

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

State Funding Priorities 2026



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January 6, 2026

Dear State Legislators:

This document contains the Kenai Peninsula Borough's funding priorities for the 2026 legislative session.

Each of the projects listed within this publication represents the needs of the borough and our communities as identified through the public process. A courtesy copy of the school district priorities are also included.

We hope you will fund projects both within your district and also those that will benefit the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a whole. We applaud your efforts and pledge our support to make this process productive and successful.

Respectfully,

Peter A. Micciche, Borough Mayor

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 01/06/26
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2026-004**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH'S STATE
CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Thirty-Fourth Legislature, Second Regular Session, will consider adoption of the State's operating and capital budget during the session convening January 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds it is in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("Borough") to establish priorities for capital projects which can be submitted to the State for possible funding;

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

SECTION 1. That the Borough priorities for capital projects for the year 2026, as shown in the document entitled, "Kenai Peninsula Borough State Funding Priorities – 2026," on file in the Clerk's Office, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution and accompanying priority list shall be provided to Governor Dunleavy and all legislators representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough – Road Service Area

Project Name: Kenai Peninsula Borough – Substandard Road Improvements

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$12,000,000 to improve roads and road service area infrastructure, currently maintained by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Service Area (KPB RSA).

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) - Road Service Area (RSA) provides for year-round maintenance of over 650 miles of roads in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Roughly, 98% of the roads in the system are gravel surfaces. The majority of the roads in the system were adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough from the State of Alaska. The remaining were either adopted into the program by the property owners through a road maintenance application process, or constructed to current RSA standards then adopted into the road maintenance program. Many roads throughout the borough did not meet RSA Standard Specifications when originally adopted but were “grandfathered” in to the services area based on a history of prior use. To this day, the majority of the prioritized RSA projects are substandard roads from the 1986 KPB state road adoption.

The order of priority for capital improvements, is defined through use of the established RSA “Tier List”, that is generated by the department through operational assessments. Priority is outlined annually in the KPB budget document, within the “Capital Improvements Project Detail” section under “Department 33950 - Road Service Area Capital Projects Fund” heading (Fund 434). The document displays project priorities along an estimated 5-year timeline, with progression of ordered projects moving up as some are funded each fiscal cycle. Within the “Fund 434” document, “unfunded capital projects”, beyond the estimated 5-year timeline are grouped and represented at the end of the document. The defined projects represent a much larger obligation than represented by this funding request. The total estimated cost of the current capital improvement project Tier list is in excess of \$30 million over the next 10 years. Utilization of potential funds would follow the ordered project progression priority through the completion of as many projects as could be accomplished with available funding

Justification

On an annual basis, the KPB RSA spends approximately \$2.5 million on capital improvements with a focus on bringing all the roads under service area maintenance up to the most current RSA Standard Specifications. Projects are prioritized based on public safety, maintenance cost reduction, and quality improvements. The impacts of these improvements are area wide and serve to improve quality of life, improved recreational access, and safety while lowering the cost of maintenance to the taxpayer for years to come.

Methodology

As funding is made available the KPB and the RSA will immediately seek professional design services to prepare bid ready documents for construction. Projects may include, safety improvements, road embankment upgrades, drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitation, road realignments, culvert upgrades, bridge improvements, etc. The RSA already has a standard specification established for road improvements that will help to expedite the design efforts and allow projects to be on the street for construction as early as 2025.

Funding Requested:	\$	12,000,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	56,000,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	11,000,000

Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
	House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 56,000,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 11,000,000 (\$2.2M annually over 5-year projected budget)	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 12,000,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Currently appropriated RSA capital funds: \$1,395,000

Forward RSA appropriations: **\$7,600,000** (\$1,900,000 each: FY27, FY28, FY29 & FY30)

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?Yes: ☒No: ☐**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

Project planning and design will proceed immediately upon available funds, with an estimate 3-year completion for prioritized projects that are supported by this funding. Utilizing SOA provided funds, along with KPB match, design services will be contracted, summer 2025. The design goal will be for construction bid phase to commence late summer 2025 for ensuing construction summer 2026.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?Yes: ☒No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒No: ☐**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

The "Tier List," representing the KPB RSA project priority commitment, is reviewed by the Road Service Area Board annually at the November or December meeting. The meetings are attended by board members and staff. Board meetings are open to public attendance in person or remote via "Zoom".

Who will own the project or facility?

Kenai Peninsula Borough – Road Service Area

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?

KPB – Road Service Area

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Through the KPB – Road Service Area annual budget process and supported through the RSA fund.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
☒ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

Solid Waste Handling Improvements

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Solid Waste Department – Waste Handling Improvements

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$5,000,000 to improve waste handling in various locations across the Borough.

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Solid Waste Department is responsible for developing and implementing programs for disposal of all solid waste generated within the Borough in an economically feasible and environmentally responsible manner. Facilities for collection of waste at various locations around the Borough allow for the public to dispose of their waste close to their residence as economically possible so that Solid Waste Department can manage it through most cost-effective method possible. These methods currently include, recycling, segregation of inert waste, consolidation of waste both in landfills and for transport, reduction in handling, and recycling and/or reuse of value-added products.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough's solid waste operations are funded through local property taxes but support tens of thousands of visitors, both Alaskans and otherwise, on an annual basis who work, play and enjoy all the Kenai Peninsula has to offer.

Justification

KPB Solid Waste Department is committed to providing solid waste programs for disposal across the peninsula to the benefit of local residents, other Alaskans that visit the Kenai Peninsula for work and recreation, and the countless tourists that visit every year. Due to limited funding and the burden on the local taxpayer the Borough has numerous improvement possibilities that could not be realized without an increase in capital project funding.

Used tire shredder; \$900,000.00

The Kenai Peninsula Borough receives thousands of used tires annually. Tires present an operational challenge to landfills as they require special care to ensure that they are compacted into the waste mass when disposed of. The use of a tire shredder is a more effective means of dealing with their disposal and presents opportunities for value added products that can be used in waste handling operations as well other rubberized mulch products. All of these improvements would provide a benefit to Borough residents by improving the level of service we provide to the public.

Injection well for leachate and liquid waste disposal; \$1,100,000.00

Modern lined landfills produce a regulated liquid effluent, referred to as leachate, that collects on the liner at the bottom of the cell and must be removed and treated for disposal. The Kenai Peninsula Borough's Central Peninsula Landfill produces approximately 4million to 8million gallons of leachate on an annual basis. The current method for disposal is through an evaporator unit that relies on natural gas to evaporate the leachate. The Borough is working on the preliminary design for the development of an injection well disposal system. This method would substantially lower the disposal cost to the tax payer, increase our capacity for disposal and is a more environmentally friendly method of disposal.

Solid Waste infrastructure improvements area wide; \$3,000,000.00

Other projects include improvements to waste handling infrastructure located at the major collection locations on the eastern, central and southern peninsula. Improvements to waste handling will reduce the amount of effort to receive, process and ultimately landfill or divert waste. Consolidation of waste will extend the life of landfills and reduce transportation costs. Segregation of waste allows for less costly waste disposal. And recycling/reuse diverts waste away from landfills extending the capacity and reducing long term maintenance costs.

Methodology

Should funding be made available, the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately begin a project that addresses site improvements to public access, commercial hauling, drainage, security and safety. An expedited design project will ensure that improvement work would begin in the first construction season after funding is received.

Funding Requested:	\$	5,000,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,300,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	1,300,000

Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
	House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	6,300,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	\$1,300,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	5,000,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Solid Waste currently has \$1,300,000 appropriated or slated for appropriation for transfer site improvements at Hope, McNeil Canyon. A private partner has also expressed interest in partnering should funding be secured.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Depending upon award of the funding, project would expect to take place within 18 to 24 months. This would allow design and surveying to take place over a summer for bidding and construction the following summer. Orders for items like waste or recycling dumpsters would have longer lead times, could be completed within 12 months.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☐ No: ☒
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

Yes, The Kenai Peninsula Borough completed a Solid Waste Master plan that identify various needs for improvements area wide. This was approved and reviewed by the Assembly.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kenai Peninsula Borough

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Annual budgetary approval process for Kenai Peninsula Borough operations and funding of the Solid Waste Department. The Solid Waste Department is funding by the General Fund for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and is not a Service Area or Enterprise Fund.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☒ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

Seward/Sterling Highway Corridor Critical Communications Upgrades

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Seward/Sterling Hwy Corridor Critical Communications Upgrades

Project Priority
Ranking:

3

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,900,000 to provide infrastructure along the Sterling and Seward Highway and surrounding areas to improve emergency communications.

Background & Justification

There are several sections of the Seward Highway within the Kenai Peninsula Borough where communications infrastructure is nonexistent. Much of the highway from the Hope Cutoff to Turnagain arm lacks coverage for cellular service or any other form of radio communication. This section of the Seward highway sees tens of thousands of travelers monthly, with thousands of visitors from out of state, or from other areas in Alaska.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough provides critical services to its residents and to thousands of Alaskans, US and international visitors every year. These services require reliable communications, for first responders and those agencies who directly support them.

The lack of connectivity along a heavily utilized highway corridor poses a real risk to public safety, where an accident may turn from serious to life threatening simply due to the lack of communications infrastructure.

Quantifying delay in emergency response is a multifaceted problem. If a motorist has to drive 20 minutes to get cell service to dial 911, that delay could drastically impact outcomes. Furthermore, after arriving on scene, if a first responder has to drive 20 minutes to ask for resources, or to call in a helicopter, these delays are compounded. Each step we take to reduce time to report or time to respond to changing conditions can have significant and lasting impact on public safety, both for the public and for first responders.

Traditionally, KPB has leaned on industry to provide communications and networking between Borough facilities. Because telecommunications infrastructure expansion has historically been facilitated through FCC subsidies, KPB worked with industry partners offering services tariffed with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. These partners approached service delivery as public utilities, and were generally collaborative in serving KPB's needs, which often don't align with telecommunications market dynamics. (Most KPB locations are remote from population centers, and our service needs are disparate from residential subscribers). In recent years, as telecommunications companies have moved towards unregulated variants of their services, KPB's communications needs appear to be further afield from industry offerings.

The broader Kenai Peninsula Borough service area is a varied landscape of service availability, with some areas well provisioned and others completely devoid of service. The Kenai Peninsula Borough is well positioned to expand communications infrastructure availability in many areas where commercial interest is lacking.

Methodology

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking funding to construct tower and telecommunications infrastructure at four locations throughout the borough, with the intention to increase resiliency and performance in communications to first responders as well as borough support operations. While these locations may not be of prime interest to telecommunications providers, those providers would almost certainly have a tangential interest in the resource, were it available.

KPB completed a study of communication coverage throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough in 2020. With an eye on reducing time to report and respond, we will refine these recommendations and identify the most impactful infrastructure investment possible. All expenditures are anticipated to be completed by the end of the construction season of 2027.

Communications Infrastructure Projects:**Turnagain Pass Communications Platform - \$2,500,000**

Construct tower along the Seward Highway between the Hope Cutoff and Turnagain Arm with a focus on improving communications in the Turnagain Pass area. Installation would support multiple municipal or commercial partners, with a primary goal of reducing time to report and time to respond during emergency response. This project reflects the high probable cost for construction, along with the need for on-site power generation due to a lack of available power in the area. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs will be funded through a combination of leased space revenue and local support.

Victor Creek (Seward Area) Tower Location – Victor Creek - \$1,000,000

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower along highway corridor near Victor Creek. There remain significant cell coverage gaps in this area. Well placed facilities could cut time to service between Crowne Point and Bear Creek, and potentially provide improve coverage in the Primrose area as well.

Nikiski Area Tower Location – Nikiski Fire Station 2 (or surrounding area) - \$850,000

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower at NFSA Station 2, establishing dedicated backhaul between multiple NFSA facilities. KPB has several properties in this area which may also provide resilient communications to multiple school facilities in the Nikiski area.

Homer Area Tower Location – Kachemak Emergency Services Diamond Ridge station - \$850,000

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower at KESA Station 2, establishing dedicated backhaul from this facility to Homer proper.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Funding Requested:	\$	5,900,000	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,400,000		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	\$	500,000			

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

Fire and Emergency Medical Service Areas

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Fire Fighting & EMS Funding Request – Area Wide Equipment and Apparatus Purchases

Project Priority
Ranking:

4

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$5,500,000 for the purchase of various firefighting apparatus and emergency response equipment, area wide.

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports six fire and medical service areas in various locations across the Kenai Peninsula Borough. These service areas provide emergency fire, rescue, and medical services to a population base of approximately 41,000 taxpayers, that is often dispersed over a large rural area and in remote or difficult to access locations. In addition to the 5 established services areas multiple volunteer organizations exist that provide support for the service areas themselves and regions that are not supported by a local tax base. Support across those organizational lines is common practice and funding constraints often complicates the delivery of critical services.

Justification

Due to the complicated nature of area wide EMS coverage in the Kenai Peninsula Borough shifting capital needs and funding limitations are common place. The Borough's role in ensuring adequate coverage over its vast rural area is critical to the health and life safety needs of the taxpayers. Flexible funding resources to address capital infrastructure and equipment needs, benefits all Kenai Peninsula taxpayers and Alaska residents that work and play on the Kenai Peninsula.

The service areas are funded by local property taxes to address the needs of the residents. Due to seasonal tourism, the demand on these service areas can increase at peak times often doubling the local EMS service demand. As a result, the property owners of the Kenai Peninsula Borough are left with carrying the burden of those services and providing capital support in the form of facilities and equipment.

The volunteer organizations depend largely on private donations and support from the established service areas resulting in very limited resources, often in areas that demand wide spread coverage and a large influx of recreational visitors from Alaska and beyond.

Escalation, limited work force, increases in tourism, increases in outdoor recreation, and public resource access has led to a direct increase in demand on local fire, rescue and EMS services. Due to these steadily increasing services the resources necessary to continue to improve and replace capital equipment and infrastructure has been tapped for operational demands. The result is a strain on the available capital equipment and infrastructure improvements necessary to maintain the current quality of services.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough's population is an aging demographic and with that comes a higher demand for EMS services. Local and state tax exemptions for the benefit of the senior population also impacts our local property tax base and limits available resources for the necessary EMS services.

Methodology

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration, in consideration of the requests from its EMS service areas and agencies, will prioritize and allocate resources area wide. The funding will be used for the purchase of fire apparatus, such as Ambulances, Fire Engines, Pumper tankers, and miscellaneous EMS equipment. Once allocations have been distributed competitive purchasing, governed by Borough code will ensure the most effective use of the funding.

Funding Requested:	\$	\$5,500,000	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	\$	\$5,500,000		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	\$				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	\$5,500,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	Our fire and emergency service areas have \$5,300,000 planned and locally funded capital project funds through FY28	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	\$5,500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	N/A	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Local taxpayer funding is the primary resource for all EMS services.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

All expenditures are anticipated to be completed by 2027.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The value requested is based on estimated costs for identified capital needs from area wide capital planning that has been reviewed, prioritized, and recommended by the various service area boards as well as the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kenai Peninsula Borough

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Through Service area local taxes.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☒ Other: Various types of renovation, procurement, and construction



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: ANCHOR POINT

Funding Recipient: Anchor Point Public Library, Inc.

Project Name: Library Roof Replacement

Project Priority Ranking:	1
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anchor Point Public Library needs a new roof. Over the last few years, high winds have caused damage to the existing metal roofing. We have had to replace several pieces in the last year. This summer's wind storm pulled up a few pieces which we were able to have screwed back into place. We are hoping the roof will last until next summer.

If the roofing continues to come loose, we may end up with water damage which would be more costly.

At this time, the metal roofing and underlayment is what needs to be replaced.

Our priority for 2025 was to get the septic system replaced. That project is completed.

Funding Requested:	\$	36,380.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	36,380.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 36,380.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 36,380.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

We will be having raffles, bake sales, and book sales to offset the cost.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

The job will need to be done between June and September 2026.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The proposed CIP was identified in a public meeting sponsored by Kenai Peninsula Borough on September 27, 2025 at the Anchor Point Senior Center. Those members of the community present voted unanimously to make this project the #1 priority. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community. Representing the library were Tressa Hidden Friend, Chris Turpin and Mary Perry. Borough representatives included Heather Geer and Dana Cannava. Other attendees included Assemblyman Brent Johnson, Sarah Cross, Debbie McFarland, Missy Martin and Laurie Rudy.

Who will own the project or facility? Anchor Point Public Library

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Anchor Point Public Library

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Completed project will eliminate the need for more funding.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☒ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Anchor Point

Funding Recipient: Anchor Point Food Pantry

Project Name: PANTRY PARKING LOT Extension for Safe and Accessible Parking

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anchor Point Food Pantry is requesting \$44,000 in capital improvement funding to expand our limited parking area. This project addresses a critical safety concern: our current parking configuration poses a significant hazard to both volunteers and clients due to inadequate space for vehicle circulation. With only a small, congested parking area, vehicles often block one another, creating confusion and frustration. Recently, one of our parking attendants was nearly struck by an impatient driver attempting to exit the lot. This near-miss underscores the urgent need for a safer, more functional parking layout. The proposed parking lot extension will provide designated parking for our volunteers and delivery truck, allowing client vehicles to enter, park, and exit more safely and efficiently. This improvement will reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, and most importantly, protect the safety of our staff, volunteers, and community members.

We are actively pursuing additional funding sources to complete the full parking lot design, but those grants have not yet materialized. This \$44,000 request will allow us to begin the most critical phase of the project at this time — extending the parking lot and creating a safe pull-off area — while we continue to seek support for future phases.

This project is shovel-ready. We have a complete set of plans and specifications prepared by a civil engineer complete with a soils investigation. Site clearing for this portion of the project has already been completed in preparation for the upcoming construction season. We are currently soliciting bids from local contractors; some of whom are ready to begin work immediately. However, without secured funding, we are unable to proceed.

While this project will not fully complete our long-term parking plan, it represents a vital step forward. It will significantly improve safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency — ensuring that our volunteers can serve the community without fear for their safety, and that our clients can access food with dignity and ease.

Civil Engineer Design pictures are attached.

Funding Requested:	\$	44,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	46,300
Local Match (if any):	\$	\$2,300

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	7

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	\$46,300	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	2300	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	44,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$		Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$		Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

\$2300 from local fundraiser

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

This project will start ASAP and should be completed within 3 good weeks of weather. But, because we don't know the weather and when we will receive the funding, we will say the plan will be done before June 15.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The proposed CIP was identified in a public meeting sponsored by Kenai Peninsula Borough on September 27, 2025 at the Anchor Point Senior Center. Those members of the community present voted unanimously to make this project the #1 priority. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community. Borough representatives included Heather Geer and Dana Cannava. Other attendees included Assemblyman Brent Johnson.

Who will own the project or facility? The Anchor Point Food Pantry

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Anchor Point Food Pantry

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Through various sources...

- Applying for a mix of public & private grants.
- Develop a base of monthly individual donors
- Partner with local businesses & civic groups
- Host community events to raise both funds & awareness.

We have been in operation since 2006. Our neighbors have not missed a meal nor a bag of food, and our bills have been paid on time.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Bear Creek

Funding Recipient:	Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers nonprofit Inc.		
Project Name:	Bike path extensions for the National Iditarod Trail in the Bear Creek Community	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

First, path extension of the existing National Iditarod Trail along the Seward highway. The community of Bear Creek is requesting a Capital Improvement project funding requesting include an extension of the existing path at mile 3 to turn on Nash Road. This is a 2-mile extension for a connection to the National Historic Iditarod Trail for pedestrians to use which would allow community members families to travel safely to the trail. The National Iditarod Trail would help to connect the new long trail project from Seward to Fairbanks as Alaska is currently working to develop.

Second, path extension of the existing National Iditarod Trail along the Seward highway which begins at mile zero and stops at mile 5. The community of Bear Creek is requesting a Capital Improvement project funding for a 3-mile extension. This three-mile project would begin from mile 5 of the Seward Highway across from the Bear Creek multi use to mile 8 Grouse Lake turn. This request is for the safety of pedestrians due to high volume traffic.

Local gravel from the Kenai Peninsula Borough could be attained for the base layer of the needed areas to extend the pathway. Additional grades will be needed for the surface as the extension of the path using a crushed surface verse payment to reduce the cost of the project. Local contractors will provide quotes for the hauling and construction of the additional path areas. Fencing will be required in areas of the Alaska railroad tracks to provide an adequate barrier for the path. There is existing bridge crossing for pedestrians at both creek bridges on the Seward highway. The Nash Road will require bridge crossings for pedestrians which will be an additional cost to the project. Right of ways of the State highway DOT, Railroad boundary and road easements will require the Kenai Borough to assist with path construction access.

Justification:

This path is needed for pedestrians and cyclists, which includes families, small children, and seasonal workers that walk or bike this area of the highway into Seward daily. This has been a community safety concern for many years. There is significant vehicle traffic at all times of the day and late evening when visibility is reduced. Currently it is dangerous for people to walk on the road at any time without a dedicated pathway. Nash Road has high volume traffic which has had many traffic accidents where pedestrians and cyclists have encountered vehicles over the years at the turn on to Nash Road. Due to increased summer and winter traffic within our community. Tourist travel has increased with the addition of cruise ships, commercial tours, motorized camping in the area, along with commercial trucking of goods barged into Resurrection Bay. With the construction of a new cruise rail terminal to accommodate additional tourists in larger cruise ships, it will increase the traffic along the Seward highway.

Our goal is to improve the existing trail system providing improved connectivity to the National Historic Iditarod Trail which this pathway will provide safety for all that use our community area which includes visitors. This project is a part of a structure to a multi-phase endeavor of connecting by building new segments which will assist multi use with the partnership of multiple government agencies and local the non-profit Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers to help connect our area to this route.

Funding Requested:	\$	2,178,468.15	Election District:	Senate:	D
Total Project Cost:	\$	2,193,468.15		House:	8
Local Match (if any):	\$	15,000.00			

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 2,193,468.15	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 15,000.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 2,178,468.15	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 2,178,468.15	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers 15,000.00

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

Please describe the project timeline and when the expenditures will occur:

Project to begin Spring of 2026

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Moose Pass Community Center on September 20, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman Cindy Eklund. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Bear Creek community

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers is a non-profit that operates on cash and in-kind donations and volunteer labor.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:

Recipients Federal Tax ID: 943112652



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Bear Creek

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Bear Creek Weir

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Bear Creek Weir has become a popular attraction for visitors in the Bear Lake subdivision. The weir is found on the inside of a sharp curve on Bear Lake Road, and the increased foot-traffic during the spawning season creates a safety issue for both pedestrians and motorists, when they cross the road from the existing parking and stand on or near the road to view the action at the weir. This can be reduced or eliminated by expanding gravel parking and creating a viewing platform.

Attached you will find a PDF and pictures showing the areas of work proposed. See below for further explanation.

The orientation of the map is in the top-left.

The green space would be intended for small-vehicle parking with enough room for approximately 10 spaces, leaving enough room for motorists to back out without entering the roadway. Approximately 4,800 Sq. Ft.

This would corral visitors to the weir-side of the road, eliminating in-road foot traffic.

The blue space would be intended for bus parking, as well as additional small vehicle parking. Approximately 7,200 Sq. Ft.

There is already a little parking. Roughly space for three small vehicles.

This area is not ideal due to the need to cross the road to the viewing platform.

The orange space would be an alternate space for bus parking, replacing the blue parking area. Approximately 2,000 Sq. Ft.

This would be ideal, eliminating any cross-road walking within the curve.

If this alternate is on the final project, there would need to be some barrier that eliminates parking in the blue area.

This may not be feasible. Not sure how the right-of-way meets up with private parcel lines.

Option 1 would include the green and orange areas, and total approximately 6,800 Sq. Ft.

Option 2 would include the green and blue areas, and total approximately 12,000 Sq. Ft.

The red area is a viewing platform that spans the creek in front of the weir. Approximately 15' X 50'.

The violet numbers show the picture number and direction taken.

Funding Requested:	\$	250,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	250,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8 (187)

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 250,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 250,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 250,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

There is no current funding for this project.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Project is intended to be completed within two years of receipt of funding.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Moose Pass Community Center on September 20, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman Cindy Eklund. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? State of Alaska

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? State of Alaska

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

As this project falls entirely in the right-of-way and on property owned and operated by the State of Alaska, it is assumed that any continued maintenance will be funded through the State.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☒ Other: Parking/Viewing Construction



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Cohoe

Funding Recipient: Alaska DOT on behalf of the Cohoe Community

Project Name: "No Parking" Solar Signage

Project Priority Ranking:	1
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Purchase of (2) large solar powered lighted signs on towable flatbed transport trailers, to be positioned by the Alaska DOT to read "No Parking on Road or ROW" to be placed in the Kasilof River Valley approximately 1/4 -- 1/2 mile before reaching the Kasilof River Bridge on the North and South sides of the river. This area of roadway is *IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY 15 on PAGE 69 of 2025 KPB SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN*

JUSTIFICATION: In recent times, during late June, July, and August, throughout fishing seasons the Kenai Peninsula is experiencing ever increasing numbers of people, with every kind of vehicle, arriving into our communities primarily to catch fish. For local year-round residents this influx of people is growing very dangerous and life threatening especially on Kenai Peninsula roads.

Summer fishermen believe it's okay to go and park anywhere they want to, no matter if lawfully or unlawfully trespassing. In the Kasilof River valley the roadway and Kasilof River Bridge is narrow. Vehicles if allowed to park along our State Highways, in this already documented accident-prone stretch of highway, greatly increases the likelihood of serious safety hazards, accident-related injuries, and death. Additionally, pedestrians of all ages are suddenly dashing across the road carrying tackle box, rain gear, and fishing poles, while vehicles on the highway headed northbound or southbound, are attempting to slow down to 45 MPH. Completely unacceptable.

The majority of local residents of the Kasilof and Cohoe communities are calling for an ALL STOP to these unsafe, parking practices along the Highway and ROWs in the Kasilof River valley. To stop these bad practices from becoming customary and traditional safety risks for all involved, we ask the above stated project be approved for funding.

Funding Requested:	\$	40,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	40,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 40,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 40,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

The project is of great urgency. This equipment is needed for June-August 2026. We are asking the Alaska Department of Transportation to be tasked to purchase the large solar signs and towable trailers for the signs, as they (ADOT) already have similar large solar signs which are needed for other ADOT purposes also.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Tustumena Elementary on September 25, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility?

It is requested that the Alaska Department of Transportation, (Kenai Peninsula location) will purchase, own, and provide safe storage and upkeep of the (2) large solar signs and the (2) towable flatbed trailers needed to transport the signs.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? (Alaska Department of Transportation - Kenai Peninsula)

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Alaska DOT will be tasked by the appropriate state authority. Governor of Alaska, or state authority as appropriate.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☒ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Cooper Landing, Alaska

Funding Recipient: Cooper Landing Community Club, Trails and Walkable Community Committee

Project Name: Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Planning Project (CLTRPPP)

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The current Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project proposal asks for funding to develop a detailed plan for safe, active transportation through the complex travel corridor along the existing alignment of the Sterling Highway which will become a "town road" serving all modes of traffic originating from and destined for the town of Cooper Landing.

The new, second roadway introduced to this narrow valley by the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 project bypasses the town of Cooper Landing. Protecting the natural resources, wildlife, and culturally important areas extending from the headwaters of the Kenai River through the Chugach National Forest and into the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge while accommodating the public's need to access the abundant state and federal assets of this area via an active transportation pathway will require using the latest evidence, incorporating stakeholder input and expert advice including engineering solutions, project planning and community organization. While the master Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Comprehensive Plan and ranked 6:20 in the KPB Safety Action Plan encompasses the entire length of the existing alignment of the Sterling Highway travel corridor between MP 45-60, the focus areas of this planning proposal are the following segments (listed from east to west) which serve to correct the most immediate deficiencies left unaddressed by the bypass project:

- A small section east of MP 45 and the start of the new Sterling Highway re-alignment,
- MP 47-50 through the main part of town. The existing Safety Path running from MP 45-50 has been in continuous use since its 1993 construction, and its condition has significantly degraded. This pathway should be extended west to allow safe access to federal recreation and subsistence sites.
- MP 50-53.2 that will encompass the most popular federal recreation sites, and
- MP 53.2-56 completing the link to the new Sterling Highway alignment, approximate location of intersection beyond Sportsman's Landing.

The proposed outcome of this proposal will be a project plan that can be used to complete project goals at once or in phases as construction funding is obtained. More details may be read on the following website:

<https://www.walkcooperlanding.org/townroadpathway>

Funding Requested:	\$	200,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	200,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 200,000.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 200,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ NA	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ NA	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

We have not obtained any funding sources thus far.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

This project will be placed on the work schedule of the Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Engineering unit as soon as funding is obtained. Work would likely be accomplished in the appropriate seasons of 2026 or 2027, depending on when funding is obtained. Rhys Miranda, Lead Engineer for DPOR is the individual from that organization who will schedule and manage the project. Community-lead portions of the public outreach will be scheduled within the process of the master plan in 2026 or 2027 when funding is obtained.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Cooper Landing School on 9/20/25 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB Assembly member and support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility?

This is a planning project. Cooper Landing Community Club, Trails Committee will hold the planning documents including a tentative construction budget and use them to apply for future construction funding.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?

This is a planning project. Operation and maintenance of a constructed pathway have not yet been determined.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete? This is a planning project. Once the tentative budget is determined by this planning project for the construction of a pathway, then operation and maintenance funding would be proposed. It is premature to do so now.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☒ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Cooper Landing

Funding Recipient: Cooper Landing Emergency Services

Project Name: Community Emergency Water Source (hydrant)

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Description:

Our community wishes to store 10,000-20,000 gallons of water on site at our fire station for use during emergencies and training. We have requested a recycled tank from the Alaska Railroad, between 10,000 and 20,000 gallons that will be installed 8-12 feet underground. Alternative materials may include a cement "bottomless" cistern if the donation of a tank is not received. We believe our existing well may suffice for tank refill operations, but the majority of the expense will be for excavation, plumbing to the outlet, a submersible pump, a small non insulated pump house that will protect the access point, and installation of the tank and driveway approach. The result will be a 1 ¾" to 3-inch connection point that will become the only functioning "hydrant" in our service area. We have spoken with several fire chiefs on The Kenai Peninsula about their estimated price points for their hydrants and \$100,000 was the lowest price point provided.

Justification:

Fire and life safety is our top priority. We do not have adequate year-round water access for refilling at this time. During the winter, the boat launch is not always plowed and when it is, it can be icy and dangerous for our apparatus to navigate to the low water line. Refilling by drafting is a slow process that requires multiple trained responders to climb to the top of the truck for large rigid hoses and to climb into the river to place the foot. We have had close calls with injuries while drafting as well as a tanker that was unable to climb up the icy boat ramp during a winter fire. As a volunteer department, we need a safer and streamlined refill access point so that more of our responders can be working on the fireground.

We are experiencing an increasing call volume with more vehicle fires on the 70 miles of Seward and Sterling Highways than in the years past. We have also seen back-to-back calls this summer with only a few hours in between fire calls to rehabilitate our equipment to ready state. We serve not only Cooper Landing but all of the travelers who come through our area and mutual aid partners including Moose Pass and Hope. We also plan to offer water access to any state or federal firefighting resources who may need a fill site.

We are one of the last communities on the Kenai Peninsula without a dedicated water source for emergencies, but we are in a well-known wildland fire danger zone. Insurance companies are expecting to find fire hydrants when deciding on individual policies as well as community wide risk assessments that influence their coverage. Our community has worked together to achieve a Firewise credential but without an emergency water access point, we could still be considered less insurable. We hope to be ready for the next large-scale emergency, and we humbly request funding and guidance for this community project.

Funding Requested:	\$	100,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	102,500
Local Match (if any):	\$	2,500

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 102,500	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 100,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 2,500 volunteer	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 100,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

If funding is secured, installation will begin as soon as possible. Excavation and installation should be completed within one year of project funding.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

Firefighter water access has been discussed at several meetings included a zoom discussion on 12/6/2024, numerous board meetings (including 9/16/2024) that are open to the public and advertised online as well as the post office, Wildman's and Sunrise Inn. A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Cooper Landing School on 9/20/25 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB Assembly member and support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community. Meetings were advertised in the Cooper Landing Community Crier on repeated publications at least one week prior to the meetings.

Who will own the project or facility? On leased Kenai Peninsula Borough Land

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Cooper Landing Emergency Services

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Cooper Landing Emergency Services will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance tasks and costs associated with this project.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Diamond Ridge

Funding Recipient: Kachemak Ski Club, Inc (Homer Rope Tow)

Project Name: Homer Rope Tow Night Skiing Project

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Description & Benefit: The Kachemak Ski Club is arguably Homer's oldest non-profit organization and was founded more than seventy-five years ago to operate a rope tow just off Ohlson Mountain Road near Homer. Our founders wanted to get Homer kids out of the house on winter weekends and have them receive a safe introduction to alpine snow sports. It is no different today. Over the years, this historic public recreational treasure has hosted thousands of downhill sports enthusiasts, family and social gatherings and also has served as a venue for snow sports safety instruction.

Historically, the Rope Tow offered night skiing, with expanded hours of skiing beyond the usual Sunday and occasional Saturday daytime openings. Sadly, during a low point of club membership and finances, the lighting fixtures and accompanying electrical hookups fell into disrepair and were abandoned over 25 years ago. A substantial increase in youth and family memberships occurred during the Covid pandemic, and a sustained surge in ridership has continued since then. During a strategic planning session 2 years ago, the KSC Board identified a resumption of night skiing at the Rope Tow as an achievable priority goal to increase skiing opportunities for our members, especially for youth and adults who will thus have access during after-school or after-work hours one to two days per week.

Plans/ Progress: A KSC board member with general contracting experience prepared the following cost estimate, which does not include in-kind/ volunteer labor costs:

Five to six 150-200 lumen LED floodlights would be installed, divided between two at the top of the hill, one to two on an existing pole in mid-mountain and one to two at the base. These would provide illumination of the main northeast face of the ski slope, as well as the lodge/ loading area (which would be supplemented with lower intensity flood lighting as well). At least one new light tower would need to be installed on or near the Top House (Operator's Station) at the top of the rope tow.

Matching funds would be sought locally (from such sources as the Homer Foundation, 100 Homer Men/ Women Who Care), with the balance being sought from State of Alaska funding sources (CIP grant) or Kenai Peninsula Borough pass-through funding from the state (CAP program grant).

Funding Requested:	\$	40500
Total Project Cost:	\$	40500
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 40500	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 40500	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Matching funds would be sought locally (from such sources as the Homer Foundation, 100 Homer Men/ Women Who Care), with the balance being sought from State of Alaska funding sources (CIP grant) or Kenai Peninsula Borough pass-through funding from the state (CAP program grant).

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐No: ☒**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

Work would be done in the summer months prepping for the 2026/27 ski season

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Kachemak Emergency Services on 9/27/25 and was attended by the public and KPB support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kachemak Ski Club

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kachemak Ski Club

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Maintenance and upkeep will become part of KSC's annual operations budget, with funds supplied by annual and daily membership fees and donations to the club. A portion of KSC operational funds have come from CAP grants in the past.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Diamond Ridge

Funding Recipient: Homer Cycling Club

Project Name: Diamond Creek Access Improvement Project

Project Priority Ranking:	2
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Diamond Creek Recreation Area currently provides the only trail system with beach access within Kachemak Bay State Park on the north side of Kachemak Bay. The current access road and parking areas are in disrepair and continue to degrade due to improper drainage and lack of maintenance. Runoff from storms currently flows down the roadbed causing increased damage with each storm event. The access road is no longer safe for normal vehicle traffic, and the upper parking area needs to be expanded to provide adequate parking for the current number of trail users. If drainage along the old roadbed is not fixed during the summer of 2026, it is very likely that the lower parking lot and beach trail will be lost beyond repair from the next big storm system.

This project can be completed in phases. Phase I (\$56,000) is the correction of drainage along the current roadbed, which will require dredging of the old drainage ditches, brush mulching, and redirection of water flow away from the road and trails. The installation of new culverts may be required to reroute flow at the bottom of the road should the contractor decide the old culverts are no longer serviceable. The access road will then need to be grated into a crown and resurfaced with additional gravel. Phase II (\$35,000) is the improvement and expansion of the current parking lot at the top of the road/trail system. Expansion will require the removal of trees and shrubs, leveling of the topsoil, application of tyrod road fabric, and graveling.

Phase II could be completed without Phase I, but then it is likely that continued degradation to the beach trail and the road will make these routes impassable in the future. The beach trail will be lost, and the road will only be passable to foot and bike traffic.

Funding Requested:	\$	79,500
Total Project Cost:	\$	91,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	11,500

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 91,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 1,500	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 79,500	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 10,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts: Homer Cycling Club funds

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Construction would occur in the summer of 2026 after the ground thaws and firms up, typically in June. Road and drainage work would be completed before September of 2026. Upper parking lot improvements will be completed based on the availability of the volunteered labor and equipment from local contractors. Amrakh Enterprises LLC has tentatively volunteered time and equipment.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The need for road repair and parking lot improvements have been discussed at the Kachemak Bay Citizen's Advisory Board meetings and Homer Cycling Club meetings over the course of the last 2 years. These meetings are open to the public. Meeting minutes, recordings, and attendance rolls are available through Alaska State Parks and the Homer Cycling Club. Additionally, A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Kachemak emergency Services on 9/27/25 and was attended by the public and KPB support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Alaska State Parks

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Homer Cycling Club

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

The Homer Cycling Club has a rental yurt at this location. Proceeds generated by the yurt rental are dedicated to trail and facility maintenance. Additionally, the club allocates proceeds raised during fundraisers each year to trail and facility maintenance and improvement.

Please select a project type (choose only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Fox River

Funding Recipient: Homer Cycling Club

Project Name: Eastland Trails

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Description

The Eastland Trails Project is building an 11.5-mile, year-round, hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing trail system in the Cottonwood Eastland Unit of Kachemak Bay State Park, 17 miles east of Homer.

- Phase 1 is fully funded: parking, road upgrades, and staging area are complete, and 3 miles of trail are under construction.
- This CIP request is for Phases 2 & 3, adding 8.5 additional miles and completing the system.

Project Justification

Homer is trail poor. Unlike many Alaskan communities, it has very few accessible trails, leaving residents and visitors with limited options for safe, local recreation.

Although Kachemak Bay State Park contains more than 80 miles of trails, of which only 25 miles are usable, nearly all lie across the bay and are expensive to reach by water taxi or air service. Even when residents do make the trip, most of those trails are too physically demanding and are unsuitable for families, seniors, or casual users. As a result, a world-class park remains effectively inaccessible to the majority of Alaskans who live nearby.

Eastland Trails fills this gap by providing the first significant road-accessible front-country trail system into Kachemak Bay State Park, ensuring safe, affordable recreation close to home.

Benefits include:

- **Health & Well-Being:** accessible trails for walking, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing that serve all ages and abilities.
- **Mental Health:** nature access is strongly linked to stress reduction, improved mood, and resilience; Eastland Trails provides daily opportunities for restorative outdoor experiences.
- **Economic Development:** trail systems attract visitors and improve livability, supporting workforce retention and local businesses.
- **Leverage:** more than \$500,000 already secured in grants and donations, showing broad volunteer and community support.

State investment in Phases 2 & 3 will complete this shovel-ready project by 2027, creating a lasting public asset for Homer, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and Alaska.

Funding Requested:	\$	1,000,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	1,500,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	500,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,500,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 500,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 1,000,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ none	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 1,000,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Recreational Trails Program Grant \$200,000
Community Donations \$300,000

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Phase 2 consisting of @5 miles of trail will be completed in 2026. Phase 3, another 3.5 miles of trail in 2027

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Resolutions of support from City of Homer & Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

Monthly community meetings open to the public were held starting in December 2021 through February 2025. They were Zoom meetings through Covid then in person at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. The meetings were advertised "word of mouth", email to interested parties, and public announcement in the Homer News, although the latter was inconsistent. After years of input and planning, the project went through a Public Notice and Comment Period October 2024. At the 9/27/25 meeting, hosted by Kenai Peninsula Borough, those members of the community present voted unanimously to make this project the #1 priority. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Alaska State Parks

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Homer Cycling Club & Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

In addition to operating funds from Homer Cycling Club & Friend of Kachemak Bay State Park, a fund had been set up at the Homer Foundation which should generate funds for maintenance in perpetuity.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:

Recipients Federal Tax ID: 273189396



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Fritz Creek

Funding Recipient: Kachemak Nordic Ski Club

Project Name: Ski Trail Grooming Equipment

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC) maintains over 26 km of ski trails near the McNeil Elementary School. Trails are used for skate and classic cross-country skiing in the winter; and hiking, biking, birding and wildflower viewing in the summer. While volunteers provide all of the labor for grooming and other management activities, KNSC must raise funds through donations, membership, and grants to pay for non-labor costs—e.g. all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmachine capital costs, fuel, repairs, signage, power, outhouses, and insurance and other administrative costs.

We request funding for a new Honda ATV to replace an existing high-mileage ATV that is no longer cost effective to repair by our skilled volunteers or local vendors. A tracked ATV serves important functions both in the winter for towing snow grooming equipment and in the summer for maintaining vegetation. The CIP request is for \$20,000 based on the attached quote from Homer Saw & Cycle.

The McNeil trail system has spectacular scenery and is used extensively by local residents, Alaskans from around the state, and tourists from Outside.

KNSC volunteers will maintain the ATV. There will be no ongoing cost to the KPB or State after the equipment is purchased.

Funding Requested:	\$	20,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	20,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 20,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 20,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 20,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

N/A

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

If funded, we will purchase the ATV immediately. Thus, if the project was funded in June, 2026 we would purchase the ATV during summer, 2026.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

The proposed CIP was identified at a Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Kachemak Emergency Services Station on 9/27/25 and was attended by the public and KPB support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community. Earlier Kachemak Nordic Ski Club board of directors have identified the need for a new ATV at Club board meetings that are always open to the public and noticed on the Club website and social media.

Who will own the project or facility? Kachemak Nordic Ski Club**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kachemak Nordic Ski Club**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

O&M will be accomplished by skilled volunteers using the facilities at the KNSC shed at the McNeil ski area. KNSC volunteers have a long history of successfully maintaining snowmachines, ATVs and other equipment.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☒ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Fritz Creek

Funding Recipient: McNeil Canyon Community Council, Inc.

Project Name: Biathlon Ski Trails Lighting and Improvements

Project Priority Ranking:	2
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

It is the intent of this project to provide the first steps in making nighttime skiing and Biathlon activities a possibility at McNeil Canyon School by placing lighting along three ski trail loops that originate on the McNeil campus. These trails are each about 1K in length which would equate to approximately 10,000 feet.

Preliminary studies indicate that adequate lighting can be achieved with simple poles installed just off the trails at 100' intervals with low voltage LED lamps designed for outside trail lighting. Each pole and light will cost approximately \$1000 with an overall number of poles and lights to be 100, which would cost \$100,000. The wire and connection hardware would be about \$50,000.

There would also be a need for landscaping and trail improvement such as ditching and culverts to improve drainage. This could be accomplished with excavators and skid steer work that would probably cost \$25,000.

Poles and lights	100@\$1,000= \$100,000
Wire and connections	\$50,000
Equipment and operator cost	\$25,000
Total	\$175,000

These lighted trails would provide an extended time frame for all community members that currently ski and use the biathlon course during daylight hours. This would be a significant benefit to our community as the Winter days are short and many people are unable to leave work during the day to access this great wintertime recreation and experience the healthy benefit of outside exercise.

Funding Requested:	\$	150,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	175,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	25,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 175,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 10,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 150,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 15,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

McNeil Canyon Community Council, Inc. set aside for ski/biathlon project. \$10,000.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Materials ordered Winter of 2025, payment made at delivery.

Trail work to begin in Spring 2026 as soon as ground is dry enough to begin work.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Kachemak emergency Services on 9/27/25 and was attended by the public and KPB support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? KPB

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? MCCC

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

MCCC will provide/pursue funds for project maintenance.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☒ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Funny River

Funding Recipient: Funny River Community Association

Project Name: Ada Push Button Doors

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Our current double doors do not allow easy access to wheelchair individuals. We want to replace our double doors with an ADA Push Button Door. This will include:

- . Removal of current double doors and framing and threshold.
- . New wiring for the electronic door opener
- . Installation of door Opener
- . Installation of new double doors.

This will give our disabled members easy access to the Community Center.

Funding Requested: \$ 8,500
Total Project Cost: \$ 8,500
Local Match (if any): \$

Election District: Senate: D
House: 8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 8,500	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 8,500	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

None Available

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?Yes: ☒No: ☐**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

October: Contractor Bid

November- April: Electrical Wiring

April: Demolition of Current Door

April to May: Contractor Installation of new Doors and Opener

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?Yes: ☒No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒No: ☐**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Funny River Community Center on 9/23/25 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche and support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community and the Funny River Community Association Facebook pages

Who will own the project or facility? Funny River Community Association**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Funny River Community Association**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Through our annual building maintenance budget of Funny River Community Association.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Funny River, Alaska

Funding Recipient: Funny River Community Association

Project Name: Outdoor Double Privy Construction

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

There are currently no outdoor restroom facilities on the Funny River Community Center grounds. The center is not open every day or even regular hours to allow regular use of the indoor restrooms.

Outdoor restrooms are needed for a variety of reasons:

1. In case of community disaster (as was true during the 2017 Funny River fire) outdoor restrooms are needed to augment the existing indoor toilet facilities for emergency personnel, individuals and families using the community center or parking RV's on the FRCA grounds.
2. Families bring children to FRCA's outdoor playground most of the year, and the walking track around the grounds are kept plowed and are used year-round. Outdoor restroom facilities are needed for users of both amenities as the community center is often locked.
3. The indoor restroom facilities are not adequate for visitor use during times of high usage such as during the Funny River Festival.

An ADA compliant, two-room, two-toilet, permanent dry privy similar to the dry restrooms available on Alaska highways will be constructed on the Funny River Community Association grounds. The building will be lockable and each toilet room will have a privacy window to admit light. Electric lights will be installed in each toilet room and outside the entrance. There will be no water to the facility, but each toilet room will have sanitary hand gel and toilet paper available. The privy building will be constructed over a single pumpable vault covered with a concrete floor and entry apron. The building will be built of wood with a metal roof and overhang and the building will be vented.

Funding Requested:	\$	190,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	200,000.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	10,000.00

Election District:	Senate:	AK	D
	House:	AK	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 200,000.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 10,000.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 190,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 190,000.00	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

FRCA savings - \$10,000.00

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Bids will be sought as soon as funding is secured. Construction is expected to commence in June or July 2026 as soon as the ground is thawed, and is expected to be completed within three months. Project expenditures will occur as a contract, with ¼ paid when contract is signed, ¼ when vault is placed and concrete is poured, ¼ when building is erected and toilets installed, and the final ¼ when the project is completed and approved by the FRCA President.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at Funny River Community Center on 9/23/25 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche and support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community and the Funny River Community Association Facebook pages.

Who will own the project or facility? Funny River Community Association

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Funny River Community Association

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Operations and maintenance will be funded from FRCA's annual budget.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Hope

Funding Recipient: Hope Sunrise Emergency Services

Project Name: Sanitation System for Firehall

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

. Community Background

Upon receiving funds from the 2026 State Capital Improvement Project grant, Hope Sunrise Emergency Services (HSES) will proceed with much-needed capital improvements to the community's existing emergency services building. Currently, the communities of Hope and Sunrise are home to approximately 200 non-seasonal individuals and are visited by thousands throughout the year. HSES is an all-volunteer department sustained by the commitment of our community. This small group of non-professional EMTs and Firefighters, who on multiple occasions throughout the year, respond to fire, trauma, and medical emergencies for Hope, Sunrise, and the Northeastern Kenai Peninsula/Turnagain Arm Area.

Justification

Hope's two-story, pass-through garage was built by the community using funds from federal grants, state assistance, borough cooperation, individual donations, and in-kind work contributions; these entities came together to ensure that there is assistance to anyone from the most northern unincorporated community on the Kenai Peninsula.

HSES has worked hard to keep up with the increasing need for our services. We meet weekly for training, vehicle and building preventative maintenance, and to discuss station operations. We fundraise and do regular outreach in the community, but because of limited capital, our facilities have not seen expansion or improvement necessary to meet the increased needs of our service area. HSES is currently unable to practice best standards in personnel safety and infection control when responding to local emergencies or when assisting other departments with mutual aid responses in the Turnagain Arm Safety Corridor.

Project Proposal

HSES will use funds from the CIP to drive necessary infrastructure improvements to existing emergency services building. HSES does not currently meet the state and federal sanitation standards. Needed: hot water, septic tank, plumbing hookup, bathroom installation and extractor hookup to adhere to minimum standards. Volunteer EMTs and firefighters do not have the ability to clean turnouts, gear, emergency vehicles or themselves beyond basic cold water handwashing. Using grant funding, individual donations and volunteer hours, HSES could vastly improve sanitation, health and safety for members and the community at large. Our planning committee estimates the project cost to be \$150,000 from start to finish, and a timeline of three years.

This project is aimed at satisfying the NFPA standard 1581 which addresses Infection Control Standards in the fire/EMS industry and OSHA standards 1910.141(d)(2)(i), 1910.1030(d)(2)(v), 1910.1030(d)(3)(iv), see appendix for definitions (NFPA, 2022; US Department of Labor, n.d.).

Project Goal:

- Improve station decontamination standards.
- Improve the health of volunteers, their families, and the community at large.
- Bring the station closer to meeting State and Federal minimum standards.
- Improve the station's ability to acquire new volunteers, attract experienced volunteers, and host visiting trainers.
- Improve station response capabilities for rural North Kenai, including the Seward Hwy.

Funding Requested:	\$	150,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	155,000.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	5,000.00

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 155,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 5,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 150,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Private donations.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

- Phase one: Getting percolation test, purchasing septic drum, digging, burying, and placing septic system pipes, surveying floors for heating elements in the floor, placing a pad for extractor anchoring, and setting septic and plumbing for decontamination room and bathrooms. This phase will begin immediately upon receiving notification of funding. Estimated completion by the end of the summer of 2026.
- Phase Two: Purchase and install a hot water system, frame and finish walls for both the bathroom and decontamination room. all necessary supplies and hardware for the bathroom (OSHA). HSES has already procured an extractor after receiving

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Hope Social Hall on September 23, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche and KPB support. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Hope Sunrise Emergency Services

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Fundraising, patient transport billing, donations.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Hope / Sunrise

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Hope Solid Waste Transfer Site

Project Priority Ranking:	2
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Relocate Hope/Sunrise Transfer Site to a Kenai Peninsula Borough owned location. Build a retaining wall that containers can be placed along, making it easier for the public to deposit their waste. This will make it easier to maintain and keep monitored.

Current KPB Transfer site is located on State of Alaska property.

Funding Requested:	\$	125,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	300,000.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	175,000.00

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 300,000.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 175,000.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 125,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 50,000.00	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

2 ½ acres has been surveyed and designated for this project
\$175,000.00 is the assessed value of the property.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?Yes: ☐No: ☒**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

Once funding is secured the project will be completed within a one-year time frame.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?Yes: ☒No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒No: ☐**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Hope Social Hall on September 23, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche and KPB support staff. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** KPB Solid Waste Department**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Through KPB property taxes

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Kasilof

Funding Recipient: Kasilof Community

Project Name: Yukon/Byington Road Capital Project

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This Capital Improvement Project is to bring Yukon/Byington Road up to Borough Standards so that it then could be maintained by the Borough. This road improvement project is past due. There are approximately 72 families that live on this road that have been battling poor road conditions for many years. There are elderly with limited abilities, disabled families, and children who need to get to school. Many times, the road is almost all but impassable and families are trying to get kids to school, to work, to town for appointments or supplies. Often people park their cars and walk or stay at other's houses because the road is muddy, potholes 2 ft deep in water or snow too deep for cars to drive. Residence have taken to raising money to pay individuals to help maintain the road to plow, filling potholes, grading the road or paying for gravel to fill potholes. There are over 100 parcels of land accessed by this road with Borough assessed value of over \$19,100,000.00. These residences have been paying taxes and Borough Road service fees for many years and are not receiving any services. Borough Property taxes collect a great deal of money with the number of residences served by the road and the value of the land. Several individuals would like to develop their property but are not able to because construction companies don't want to drive their equipment on this road. Dave Blossom contacted 4 different construction companies before finding one that would simply deliver some gravel. There are several public services that are not available to residence of this road because of the condition of the road. Safety is a huge factor as people get stuck in all weather.

In the cases of any emergencies that were to occur on Yukon/Byington Road, there are times when any emergency service vehicles, whether they be Ambulances, State Troopers, Fire trucks or Police Services, the road is all but impassable due to unplowed snow or water/mud holes too deep to get through. This creates a very real concern for the residence on Yukon Road who may need these life and property saving services.

Yukon Road now services a recently developed network of at least 16 miles of trail created by Back Country Horseman's Association (BCHA), and the beginning of the Doc Pollard Horse Trail to Tustumena Lake which is used for accessing the lake by horseback, snowmachine and recreating at the Refuge Public Use Cabin the Nurses Cabin. The BCHA was granted Borough permission and access to the 800 acres of land adjacent to this road and serviced by this road. Kenai National Wildlife Refuge has purchased a piece of property and now has a road built to a parking lot for horse trailers, hikers, skiers, and bikers to park and access the trails and the Wildlife Refuge. Driving this road towing a horse trailer is not very feasible in its current condition. It is extremely hard on the trailers, horses, not to mention the drivers. The land for the trails is gorgeous with rolling hills and views of the mountains in both directions and Tustumena Lake. These trails are becoming more and more popular and a great way for people from all over the Peninsula and beyond to get out and enjoy our beautiful Kenai Peninsula. The BCHA holds an annual Fun Ride/ Fund Raiser on the new trails bringing riders from Homer and the Valley to enjoy the trails.

Phase 1 of this project will be some right of way acquisitions which all the land owners have now agreed to grant right of way and are working with the borough to get them recorded.

Requesting that the borough apply for a Federal Lands (FLAP) Grant for \$500,000.00 as this road is an access to federal land. Requesting that the Kenai Peninsula Borough apply for \$500,000.00 state road improvement dollars.

Requesting that the Kenai Peninsula Borough contribute at least \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 to help get this project completed. The taxes the Borough receives from these lands warrant the Borough contribution. Matching funds.

Funding Requested:	\$	500,00
Total Project Cost:	\$	1,500,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	500,000-1,000,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,500,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 1,000,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?**Yes: ☒ No: ☐**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

Timeline is when the Kenai Peninsula Borough approves the funding for this project and work can begin. This project is longtime: overdue and the sooner the better.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Tustumena Elementary on September 25, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kenai Peninsula Borough**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough Taxes through property assessments. This road alone with the number of residences served, over 100 parcels and the value of land, over \$19,100,000.00, with much of it being river front property generates a significant amount of revenue to the Borough.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Kasilof

Funding Recipient: Muskeg Wellness

Project Name: Fish Waste Dumping Prevention Signage Project

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In Kasilof, in the Summers, many tourists come to fish. Unfortunately, they can also leave their gallons of fish waste behind, often dumping it illegally on private properties, and at the side of country roads, off of Johnson Lake Road, Cohoe Loop Road and Crooked Creek Road. Local residents find themselves repeatedly cleaning up these messy piles of guts and bones, to prevent attracting bears and to avoid rotting stinky garbage piling up in our neighborhoods, which is a health and quality of life hazard for our local citizens.

This project is to try to help prevent this disrespectful and illegal behavior, through strategically posted, entertaining yet stern signs discouraging this dumping of garbage at sites not specifically set up to receive it. We will post nine, 3 x 4, attention-grabbing signs with dissuading messages such as:

THERE IS NO WASTE FAIRY! PACK OUT YOUR FISH WASTE.

And

DUMPING FISH WASTE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS ILLEGAL LITTERING, & WILL BRING YOU BAD JUJU PLUS A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.

And

BE BEAR-WISE AND STREET-SMART: DON'T DUMP YOUR FISH WASTE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!

And

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: BACK TO THE RIVER FOR ALL FISH WASTE!

Permission from the Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads and Planning Commission has been requested and we expect it to be granted. If this request is successful, colorful, heavy aluminum signs will be created by Sherman Signs or a similar sign shop in Soldotna, within 8 weeks of funds being awarded; bringing commerce to our local businesses. Two local citizens, Assemblyman Brent Johnson and Warren Wyrick from the Department of Fish and Game, have committed approximately 24 volunteer hours to post the signs as recommended by KPB, for this project. Signs will be posted at the Kasilof River bridge ramp, as well as by the shoulders of roads where fish waste is often dumped. This project will be complete by September 30, 2026.

Funding Requested:	\$	15,000.
Total Project Cost:	\$	16,440.
Local Match (if any):	\$	1,440

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 16,440.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 1,440.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 15,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Two hours skilled volunteer labor @ \$60/hour TOTAL: \$1,440. in-kind labor

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Expenditures will occur June-August 2026 and project will be complete by September 30, 2026.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Tustumena Elementary on September 25, 2025 and was attended by the public, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kenai Peninsula Borough

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Department budget.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☒ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Lowell Point

Funding Recipient: Lowell Point Community Council, Inc.

Project Name: Lowell Point Fire Department/Emergency Shelter Repairs Phase 1

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Community Overview

Lowell Point sits two miles south of Seward, Alaska, connected only by Lowell Point Road—a narrow, poorly constructed gravel route running between steep cliffs and the ocean. Rockfalls, snow, landslides, and potholes frequently block this road, isolating our community from Seward.

We're a year-round community of approximately 100 residents that swells to over 2,500 people during summer with seasonal workers and visitors. This isolation makes emergency preparedness and self-sufficiency critical to our survival.

Our Fire Department History

After several devastating structure fires in 2002, the Lowell Point Community Council established our Volunteer Fire Department. Through fundraising and grants, we've built significant emergency infrastructure:

- A one-acre facility housing both our community center and fire department
- A 20,000-gallon underground water tank with emergency generator and fuel storage
- A helicopter landing zone
- A deep community well
- Emergency supplies including portable generators, 50 cots, 100 blankets, and disaster provisions

Many longtime residents remember the 1964 Alaska earthquake and subsequent tsunamis that struck Lowell Point directly. This history reinforces our commitment to preparedness. Our trained volunteer firefighters maintain strong mutual aid partnerships with the Seward Fire Department and Bear Creek Fire Department to address structure fires, landslides, and other natural disasters.

Phase 1: Critical Roof Repairs

Our fire department and emergency shelter building, constructed in 2013, has developed roof leaks from design flaws and normal deterioration. After unsuccessful DIY repairs, a professional inspection identified necessary work:

- Installing a metal ridge cap along the roof peak
- Replacing loose or missing screws
- Replacing a metal expansion joint

These repairs are essential to prevent structural damage and protect our emergency supplies.

Conclusion

The Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Shelter is our community's emergency lifeline. Given our geographic isolation and disaster history, maintaining this facility is vital to protecting residents and visitors. These improvements ensure we remain prepared, self-reliant, and capable of responding effectively during emergencies.

Funding Requested:	\$	25,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	30,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	5,000

Election District:

Senate:

House:

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	30,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	5,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	25,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Lowell Point Community Council Savings

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

The roofing contractor has been selected and has given us a firm estimate for the repairs. This work could start and be complete within a month of receiving the funding for the project.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

Lowell Point Community Council has included this as our #1 CIP priority for several years and have had multiple meetings in previous years to select this as a priority. This year, LPCC held our annual meeting on September 28th, 2025 and selected this as our #1 priority again. Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored a community meeting on October 1st, 2025 to discuss this further and inform the Borough of our CIP choice. Borough support staff and community members attended the meeting. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. Both of these meetings were advertised to the entire community of Lowell Point through direct email, social media announcements and flyers on the buildings.

Who will own the project or facility? Lowell Point Community Council

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Lowell Point Community Council

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Lowell Point Community Council Operating Budget

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
☒ Maintenance and Repairs
☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Lowell Point

Funding Recipient: Lowell Point Community Council, Inc.

Project Name: LP Volunteer Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment

Project Priority
Ranking: 2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community of Lowell Point is located approximately two miles south of Seward, Alaska. Our only access route, the two-mile Lowell Point Road, runs along the base of steep mountainside cliffs and the ocean. This narrow, gravel road was poorly constructed and is frequently obstructed by rockfalls, snow, landslides, or large potholes. As a result, Lowell Point is often temporarily cut off from road access to Seward. We are a small, year-round community of about 100 residents, though this number increases dramatically during the summer months to more than 2,500 people with the arrival of seasonal employees and visitors. Given the isolation of our access road, self-sufficiency and emergency preparedness are vital for our community's safety and resilience. Lowell Point was directly affected by the 1964 Alaska earthquake and its locally generated tsunamis. Many long-term residents remember that event and understand the critical importance of emergency preparedness and community self-reliance. In 2002, following several devastating structure fires, the Lowell Point Community Council established the Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department. Through fundraising and grant assistance, we have accomplished the following:

- Purchased one acre of land and constructed a combined community center and fire department building.
- Installed a 20,000-gallon underground water tank and an emergency generator with accompanying fuel tanks.
- Cleared and coordinated land to create a helicopter landing zone.
- Drilled a deep well to serve as a community water source.
- Procured portable generators, 50 cots, 100 blankets, and emergency food and supplies to support disaster response.
- Purchased and maintain two fire trucks and necessary equipment
- Purchased personal protective equipment (bunker gear and SCBAs) for firefighters in 2002
- Maintain a roster of volunteers that attend weekly training meetings and respond to calls
- Successfully trained volunteers to be certified as FF1, FF2 and ETT
- Developed strong mutual aid partnerships with Seward Fire Department and Bear Creek Fire Department
- Successfully operated LPVFD for over 20 years, responding to emergencies both on LP and the surrounding area

The personal protective equipment (PPE) purchased in 2002 and in continuous service since then is now in urgent need of replacement. For our small volunteer department, the cost of replacing this critical equipment is financially prohibitive without external assistance. Our structural firefighting gear (bunker gear) has a recommended service life of approximately 10 years, yet some of our current sets have been in use for over 23 years. Likewise, our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units have an expected life span of 8 years, and ours are well beyond that standard. Despite these limitations, our volunteers have worked diligently to maintain this essential equipment by performing regular testing, maintenance, and sourcing replacement parts from other departments whenever possible. However, continued use of outdated PPE poses significant safety risks to our firefighters and limits our ability to respond effectively to emergencies.

BUDGET:

(6) Bunker Gear Sets - \$6,000/ea

(8) SCBA Sets - \$8,500/ea

(16) Annual Inspection - \$100/bottle

(8) Hydrotest/Flowtest- \$75/ea

Funding Requested:	\$	100,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	106,200
Local Match (if any):	\$	6,200

Election District:	Senate:	
	House:	

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	106,200	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	6,200	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	100,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Lowell Point Community Council Savings

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

A vendor has been carefully chosen and firm estimates for this equipment have been received. The personal protective equipment would be purchased immediately upon the receipt of this funding so our it can be quickly placed into service for our volunteer firefighters.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

LPCC held our annual meeting on September 28th, 2025 and selected this as our #2 priority. Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored a community meeting on October 1st, 2025 to discuss this further and inform the Borough of our CIP choice. Borough support staff and community members attended the meeting. This meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. Both of these meetings were advertised to the entire community of Lowell Point through direct email, social media announcements and flyers on the buildings.

Who will own the project or facility? Lowell Point Community Council

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Lowell Point Community Council

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Lowell Point Community Council Operating Budget

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☒ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Moose Pass

Funding Recipient:

Moose Pass Sportsmans Club

Project Name:

Community Hall Flood Control

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project

Hire an engineering firm to design a drainage system to alleviate flooding in the parking lot. The firm will need to secure permission and permits from ADNRR (adjacent property owner) to bury a pipeline and ADOT to utilize their Right of Way to get water to flow into their drainage system.

Scope

Verify ADOT elevations, locate services, hire contractor to install culvert and access ROW drainage. Dig culverts, grade, and resurface (gravel) parking lot.

The Moose Pass Community Hall parking lot is subject to continual flooding due to improper drainage. The State of Alaska paved Depot Road eliminating the ability for the parking lot to drain, thus causing water to build up and flood the Library and Meeting Hall. The buildup of water often 6" deep makes the Community Hall unusable for portions of the winter. The Community Hall houses the Moose Pass Library.

The past several winters volunteers have gathered with a series of pumps and have used a drain culvert to insert a sump pump into and discharged with a garden hose. The pump and hoses needed to be stored in a warm place every night and then reinstalled every day. This process extends into 6 weeks.

The project was selected as the highest priority during the public scoping session hosted by the KPB on Saturday September 23rd, 2023. The subject property is owned by the Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club and will be managed by the Board of Directors led by Jeff Hetrick, President.

Project type

Planning, maintenance, and Repairs

Funding Requested:	\$	42,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	50,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	8,000

Election District:	Senate:	
	House:	

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	50,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	8,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	42,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$		Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	42,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club reserves

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

When the project is funded, Request for Proposals (RFP) will go out for bid to design, permitting and then the earthwork and installation of the drainage system.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Moose Pass Community Center on September 20, 2025 and was attended by the public, representatives of the civic groups, Mayor Micciche, KPB support staff and KPB Assemblyman Cindy Eklund. This meeting was advertised in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

The operation and maintenance will become part of the annual operating budget.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☒ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Moose Pass

Funding Recipient: Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company

Project Name: Clean Water and Renewable Power Study

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Hire a reputable firm to do a study on renovating an existing reservoir, penstock and generating plant for the purpose of providing fire suppression water and renewable power generation. Also search options for potable water sources and construction of a distribution system.

Scope

Analyze the condition and engineering of the existing dam head, penstock and hydro-generator. Recommend alternatives in engineering, equipment and materials. Provide estimated costs and possible returns from power generation. Determine possible sources of potable water, storage and distribution systems for the Moose Pass town site. Estimate cost of development, construction and maintenance.

History

There is a reservoir and penstock that fed a Pelton Wheel generator in Moose Pass. This provided power for several years until the control board malfunctioned and could not be fixed. One of the other functions of the system was to provide a reliable water source for the fire department. The metal penstock has deteriorated to a point that it is no longer serviceable. This has made access to water for fire suppression much more difficult.

Also, it is a challenge to find potable water sources in the area. Many of the attempts to drill wells have found water that is brackish, high in sulfur. Containing gas or other contaminants. That includes wells for the Moose Pass School and Community center. Most people in the area collect surface water in "water boxes".

Funding Requested:	\$	60,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	60,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	60,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	60,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?**Yes: ☒ No: ☐**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

When this project is funded we will solicit bids from qualified firms and award the project by March and would expect the study to be done within 12 months from the signing of a contract.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at Penny Hardy Community Center on September 23, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member and Mayor, as well as support staff. The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility?

Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Co. will administer the grant.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? N/A**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

N/A

Please select a project type (choose only one): ☒ Planning and Research☐ Maintenance and Repairs☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition☐ Equipment and Materials☐ Information System and Technology☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Nikiski

Funding Recipient: North Road Pioneers, Inc.

Project Name: North Road History Preservation Project

Project Priority Ranking:	1
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The North Road Pioneers Rural Community Museum Project is grassroots, nonprofit initiative based in Nikiski, Alaska. The organization, founded by a group of residents, is dedicated to preserving the stories, artifacts and cultural heritage of the North Road, (Nikiski), community.

The Mission Statement of the North Road Pioneers is:

To preserve, protect and celebrate the history and heritage of Nikiski and the North Road area by creating a community led museum that educates, connects and inspires current and future generations.

Nikiski, a small but historically rich community, lacks a centralized preservation effort. With a population deeply connected to native Alaskan, oilfield, homesteading and fishing legacies, the museum will serve as both a cultural asset and tourism opportunity. This project will attract historians, students and community members seeking to engage with the local past. A museum is needed in Nikiski in order to preserve the history of an area with such historical significance. This project is one that looks into the future, allowing generations to follow to remember the important role that the North Road played in the development of not only the Kenai Peninsula, but the state of Alaska.

This museum will offer an opportunity for visitors to connect with the history of the past through oral history, local artifacts, community workshops and volunteers who are dedicated to preserving and passing on the history of the North Road.

This grant will be used for—

- Land Purchase
- Architectural Design and Engineering
- Permits, Licensing, Insurance
- Building Construction
- Museum Furnishings
- Technology and Equipment
- Archival Supplies

Funding Requested:	\$	800,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	800,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	-----

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	800,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	----	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	800,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	----	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	----	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

When funding is granted, Phase 1 of the project will commence July 2026. Work will continue through the completion of the project.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: X ☐ No: ☐
Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The meeting was advertised on the Community Face Book page and posted at M and M market. It was held on September 8, 2025 at Nikiski, Fire Station 1. The Nikiski Community council attended as well as Get Thrifty, Inc, Peninsula Love, Inc, Nikiski Senior Center, North Star Methodist Church Food Pantry and the North Road Pioneers.

Who will own the project or facility? North Road Pioneers, Inc.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? North Road Pioneers

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Volunteers, Donations, Fundraisers, Future Grants, Admission by Donation

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Nikiski

Funding Recipient: Get Thrifty Inc.

Project Name: A Fresh Start: Revitalizing Get Thrifty for Nikiski

Project Priority Ranking:	2
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Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Get Thrifty, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit located in Nikiski. We serve the entire peninsula, with regular customers from Homer, Seward, Sterling, and even Anchorage.

Our purpose is to provide gently-used household goods, clothes, shoes, kitchen appliances and specialty items at a discounted price in order to help those in need and keep perfectly good items from being put in the landfill. We regularly donate necessities to LeeShore Center, Nikiski Shelter of Hope, Nikiski Senior Center, KPBSD schools, and families in hardship situations. In addition to donating back-to-school supplies, clothes, and winter gear to local children in need, we provided 997.9lbs of goods to families affected by the October 2025 typhoon.

Since August 2025 we have diverted over 6300 pounds from the borough landfill, giving items a second life.

Our location, a condo space in Nikiski Mall, is in need of maintenance and upgrades to provide safety, energy efficiency and overall workability. The costs of upgrading the roof, repairing floors and walls, and acquiring better storage go beyond the great support we have from the community. The following list of estimated costs will enable us to implement the needed changes:

\$75,000 Repair the roof and add insulation

\$500 Repair and paint the walls

\$7000 Repair and put in flooring

\$10,000 Acquire Conex boxes for storage of seasonal items and decor

\$2000 Acquire clothing racks

Funding Requested:	\$	94,500
Total Project Cost:	\$	100,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 100,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 5,500	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 94,500	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

Donations from customers -- \$5,500

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

The roof repair will be done within 1 year of receiving funding based on availability of the contractors. The insulation, floor repair and painting of the walls will be completed within 6 months of receiving funding. Clothing racks and Conex boxes will be acquired as soon as possible after funding is received.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action?

Yes: ☒

No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

The vote was held at a community council meeting on Monday October 13th at 6:30pm at Fire Station #1 in Salamatof. There were 14 total people present, including the majority of the Nikiski Community Council, the Senior Center, North Road Pioneer's, Get Thrifty Inc. and various community members interested in the future of Nikiski. Our project received 12 out of 13 votes.

Who will own the project or facility? Amy B. Kivi

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Get Thrifty Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Operations and maintenance will be funded by community support and donations after the project is complete.

Please select a project type (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☒ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Ninilchik

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Alice Avenue over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Description: The Alice Avenue over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road Project includes building Alice Avenue to Code from the intersection of Foste McMann Road along the Alice Avenue ROW with intersections at Facher Cummings Road, Bear Paw Road and Wild Salmon Way. Then continues West on the Alice Avenue ROW over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road. The length of construction is about 6025 ft. plus the length of connections to intersections. The type and size of the structure over the Ninilchik River will be determined in the design process (see attached project limits file).

Justification: This new alignment replaces a poorly designed and failing bridge over the Ninilchik River on Garrison Ridge Road. This bridge was constructed in the late 1980's. The design flaws include the span, the abutments are floating with no structural piles, elevation above the river, location on the river and poor horizontal and vertical alignment for the approaches to the bridge. The approach slope from the Oil Well Road side of the Garrison Ridge Road Bridge is about 16% and has sharp horizontal curves. The approach slope on Garrison Ridge Road on the Wild Salmon Way side of the bridge is 18%. The slopes are too steep to safely maintain, especially in the winter months. Because the North Abutment sits on the edge of a turn in the river, the river has caused scour erosion under the abutment footer. This has caused the abutment to settle and become unstable. Since 2018 the Garrison Ridge Road Bridge has been rated at an 8-ton limit. Since then, all Emergency Vehicles, construction and delivery vehicles must use the Oil Well Road, Brody Road to Alice Avenue to Bear Paw Road to access the Ninilchik River Estates Subdivision as well as all other residents on the Northside of the Ninilchik River (see attached detour file). This detour is just over 5 miles long, but it includes Brody Road with approaches to Bridge #1877 that are over 10% (12% to 14.5%). Also, Alice Avenue from the intersection of Foste McMann Road to the intersection of Bear Paw Road is not built to Code and is not plowed or maintained by the KPB. This detour from the Garrison Ridge Road access route over the Ninilchik River causes a 15-to-20-minute delay in the summer months and 20 minutes to not at all in the winter months. The extra time it takes Emergency Services to reach residents, especially those living on Alice Avenue and the Ninilchik River Estates Subdivision puts everyone and their property at risk. The proposed new alignment on Alice Avenue ROW will provide direct safe access with a properly designed and built structure over the Ninilchik River and a centerline profile with no grades over 10%. See attached Alice Avenue Direct Access File and Alice Avenue PowerPoint Presentation and photos.

The Brody Road Bridge #1877 over the Ninilchik River is also being surveyed and studied for repair or replacement by the KPB. If the Bridge #1877 fails, a serious access problem for all Emergency and other services would exist.

Even if the Brody Road Bridge were repaired or replaced the approaches would still be over 10% and the delay caused by the detour would still be there. If the Alice Avenue direct access project is built, the Emergency Services response time would be cut to 5 minutes or less for every resident along Alice Avenue all the way to Brody Road. Also, all traffic, including deliveries, would use Alice Avenue access.

We are requesting a Two-Phase request for this project. Phase One would be for the Preliminary Survey, Bridge Site Survey and Design of the structure at the Ninilchik River and the Alice Avenue Roadway to the intersection of Foste McMann Road. The Second Phase request is for the Construction of Project. The Second Phase amount will be determined by the Design Process.

Funding Requested:	\$	1,500,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,750,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	52,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 6,750,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 52,000	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 1,500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 5,250,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

In-kind contribution for Lot Tract A \$52,000

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Phase One Request for required Surveys and Design should be as soon as possible. The Phase One Request should be a bid process which may be a lower cost. The Design process will determine the size and type of structure over the Ninilchik River. This estimate was based on a 125' x35' Single Span Concrete Girder Bridge. The project bridge location is about 2 miles upstream of that bridge and should be smaller and less costly. The Design process may determine that a multiplate culvert would be acceptable, which would also lower the cost.

The Phase Two Request would be based on the Design Specifications, type of structure and item quantities from the final design. That request will be made as soon as the design process is completed.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A KPB sponsored Community Meeting was held at the Ninilchik Senior Center on September 27, 2025. The meeting was attended by Ninilchik residents, KPB Assemblymen Brent Johnson and KPB staff. The community meeting was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kenai Peninsula Borough

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Kenai Peninsula Borough as stated in a Resolution passed by the KPB Assembly in 2022.

Please select a project type (choose only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: STERLING

Funding Recipient: STERLING AREA SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

Project Name: STERLING SENIOR CENTER & MOOSE RIVER MANOR BLDG A SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Project Priority
Ranking:

1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

- The first project of the septic system replacement concerns the Sterling Senior Center. The current system is approximately 25 plus years old. The main problem has been identified as a downward shift in the septic line which causes buildup and backup. The downward shift in the line is approximately 18 inches from the original position when installed. The current solution is to have the system pumped out every four weeks in order for the system to operate properly. To include having the system pumped, the Senior Center also has the system jetted with hot water to unclog and clear the line to keep this old system operational. The leach field has proved to cause additional problems with filtration and emptying the system. The financial burden incurred with this septic system is approximately \$500.00 for each pumping occurrence. The estimate the Sterling Senior Center received is around \$70,000.00 for total septic system and leach field replacement.
- The second project of the septic system replacement concerns the Moose River Manor Building A. The current system is, at a minimum, 20 plus years old. The main problem has been identified by numerous side shifts within the septic line system, from the building to the leach field. The leach field is shared with the Sterling Senior Center building. This has caused numerous backups, even into tenants' apartments. The current septic system is on a rotational pumping schedule of six weeks. This has to be completed to keep the septic system properly operational for the current tenants. Previous tenants have placed unauthorized items down the system which has caused major problems with proper operation. The cost is approximately, for each pumping occurrence, \$475.00. The estimate for the Moose River Manor Building A is around \$60,000.00 for total replacement.
- This complete project replacement is estimated at \$130,000.00. This replacement would ensure all individuals are safe from contaminants associated with the septic system. We, Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc. are requesting \$130,000.00 for your consideration as a part of the 2023 State Capital Improvement Projects. This requested financial capital would cover all expenses incurred with the septic system replacement combination.
- Appreciate your careful consideration for approval of this complete project replacement.

Funding Requested:	\$	130,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	130,000.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$ 130,000.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 130,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0.00	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

Septic System replacement will occur in Spring 2024. Accurate planning and supplies will be procured in 2023. Execution stage will commence in Spring of 2024. The reason for this timeline is the pending winter season. Spring of 2024, the ground will be thawing below the surface, thus the execution phase will commence.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored public meeting was held at the Sterling Senior Center on September 30, 2025. The meeting was attended by the Sterling Area public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members and support staff. The meeting was advertised on Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community and various social media platforms.

Who will own the project or facility? Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

- Continued operations will be monitored by Sterling Senior Center staff, Johnson Engineering and Peninsula Pumping.
- The financial concerns for maintaining the system will be assembled through specified donations, fundraisers and capital grants.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2026 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Sterling

Funding Recipient: Sterling Community Center, Inc

Project Name: Flooring, Table/Chairs, Hockey Rink

Project Priority
Ranking:

2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project contains three different requests;

#1. The SCC is asking for about \$15,000 to purchase 250 new vinyl, metal framed chairs and about 30 6-8 ft long or round tables. The facility was opened in 2012 and at that time we purchased some used plastic tables and chairs. We rent the facility out a lot and the tables and chairs are getting broke and deteriorating. Some of them are becoming dangerous because of chips/cracks and duct tape holding them together. The justification for this project is that it will be safe and help with rental income that pays for operations.

#2 the SCC is asking for \$30,000 to help us purchase new flooring squares for the gym in our facility. We have attempted to fix the floor, because of dead spots in it, by pulling it up and leveling the cement base. We have already spent \$40,000 doing this. That did help some but the squares that we put back down are badly damaged and it needs a whole new floor. The justification for this project is that it will be a better floor for basketball, volley ball, pickleball etc. which all help bring income in for operations

#3. The SCC is asking for \$40,000 to help pay for paving the Hockey Rink. The Rink has had a lot of use and is needs repaving because the cracked floor doesn't hold water. Some volunteers and businesses will help on this project. The justification for this project is that our youth and adults will have a rink for recreation, practice and enjoyment. It will help keep people busy and out of trouble.

Funding Requested:	\$	\$80,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$	90,000.00
Local Match (if any):	\$	10,000.00

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$	\$90,000.00	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	\$10,000.00	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	\$80,000.00	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	80,000.00	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

The Sterling Community Center has a lot of fantastic volunteer businesses & individuals that will help with some of the work and dirt materials needed. The SCC has some funds on hand that can be used for these projects.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:

The projects are ready to go if we can get funding for them.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level? Yes: ☐ Yes ☒

Is it a community or service area priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action? Yes: ☐ Yes ☒

If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

A Kenai Peninsula Borough sponsored public meeting was held at the Sterling Senior Center on September 30, 2025. The meeting was attended by the Sterling Area public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members and support staff. The meeting was advertised on Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community and various social media platforms.

Who will own the project or facility? Sterling Community Center Inc.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Sterling Community Center, Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

The Sterling Community Center has an annual budget of about \$90,000. The income comes from Banner Sales, Memberships, Program Fees, Donations, Facility Rentals and Fund Raisers.

Please select a project type (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research
☐ Maintenance and Repairs
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition
☐ Equipment and Materials
☐ Information System and Technology
☐ Other:

2026 KPBSD Legislative Priorities

KPBSD is committed to working with the Alaska Legislature to support students in life success.

Our 2026 priorities focus on expanding student opportunities, responsible funding, and supporting safe and healthy schools.

1. Strengthen Student Success Through Support for Strong Literacy and Math Skills and Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Provide adequate funding for the Alaska Reads Act and other legislatively enacted initiatives.
- Implement state assessment systems that prioritize student growth over time rather than one-time proficiency scores.
- Maintain CTE funding sufficient for districts to align CTE programming with state and local workforce demands; improve post-graduation outcomes and expand access to high-quality CTE opportunities across all districts.
- Support District partnerships with the University of Alaska, career and technical training organizations and local industries to strengthen career pathways for students.

2. Sustainably Fund Alaska's Public Education System

- Guarantee stable, predictable, inflation-adjusted funding to support long-term planning, consistent staffing, and robust student programs.
- Fully reimburse transportation based on actual district-reported costs.
- Establish a competitive retirement system to attract and retain high-quality educators statewide.
- Prioritize funding to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance in Alaska's public schools.
- Increase funding for correspondence students to 1.0 ADM while also ensuring meaningful measures of accountability for all schools.
- Ensure equitable funding across all educational delivery methods.

3. Ensure Safe, Supportive School Environments

- Establish state regulations that help schools improve attendance and reduce truancy through the use of evidence-based strategies.
- Expand access to mental health support in communities across Alaska; support counselors and trauma-informed practices in both schools and communities.
- Invest in student wellness through support for music, art, and extracurricular activities.
- Support ongoing staff training to strengthen student well-being, safety, and professional conduct.

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