



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Spruce Bark Beetle Program

MEMORANDUM

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B Ahlberg*

FROM: Duane Bannock, Spruce Bark Beetle Program Manager *DB*

DATE: September 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009-19- 14, An ordinance accepting and appropriating a grant from the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry in the Amount of \$1,660,375 for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Program.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Spruce Bark Beetle Program has received a grant that shall establish a cooperative agreement between the borough and the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (hereinafter referred to as DOF).

Upon enactment the Spruce Bark Beetle Program Manager shall be recognized as the Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Grant Program Director by the administration as required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will administer the grant as outlined in the grant performance contract. The program is identified as inclusive fuel reduction projects designed to reduce fuel hazards on the Kenai Peninsula. All projects have been recommended and prioritized in accordance with local Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Measurable and reporting objectives specific to the mitigation program include:

1. Plan and implement hazard fuel reduction and modification activities;
2. Enhance employment opportunities by using local labor resources;
3. Provide training for local labor force to enhance skills and capabilities in fire fighting and hazard fuel reduction and modification projects

Additional reporting requirements involve the use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5 terms and conditions (Grant Performance Contract, Appendix B pp. 11-14).

The grant is for an amount not to exceed \$1,795,000.00. The DOF will retain \$134,625.00 (7.5 percent) as an administrative fee resulting in the \$1,660,375.00 appropriation request.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance.