

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	12/07/21
Hearing:	01/04/22
Action:	Enacted as Amended
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2021-19-30**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE REMAINING
BALANCE OF \$255,854.84 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY’S STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
GRANT, AND APPROPRIATING \$5,117.10 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ON
BEHALF OF WESTERN EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA**

WHEREAS, the Western Emergency Service Area (“WESA”) is committed to recruiting new volunteer firefighters and retaining existing members in order to best protect and serve the service area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) provides an annual application through the Assistance to Firefighters, “Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response” grant (SAFER), which assists fire departments with funding for operations and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ninilchik Emergency Services was the original recipient of the 2018 SAFER award in the amount of \$298,650 to promote recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, DHS approved the amendment request transferring the \$255,854.84 balance of the 2018 SAFER grant to WESA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2013-022 an administrative fee of 2% of the grant amount will be charged to the service area for “grants and projects that do not allow an indirect cost to be charged” and is available in the WESA fund balance; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting held January 13, 2021, the WESA Board recommended grant acceptance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the borough to receive these funds for the purpose of completing the SAFER program objectives;

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

SECTION 1. The mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$255,854.84 for promoting the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in Western Emergency Service Area, and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept and expend the grant funds and to fulfill the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That funds in the amount of \$260,971.94 are appropriated as follows:

\$255,854.84 to account number 209.51410.SAFR2.49999 project account number for the SAFER grant program; and

\$5,117.10 from the WESA Operating Fund fund balance account number 209.27910 to account 209.51410.SAFR2.61990 for the administrative service fee account.

SECTION 3. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective retroactively on July 1, 2021.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

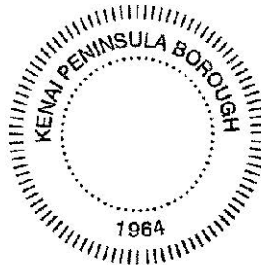
Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

John Blankenship

John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: None