

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
Kevin Lyon, Capital Projects Director

DATE: July 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2008-19-09: Accepting and appropriating a \$55,000 grant from the State of Alaska for the Bear Creek Fire Service Area multi-use facility

Over the past few years, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area (“Service Area”) has identified the need to replace its existing 25-year-old fire station. Construction of a new facility has been listed as an objective in the Service Area’s budget, as well as listed in the Borough’s legislative priorities, since 2006. The current facilities no longer fulfill the needs of the Service Area. Due to tremendous changes, growth in population and public demand for a higher level of service, the current fire station has become inadequate. The Service Area would like to build a public safety building that would house and protect their apparatus and equipment.

Preliminary work began on this project in June 2006 when a contract was awarded for the Programmatic and Schematic Phase. In October 2006, the Service Area received \$100,000 from the Denali Commission for pre-construction activities. In October 2007, the Service Area voters indicated their support for this project by approving the expenditure of approximately \$3.5 million from grants and bonds for construction of the new facility.

Enactment of the attached ordinance will provide the Service Area with the funding it needs to move this project forward. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter