

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 02/03/26
Hearing: 02/17/26
Action: Enacted
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain,
1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2025-19-24**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the State of Alaska and nine political subdivisions within the State, including the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), agreed to and entered into nationwide settlement agreements related to the opioid endemic; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-074 authorized KPB to join the settlement as one of the nine political subdivisions of the state; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2021-19-50 established an Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program to administer and distribute funds received through the opioid settlements and in accordance with the requirements of the settlement agreements; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2023-19-51 established that while the total number of annual grants is limited to five awards, additional grants may be awarded on a case-by-case basis with Assembly approval; and

WHEREAS, KPB is now participating in five nationwide settlements related to the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, to best serve public health, safety, and general welfare of the community, and pursuant to required opioid remediation uses under the terms of the settlement agreements, it is important to distribute funds to a diverse number of providers or groups in the KPB community working to respond to, remediate, and eradicate the ills of opioid use and addiction; and

WHEREAS, KPB has received \$562,012.83 to date for distribution of the opioid settlements, of which \$313,181.02 has been previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is in the best interests of the Borough to appropriate, on a project basis, the opioid settlement funds for the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it best serves the public interest to expand the maximum number of Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program recipients from five to eight for Round 3 to diversive teatment and remediation strategies with the aim of maximixing the reach of the funds in accordance with the intent of the settlement agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That this is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION 2. That \$248,831.81 in opioid settlement funds are accepted appropriated to account 271.94910.OPD22.49999 for use for the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program.

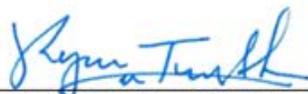
SECTION 3. That, upon receipt of fully executed grant agreements, up to three additional grants may be awarded for this grant period only if the Borough Administration determins there are additional qualifying applicants. Additional grants awarded under this section will be up to \$31,103.97 per grantee.

SECTION 4. That the appropriations made in this ordinance are of a project length nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Ecklund, Eicher, Griebel, Hicks, Niesen, Tunseth
No: None
Abstain: Dunne
Absent: Truesdell