



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Grant Management

MIKE NAVARRE  
BOROUGH MAYOR

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Mike Navarre Mayor *MN*  
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C. Chapman*  
Scott Walden, Office of Emergency Management Director *SW*

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

**DATE:** April 20, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2017-036 Accepting Grant Funds from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management in the Amount of \$2,340.41 and from the Alaska Division of Forestry in the Amount of \$7,021.23 for the 2015 Card Street Wildfire Response (Mayor)

During the incident period of June 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015 the Card Street Wildfire caused widespread damage in the unincorporated community of Sterling. The fire damaged 11 buildings, including three primary residences. The borough activated the Emergency Operations Center to manage the call center, supported evacuation and re-entry operations, as well as assigned liaison personnel to the incident management team.

Governor Bill Walker approved the borough's petition for disaster assistance on June 19, 2015. This approval initiated the availability to reimburse emergency response costs under two grant programs as a 75/25 appropriation: (1) the Federal Emergency Management Assistance, Fire Management Assistance Grant ("FMAG"), a federal pass-through program managed by the Alaska Division of Forestry, which reimbursed 75 percent; and, (2) the State of Alaska Public Assistance program ("SPAG"), a state-funded program managed by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, which reimbursed the remaining 25 percent. The FMAG application had to be approved first before the SPAG application could be submitted.

While the process to receive the reimbursements took some time, it should be noted that the 2015 fire season was the first time that the state elected to utilize the FMAG program.

ATTACHMENTS: SPAG-PW480(1) award letter- 03/22/17  
NOTE: FMAG-PW90 - electronic deposit issued 09/02/16; no award notification was provided.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>260.11250.15R2A.4XXXX</u>
Amount	<u>N/A</u>
By:	<u>PP</u> Date: <u>4/19/17</u>