

**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:** Central Emergency Services

**DATE:** July 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2008-19-06: Accepting and appropriating a \$750,000 grant from the State of Alaska for a fire fighting water supply system for CES

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Central Emergency Services (“CES”) would like to have three fire fighting water supply points established. The alternative water sources will enable CES to provide a higher level of service to its residents in outlying areas. The project will involve installing three 20,000-gallon underground cisterns with the capability of delivering 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The sites will include a generator, in-ground pumps, and a well. The cisterns will act as a “rural hydrant” during a structure fire or wildland fire emergency, and will allow for the rapid filling of water tankers and fire engines when needed.

A request for funding this project was included in the Borough’s 2008 State Funding Priorities as CES’s number two priority. Funding for the project 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 has notified the Borough that grant funds are now available for this project. The Service Area Board recommended the acceptance of this grant at its meeting of June 19, 2008.

Passage of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to CES for this project. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter