

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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DAVE CAREY BOROUGH MAYOR

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *Whlawy* Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapme*FROM: Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager W
COPY: Bear Creek Fire Service Area
DATE: May 7, 2009
SUBJECT: Ordinances 2008-19-<u>5b</u>: Accepting and appropriating on behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area a grant in the amount of \$8,998.20 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 \$8,998.20 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 ninety-to-one basis (10%). Expenditures for firefighting equipment or training made by the Service Area during the 2009 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 will meet on May 14, 2009. Acceptance of this grant will be on their agenda for that evening. The Assembly will be notified of the Board's action prior to final hearing on this ordinance.

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Attachments (Ordinance and Notification Letter from DNR)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY

550 WEST 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SUITE 1450 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3650 PHONE: (907) 269-8463 FAX: (907) 269-8931

April 27, 2009

Dear Volunteer Fire Department,

Thank you for applying for the 2009 Volunteer Fire Assistance / Rural Fire Assistance grant program. A total of thirty -six fire departments applied for Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) and eleven departments applied for Rural Fire Assistance (RFA).

On April 3, 2009 an interagency committee met to allocate funds for the VFA/RFA programs. In some cases a VFD will receive VFA funding even though the application was submitted for RFA funding. Thirty applicants will receive some level of VFA funding for a total amount awarded of \$196,096.84. Two applicants will receive RFA funding totaling \$18,604.00. \$214,700.84 was awarded for the two programs. All awards are contingent on receipt of federal funding.

The enclosed spreadsheet lists all applicants and amount requested. If a fire department was awarded a grant, the amount awarded will be listed in the column titled "Amount Awarded". If no funding was awarded, \$0.00 will be reflected in the column.

Successful applicants should expect to receive a check within 90 days. When funds are available for disbursement a representative from your local Alaska Division of Forestry (for VFA awards) or Department of Interior (for RFA awards) will contact you.

If your application was unsuccessful do not be discouraged and continue to apply every year.

Sincerely,

Alane U. Guard

Arlene Weber Sword Fire Staff Officer

Enclosure

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

## 2009 VFA/RFA Grant Allocations

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