



Alaska Commission on Aging

RESOLUTION 2013-001

*In support of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget*

WHEREAS the State of Alaska Capital Budget for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation contains funding proposals which will assist Alaska senior citizens in obtaining affordable, accessible, secure and energy-efficient senior housing; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Commission on Aging and the Senior Housing Office of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation work together to enhance the quality of life for Alaska's senior citizen population; and

WHEREAS Alaska has the fastest-growing senior population in the U.S. as the Baby Boomers enter their senior years; and

WHEREAS a serious need currently exists for development of housing specifically designed to meet the special needs of senior citizens and which offers the necessary supportive services to help increase their ability to live independently and with dignity; and

WHEREAS the Senior Citizens Housing Development Fund is used to specifically increase the number of senior housing units for older Alaskans, to address the needs of a growing Alaska senior population whose incomes are low to moderate ranges, that offers flexibility in developing mixed-income senior housing projects, and is a funding proposal in AHFC's capital budget;

WHEREAS the weatherization program assists low to moderate-income families, including seniors, obtain decent, safe and affordable housing and in order to maintain the current pace, new funding is required;

WHEREAS the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation owns public housing facilities throughout Alaska, providing affordable housing for senior citizens and others; and continued maintenance for these assets is essential to their continued viability;

WHEREAS participants from the Alaska Senior Housing Summit, December 2012 representing seniors and senior housing stakeholders support the modest increase in the Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund Grant Program requested by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation that will help reduce senior care expenses in the long-term while enabling older Alaskans to maintain a higher quality of life;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Commission on Aging supports the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget request and its efforts in planning, developing, and renovating senior and other special needs housing throughout Alaska.

Adopted this 11^h day of February, 2013.



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