

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Grace Merkes, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor  
Craig C. Chapman, Finance Director  
Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager

**FROM:** Kevin Lyon, Capital Projects Director

**COPY:** Dave Spence, KPBSD Director of Planning and Operations

**DATE:** November 21, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2007-19-33: Accepting \$523,650 from AHFC for teacher housing in Nanwalek and appropriating the grant and matching funds of \$200,000 to a capital project account

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The number one capital priority for the School District is teacher housing in remote areas. The Village of Nanwalek is at the top of that list. Enrollment in Nanwalek has increased, thus creating a need for additional teachers and housing. Adequate, affordable teacher housing in remote areas will attract and maintain qualified teachers in rural villages, thus improving the educational experience for students.

The Denali Commission and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation have a grant program specifically for teacher housing construction projects. AHFC administers the program. The Borough applied for, and was awarded, a grant in the amount of \$523,560 for teacher housing in Nanwalek.

AHFC will not fully fund a project. Additional funds from other sources are required. During the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget process, \$200,000 was appropriated for teacher housing in Nanwalek. Combined with the grant funds, there will be sufficient funding to complete a duplex with two three-bedroom units.

The School District has traditionally provided housing for teachers assigned to schools in remote areas. Once the grant funds are appropriated, the Borough will issue an RFP for construction. When the new duplex is ready for occupancy, it will be managed by the School District in the same fashion as its other teacherages. Regular scheduled maintenance and routine

repairs will be provided by the Borough Maintenance Department, as with all borough-owned teacher housing.

This project is intended to fill a long-recognized need in the community of Nanwalek. The attached ordinance accepts the grant and appropriates the grant and matching funds to a capital project account.

Attachments: Ordinance, notice of intent letter, Res. 2007-036

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
ACCT #	_____
AMOUNT \$	_____
BY: _____	DATE: _____