Clarification on COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Individual Assistance programs

The application period for the COVID-19 Individual Assistance Grant Program closed on December 14 and the application period for the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant Program closed on December 12. Neither of the two programs reopened at any time, and both remain closed. The City and Borough of Juneau programs aim to provide grant funding to individuals and/or households financially impacted by the pandemic. Both programs are administered by Catholic Community Service, and distribute funds on a first come, first served basis until funding is exhausted.

Here are other clarifying details about the assistance programs:

- People can qualify for both the Housing Assistance program and Individual Assistance program.
- Originally, the Housing Assistance program provided up to $2,000 in assistance – up to $1,500 for rent or mortgage, and/or up to $500 for utility bills. In November, the Juneau Assembly passed a resolution approving an increase for the housing benefit from $1,500 to $2,500. That meant eligible individuals and households could receive up to $3,000 in relief. The increase remains in place.
- Catholic Community Service notifies applicants of both programs of eligibility by email. Once an approval email is sent, the applicant can expect a check from CBJ within 2-3 weeks. To date, CCS has approved 975 households to receive a total of $2,647,743 in Housing Assistance and expects to authorize the remaining $352,257 in funds later this week. CCS is currently processing Individual Assistance applications and will be approving some funds this week for that program, as well.
- Applicants whose financial hardship is not due to the COVID-19 pandemic are not eligible for funding in either program.

For more information on:
- CBJ COVID-19 Individual Assistance Program, contact Catholic Community Service at 463-6100 (option 2) or CBJassist@ccsak.org.
- CBJ COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program, contact Catholic Community Service at 463-6100 (option 1) or CBJgrant@ccsak.org.