

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: Kachemak Emergency Service Area

DATE: July 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2007-19-06: An Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$15,000 from the State of Alaska for Purchasing ATV Rescue / Fire Support Equipment for the Kachemak Emergency Service Area

The Kachemak Emergency Service Area (“Service Area”) has identified the need for ATV rescue / fire support equipment. The Service Area encompasses 200 square miles, much of which is backcountry recreation area. This type of equipment will allow personnel to get closer to an emergency situation without walking and carrying equipment over long distances. It will become a primary component of KESA responders’ health and safety mission.

A request for funding ATV rescue and fire support equipment was included in the Borough’s 2007 State Funding Priorities as the Service Area’s number one priority. Funding for the project was included in Senate Bill 53, the State’s capital budget, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in June 2007. The State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has notified the Borough that \$15,000 is available to the Service Area for ATV rescue / fire support equipment. The Service Area Board approved the acceptance of this grant at its meeting of July 12, 2007. Enactment of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the Service Area to purchase emergency response equipment.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter