

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: Bear Creek Fire Service Area

DATE: July 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinances 2008-19-08: Accepting and appropriating on behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area a grant in the amount of \$9,693 from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Bear Creek Fire Service Area (“Service Area”) submitted an application for a grant under the 2008 Volunteer Fire Assistance (“VFA”) grant program. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, administers these federal funds. The Borough was recently notified by DNR that a \$9,693 grant has been awarded to the Service Area.

Grant funds may be used for equipment purchases or training. The VFA grant program requires matching funds on a 90 to 1 basis (10 percent). Expenditures for firefighting equipment or training made by the Service Area during the 2008 calendar year are eligible costs under the grant program. The Service Area has sufficient funds in its current operating budget to meet the matching requirements. The Service Area Board of Directors recommended acceptance of the grant at its meeting on July 8, 2008.

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Attachments (Ordinance and Notification Letter from DNR)