

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

COPY: Nikiski Fire Service Area

DATE: July 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2008-19-03: Accepting and appropriating a \$550,000 grant from the State of Alaska for purchase of a fire engine for the Nikiski Fire Service Area

The Nikiski Fire Service Area ("Service Area) conducted a department vehicle assessment and identified the need for two Type A fire engines. The new vehicles will replace two 24-year-old apparatus.

A request for funding this project was included in the Borough's 2008 State Funding Priorities as the Service Area's number one priority. Funding for one fire engine was included in Senate Bill 221, the State's capital budget, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in May 2008. The State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development recently notified the Borough that grant funds are now available for this project. The Service Area Board recommended acceptance of this grant, as well as the expenditure for a second fire engine, at its meeting of June 11, 2008.

Passage of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the Service Area to purchase the fire engine. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter