

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Community & Fiscal Projects

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Hibbert, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager

**DATE:** March 23, 2021

**RE:** 20CAR Summary Reports as of 03/23/21

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The CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, federal pass-through grant from the state to the borough in the amount of \$37,458,449.47 funded projects under the guiding principles of public safety, community resilience and economic recovery. The projects and life-to-date costs are updated weekly on the borough's dashboard at <https://cares.kpb.us/>.

The remaining projects listed in this memo have approved time extensions based upon vendors' failure to deliver goods or services prior to December 30, 2020, which is an allowable exception as defined by the U.S. Treasury Guidance. The following updates are provided for your consideration:

#### **CAR06 & CAR21 KPB EMERGENCY RESPONSE-PPE-PERSONNEL (Harbaugh, Nelson and Team)**

The performance period for CAR06 ends June 30, 2021 to support response and recovery costs. These projects represent the costs related to the Incident Management Team and emergency protective measures. Emergency protective measures includes labor and equipment needed to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), engineered controls and disinfection measures to Borough employees and facilities. Additionally, Borough employees that are out on leave related to federal Payroll Protection Program, Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansive Act were funded through this project. See CAR21 update for balance of funds to be transferred to the school district.

#### **CAR08 & CAR10 REMOTE MEETING INTEGRATION & RETROFIT ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS TO ACCOMMODATE PHYSICAL AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS (Blankenship, Frey and Team)**

This project addresses safety concerns to conduct in-person, public meetings with separated workspaces as well as remote attendance options that include either online participation or through analogue phone. The first assembly meeting since March 17, 2020 was held in the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers January 5, 2021.

CAR08: Key Code Media returned the “Mobile Meeting AV Kit” on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and KPB initiated testing of the reconfigured hardware. Although it appears that the newly configured kit will be viable with the equipment provided, KPB IT identified what appears to be an electrical ground fault which is complicating testing of overall functionality. KPB IT will continue to work with Key Code Media to finalize equipment configuration, and will attempt to complete testing before the March 31<sup>st</sup> project completion date.

CAR10: The renovation contractor has completed the assembly chambers reconfiguration and construction; the closeout paperwork is being completed.

Both projects performance period was extended to March 31, 2021. Final liquidation and closeout procedures will be completed by April 15, 2021.

### **CAR09 TECH-COMMUNICATIONS TOWER SITE DEVELOPMENT (Hanson and Team)**

This project funds two subrecipient grant agreements to increase rural internet service to support distance education and teleworkers.

SpitWSpots (SwS) has service active and tower locations in Bear Creek, Coho, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Nikolaevsk and a building antenna in Tyonek. This project performance period was extended to February 26, 2021 to ensure final installation was completed for the Tyonek site. SwS met all grant objectives; grant closeout totaled \$2,133,757.92.

Alaska Communication Systems (ACS) has upgraded communications equipment at six different ACS communications hubs. Six Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers (DSLAM) units are online to deliver higher bandwidth up to 50 megabits per second to equipment (Mbps) for the areas of service in Homer, Soldotna, Kenai. The ACS project was completed November 30, 2020; grant closeout totaled \$262,485.82.

### **CAR13 RETROFIT KPB FACILITIES (Frey, Griebel, Hedges and Team)**

This project installed air purification systems to existing air supply systems in borough facilities, schools and fire stations, known as O2prime systems. The needed equipment will purify air in main building corridors, reducing viral spread, mold spore and odors as well as the reduction of airborne particulates. This project performance period was extended to March 31, 2021 for equipment manufacturing delays. Final liquidation and closeout procedures are expected to be completed by April 30, 2021.

### **CAR17 TECH-911 BACKUP DISPATCH ANSWERING CENTER (Frey, Kosto, Nelson and Team)**

This project creates a backup 911 center to allow for social distancing during COVID and similar events, as well as to provide backup for all types of emergencies and disasters that could occur at the primary facility. Tower construction has been completed and radio contractor has completed installation of equipment. 911 IT staff has substantially completed their work. A few punch list items remain until final closeout, including final placement of backup generator and completion of access control system. This project performance period was extended to March 31, 2021. Final liquidation and closeout procedures will be completed by April 15, 2021.

**CAR21 FY21 KPB RESPONSE-PPE-PERSONNEL & RECOUP LOST REVENUE  
(Harbaugh, Nelson and Team)**

This project has been updated based upon assembly's approval to supplement three additional projects to the school district under CAR21 by way of R2020-083: The Telephony Project, Student Home-to-School Transportation Costs and Funding to Support Presumed COVID-19 Education-Related Expenditures. The grant agreements for the Telephony Project and the Student Home-to-School Transportation Costs have been completed. The third agreement reimburses COVID-19 Education-Related Expenditures, and final payment will be issued by April 30, 2021.