller, April Laktonen Counciller (Alutiiq Heritage Foundation), Judy Carstens (Kodiak Arts Council), Sarah Harrington (Kodiak History Museum), Mayor Pat Branson, Aimee Williams (KEDC), John Whiddon (KEDC), City Manager Mike Tvenge