

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Merkes, 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

DATE: May 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2007-19-51: Appropriating \$25,000 In Interest Income From The Spruce Bark Beetle Program To Address Building Deficiencies At Borough Property Leased By Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Inc.

Since 1998, Congress has appropriated almost \$15 million to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle. Interest income on those funds is unrestricted. The Borough currently holds approximately \$350,000 in such interest earnings that are unappropriated.

In Ordinance 2007-04, the Assembly authorized leasing borough-owned property to Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Inc (“CLES”), a nonprofit corporation organized to provide fire fighting and emergency medical services.

CLES identified numerous building deficiencies, including water, sewer, and electrical problems, that needed correction to make the facilities properly useable. In July 2007, the Assembly appropriated \$50,000 to CLES to address structural deficiencies to the buildings (Ord. 2006-19-56). An additional appropriation of \$25,000 will enable CLES to address primarily interior deficiencies, such as electrical, plumbing and wall construction.

All improvements will revert to the Borough upon termination of the lease. The improvements will support CLES’ ability to respond to fire and related issues stemming from the spruce bark beetle infestation, as well as providing other emergency responses in the area it serves. Your consideration of the attached ordinance is appreciated.

<p>/b At</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE DEPARTMENT - FUNDS VERIFIED AMOUNT: \$ _____</p> <p>Account: _____</p> <p>By: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE DEPARTMENT - FUNDS VERIFIED AMOUNT: \$25,000 (est.)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ Date: _____</p>
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