

**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:** South Peninsula Hospital Service Area

**DATE:** August 7, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2008-19-14: Accepting and appropriating a \$26,500 grant from the State of Alaska for diagnostic hospital equipment for the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area

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The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("Service Area) identified the need to replace its old, outdated diagnostic equipment to keep up with changes in technology.

A request for funding this project was included in the Borough's 2007 State Funding Priorities as the Service Area's number one 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 will meet on August 14, 2008, to consider acceptance of this grant. The results of the Board's actions will be provided to the Assembly prior to final hearing on the ordinance.

Being able to provided accurate, timely diagnoses and treatment locally provides improved medical services to the hospital's patients. Passage of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the Service Area to purchase the equipment. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments: Ordinance, DCCED notification letter