

**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:** North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

**DATE:** July 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2008-19-10: Accepting and appropriating \$475,000 from the State of Alaska for recreation facility improvement for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

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The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area ("Service Area) wishes to continue with renovations and improvements to the community recreation center. Using the former Nikiski Elementary School, the Service Area has been able to partially transition/renovate portions of the building into a community center. The building is more than 35 years old and requires many upgrades, including meeting both fire code and ADA standards.

A request for funding this project was included in the Borough's 2008 State Funding Priorities as the Service Area'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 notified the Borough that grant funds are now available for this project. The Service Area Board recommended acceptance of this grant at its meeting of June 23, 2008.

Passage of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the Service Area for improvements to the community recreation center. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter