

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	08/21/07
Shortened Hearing:	09/04/07
Action:	Enacted as Amended
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2007-19-15**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,229
FOR THE BEAR CREEK FIRE SERVICE AREA FOR COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area (“BCFSA”) would like to enhance communications equipment to provide a higher degree of equipment interoperability and compatibility with emergency responders on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula and the Alaska State Troopers Soldotna Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Land Mobile Radio Project (“ALMR”) requires user training on the equipment before using the ALMR statewide system, which includes instructions on the State of Alaska Incident Command System communications plan; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“USDHS”) has an Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to help rural fire departments with funding for operations and safety; and

WHEREAS, BCFSA applied for regional funding to solve problems with communications, compatibility and interoperability among emergency responders in the Eastern Kenai Peninsula that are using Borough-owned equipment; and

WHEREAS, BCFSA has received notice of a grant award in the amount of \$54,229 for upgrading existing communications equipment to utilize the ALMR system, programming that equipment, and training of personnel on use of the equipment and ALMR system; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires that (1) grantees share in the cost of the project, (2) grantees serving jurisdictions of 50,000 or fewer residents provide a non-federal cost share of 5 percent of the total project cost, and (3) the cost share must be in cash; and

WHEREAS, matching funds in the amount of \$2,854 are currently available in the approved FY08 BCFSA budget in account 207.51210.00000.48730 (minor communications equipment); and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting held August 14, 2007, the BCFSA Board recommended enactment; and

WHEREAS, the local share contribution of \$2,854 and the grant amount of \$54,229 will provide a total of \$57,083, which is the total approved project cost, to be used for communications equipment upgrades and training; and

WHEREAS, as the USDHS requires acceptance of the grant as soon as possible to provide adequate time for the grant recipient to perform the scope of work within the allowed time frame, a shortened hearing date has been requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$54,229.00 for operations and safety, and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept and expend the grant and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That grant funds in the amount of \$54,229.00 are hereby appropriated to the Bear Creek Fire Service Area accounts as follows:

\$50,479.00 to account 207.51210.8ALMR.48730 (minor communications equipment).

\$ 3,750.00 to account 207.51210. 8ALMR.43260 (training)

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Resolution 2006-036, a fee of 3.04 percent (\$1,600) will be charged against the grant amount, and paid by the Service Area, to cover general administrative costs.

SECTION 4. That \$1,600 is appropriated from the Service Area's fund balance to account 207.51210.00000.61990 (administrative fees).

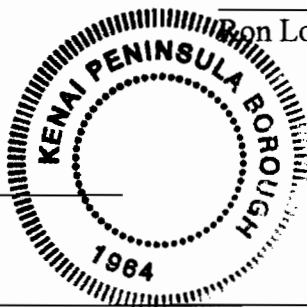
SECTION 5. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

ATTEST:


Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk




Ron Long, Assembly President

Yes: Fischer, Gilman, Knopp, Martin, Merkes, Sprague, Superman, Long

No: None

Absent: Germano