

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ron Long, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor  
Craig Chapman, Finance Director

**FROM:** Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager

**COPY:** Bear Creek Fire Service Area

**DATE:** July 26, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2007-19-04: Accepting and appropriating on behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources

---

Bear Creek Fire Service Area (“Service Area”) submitted an application for a grant under the 2007 Volunteer Fire Assistance (“VFA”) grant program. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, administers these federal funds. The Borough was recently notified by DNR that a \$4,000 grant has been awarded to the Service Area.

Grant funds may be used for equipment purchases or training. The VFA grant program requires matching funds on a 10 percent basis. Expenditures for fire fighting equipment or training made by the Service Area during the 2007 calendar year are eligible costs under the grant program. The Service Area has sufficient funds in its current operating budget to meet the matching requirements. The Service Area Board of Directors approved the acceptance of the grant at its meeting on July 10, 2007.

The grant program requires that the grant funds and matching funds be spent before December 31, 2007. Therefore, a shortened public hearing date of August 21, 2007, has been requested to allow sufficient time for expenditure of the grant and matching funds.

Attachments (Ordinances and Notification Letter from DNR)