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Subject: Nonprofit funding of culverts

To all:

I would like to point out an issue here concerning the proposed funding of the Kenai River Watershed forum.

As founder of Youth Restoration Corps a nonprofit I'm sure you all know, YRC has enjoyed resolutions of support from the Kenai Borough Assembly, letters of support from Borough Mayors and the financial support from the borough when YRC has actually been doing borough projects at the Kenai River Center and on the boroughs carbon Sequestration project in Anchor Point. However appropriating borough funds to a nonprofit that does not directly connect to a borough project that is on the boroughs priority list, I believe could and would open the door to entitlements to other nonprofits. Please remember the other organizations that the borough has gotten to close to Kenai Wild and the Volcanic observatory ?, I'm not saying these were bad but was it appropriate?

Please consider this Youth Restoration Corps is working on the largest restoration project in Alaska right here in the Borough near Hope Alaska. It opens up 14 miles of spawning habitat for five species of salmon and re-connects 103,000 acres of watershed back to its anadromous tributary (Resurrection Creek) Nationally recognized as a five star restoration site its one of the largest in the nation... How many of you have actually seen it? Mayor Williams has been kind enough to write letters of support and the School district allows us to use the school as a camp... Which we willingly pay for cleaning services during this time. BUT we would never come to the borough assembly for operational funds or project funds... Unless the borough approached YRC to ask us to accomplish a specific borough project... As it would run against the grain of board of directors... Annually there billions of dollars in philanthropy grants out there that go un-requested because government funds are easier to get... Please consider this when looking at the larger picture and the door you would be opening????

Kelly Wolf

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