

MEMORANDUM

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

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

EMAIL: Kachemak Emergency Service Area
Scott Walden, Emergency Manager

FROM: Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager

DATE: October 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2007-19-28: Accepting and appropriating a grant from the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of \$25,750 for Kachemak Emergency Service Area

Kachemak Emergency Service Area intends to participate in the Alaska Land Mobile Radio system ("ALMR") in order to enhance interoperability for disaster response. The service area's current equipment works very well, but is not compatible with the new technology. Improved communications is a priority. There have been frequent breakdowns in transmission of critical information when trying to communicate with other responding departments. One way to meet this need was to apply for funding through the State Homeland Security Program to purchase ALMR-compatible equipment.

The Borough's Office of Emergency Management submitted a grant application to the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This was a borough-wide application and included requests from the Borough, the Cities of Kenai, Homer and Seward, and the Kachemak Emergency and Bear Creek Fire Service Areas. The Borough recently received notice that funding for Kachemak Emergency Service Area in the amount of \$25,750 was approved. Funds are to be used to purchase, program and install five ALMR-compatible mobile radios, and for administrative costs.

The Service Area Board is scheduled to meet on October 11 and November 8, 2007. Acceptance of this grant will be addressed by the Service Area Board prior to final hearing on the ordinance. The results of the Board's actions will be provided to the Assembly prior to final hearing.

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Attachments: Ordinance, Notice of Award, Notice of Intent to Accept Grant