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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-076

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH'S STATE CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Thirty-Third Legislature, First Regular Session, will consider adoption of the State's operating and capital budget during the session convening January 17, 2024; 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 2024, as shown in the document entitled, "Kenai Peninsula Borough State Funding Priorities – 2024," 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 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

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Yes:	Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No:	None
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State Funding Priorities 2024

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November 7, 2023

Dear State Legislators:

This document contains the Kenai Peninsula Borough's funding priorities for the 2024 legislative session. The booklet contains priorities for the borough, the school district, our service areas, and unincorporated communities. Schools and roads continue to be of paramount concern and are a recurring theme throughout our requests for state funding.

Each of the projects listed within this publication represents the needs of our communities as identified through the public process. The Borough Assembly, School Board, Service Area Boards, and Community Councils have conducted numerous public hearings and have taken into consideration all of the comments received in developing this list.

We hope you can 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

Brent Johnson
Assembly President

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 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:	1

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 6 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.

Kenai Central High School Auditorium multi-carrier rooftop - $700,000
Construct carrier agnostic infrastructure atop KCHS auditorium (power, conduit, mounting, comm/rack space), as well as KPB dedicated backhaul to Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

Central Peninsula Hospital multi-carrier rooftop - $650,000
Construct carrier agnostic infrastructure atop Central Peninsula Hospital River Tower (power, conduit, mounting, comm/rack space), as well as KPB dedicated backhaul to Kenai Central High School Auditorium in Kenai.

Central Peninsula Tower Location – Poppy Lane - $850,000
Construct 125 - 180 foot, multi-carrier tower at KPB Poppy Lane facility, establishing dedicated backhaul from KPB Poppy Lane facility to KPB Binkley Administrative office. This location may also provide resilient communications to adjacent school facilities.

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.

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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Fire and Emergency Medical Service Areas

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Fire and Emergency Medical Funding Request**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is requesting funding in the amount of $16,140,000 for emergency services, capital purchases and improvements 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 local population base of approximately 41,000 taxpayers, plus tens of thousands of other Alaskans and outside tourists, 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 associated with the dipnet fishery, cruise ship tourists and various others state-created demands, the demand on these service areas increase at peak times often quadrupling 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. Once allocations have been distributed competitive purchasing, design development practices, and competitive construction bidding governed by Borough code will ensure the most effective use of the funding. The needs driving the requested funding will ensure that the projects and procurements area expedited in the most effective way possible.

If funding is provided the Kenai Peninsula Borough will disperse funding to each service area based on their requested capital needs and the level of highest priority.

Funding Requested:	$	16,140,000	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$	18,590,000		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$	2,450,000			

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 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:	3

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking $10,000,000 to Improve roads 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 in to 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 residuals from the 1986 KPB state road adoption.**

Ordered priority is defined through use of the established RSA "Tier List", that is generated by the department through operational assessments. Priority is outlined within the RSA's tier list and further communicated 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 through their use.

Justification

On an annual basis, the KPB RSA spends approximately $1.9 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 area 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 while lowering the cost of maintenance to the taxpayer for years to come. Funds will provide for the resolution of long-standing needs associated with many KPB roads; a number of which predate the road service authority of the KPB. With support, the rate at which the defined needs can be addressed will be expedited beyond the ability of the limited internal RSA funding sources available.

The service area is funded by local property taxes to address the needs of the residents. Due to seasonal tourism associated with the dipnet fishery, cruise ship tourists and various others state-created demands, the demand on these service areas increase at peak times often quadrupling the local 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 to maintain and improve local roads.

Methodology

If funding is made available The KPB and the RSA will immediately seek professional design services to prepare bid ready documents for construction. Projects will include in part, safety improvements, road embankment upgrades, drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitation, road realignments etc. The RSA has an established standard specification for road improvements that will help to expedite the design efforts and allow projects to be on the street for construction as early as 2024.

Funding Requested:	$ 10,000,000	Election District:	Senate:		C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$ 56,000,000		House:		5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$ 9,500,000				

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Kachemak Selo Community Center

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Kachemak Selo Community Center**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

KPB is requesting the $10,867,503 to build a community center that will function as the main center for all community functions to include community meetings, community athletic functions, and academic activities.

Background

Kachemak Selo does not currently have a functioning community center that meets all of the needs of the community. It is an economically depressed community and is in need of a new school system, and community center. The buildings that are used by the community are in poor condition with a broad range of deficiencies making them unfit for renovations, community meetings, activities, or an educational environment. Currently the three buildings total approximately 5,400 square feet of space. In addition to the poor facilities, the village of Kachemak Selo is isolated from the road system and the main access is a steep switchback trail that is generally only drivable with all-terrain vehicles. Due to the beach and tides, access by water is also difficult.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) entered into DEED grant agreement for the total amount of $15,400,000. The current agreement required a 35% match by KPB. If there were a community center in the community, the needs of the community at large would be met, funding from both State and Federal sources could be utilized, and the academic needs of the community could also be addressed.

Justification

The remote village of Kachemak Selo needs a community center that provides for community needs that include but are not limited to education, community gatherings, emergency shelter, arts and cultural programs. Conversion of the funds to a DCCED grant would allow KPB to move forward designing and constructing a community center in Kachemak Selo that would be used as an educational center for the school as well as other activities and needs for the community. This approach allows for a value analysis of the construction that will bring the project costs into an acceptable range. The program needs of a community center and an education facility are compatible. A dual-purpose facility is a more efficient use of funds. As indicated in the State Statutes for School Facility Planning and Construction, it addresses multiple community needs through one expenditure.

The limited road access available to Kachemak Selo further increases the complications and cost with the construction project. Feasibility of road access has not been comprehensively evaluated. Further investigation of soils and existing topography need further investigation to improve access for the community, reduce costs associated with living in the community and reduce KPB costs to maintain and provide services to the community.

Methodology

A team of design professionals would be used to value engineer the project with best practices from the construction industry to develop a project with an efficient footprint and construction methodology that captures our available funding threshold and meets the intent of the project goals.

Funding Requested:	$	10,867,503	Election District:	Senate:	C
Total Project Cost:	$	13,667,503		House:	6
Local Match (if any):	$	2,800,000			

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Shop

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Shop**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is requesting funding in the amount of $4,000,000 for the Replacement of the Borough Maintenance Shop.

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough as part of their in-kind match to educational funding for the Kenai Peninsula School District operates an existing maintenance shop that services all Borough and School District rolling stock along with other minor equipment and mechanical needs. In addition to School District and general government use, in recent years agreements have been made to include local fire and emergency service equipment maintenance in the existing facility.

In 2022 an Educational Bond was passed by the voters that included a replacement and expansion of the existing School district related shop spaces to address short falls in capacity with the existing infrastructure.

Justification

In 2022 an educational bond was passed by the voters that included a replacement and expansion of the existing School district related shop spaces to address short falls in capacity with the existing infrastructure.

Due to unanticipated high construction cost escalation and project budget overruns the maintenance shops scope is being deprioritized due to the needs for more directly related educational infrastructure projects. In clear terms, projects that directly benefit students are of the highest priority.

The Maintenance shop replacement project will improve quality of service not only to the interests of the school district but general government and service areas for years to come. Is intent also addresses safety concerns with EMS equipment operations that currently require Mechanics to work alone at times. The consolidated service needs will also increase efficiencies in cost by allowing for overlapping uses with equipment, tools and facilities.

Methodology

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough will complete the design effort for the project and target a 2025 construction project with an invitation to bid being released in the early winter of 2024. Substantial completion would be anticipated to take place in the second quarter of 2025.

Funding Requested:	$	4,000,000	Election District:	Senate:		C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$	5,000,000		House:		5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$	1,000,000				

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Solid Waste Transfer Site Improvements

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Solid Waste Department – Transfer Site Improvements**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking $1,900,000 to improve transfer facilities in various location 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. Transfer sites for collection of waste at various locations around the Borough allow for the public to dispose of their waste close to their residence so that Solid Waste can have it hauled to the landfill for final disposal or through other methods for items such as recyclables.

The transfer station in Hope is currently located on land owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). They have requested that the transfer site on their land be relocated to vacate their property. A new site has been selected on KPB owned land within Hope to complete the relocation project.

The transfer stations in Ninilchik and McNeil Canyon are undersized for their current usage. Both could be expanded to allow for placement of additional dumpsters on site to better service the public. The McNeil Canyon site is lacking Z-wall infrastructure present at several other transfer sites that allow for placement of dumpsters and ease of disposal for the public. There has been significant residential construction in the McNeil Canyon area to the east of Homer that has caused increased use of the site.

Other transfer sites could use funding for repairing fencing infrastructure, expanding Z-walls, increasing security and surveillance, or purchasing new dumpsters for recycling and waste disposal. These improvements would all provide a benefit to Borough residents by improving the level of service we provide to the public.

Transfer site infrastructure is difficult to size and maintain for the variability we see in waste volumes throughout the year. We see variations in population from residents that leave during the winter, but mainly from tourism and recreation on the Kenai Peninsula. This includes residents from Alaska traveling to our Borough to enjoy the area, people flying in for vacations and the cruise ship industry that all create additional strain on our infrastructure. Dur peak months in May, June and July, we can haul more than double the amount of waste from transfer sites than we handle in February. Dumpsters will fill up and need to be hauled daily and this fluctuation is difficult to handle with current limited infrastructure.

Justification

KPB Solid Waste is committed to providing solid waste programs for disposal across the peninsula. Costs for this relocation have been developed from past transfer site construction project and will pay for site improvements for placement of dumpsters, public parking, site safety and site security. The most recent transfer facility was constructed by the Borough in 2021 for a cost of $568,187.50. This cost excludes design and Borough project administration costs.

Methodology

Should funding be made available, the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately begin a design project to properly design the sites for public access, commercial hauling, drainage, security and safety. After design is completed, the project would be bid for construction as soon as feasible.

Funding Requested:	$ 1,900,000	Election District:	Senate:		C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$ 2,100,000		House:		5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$ 200,000				

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Kasilof River Drift Boat Take-Out – Access Road Improvements and Paving**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking $1,961,820 for road improvements and paving at the site of the new proposed Kasilof River Drift Boat take-out project.

Background

The Kasilof River State Recreation Site boat launch, located at mile 109.4 on the Sterling Highway, provides a put-in and ramp, but there is no public takeout available on the lower portion of the river. The Division has received comments from the public since the late 1980s regarding the lack of a public retrieval on the river. Concerns intensified in 2007 when a popular private boat retrieval site announced that they would be closing the following year.

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) has received capital improvement funds to develop a public drift boat take-out on the lower Kasilof River in an effort to address increasing demand for this type of facility on the popular drift-only fishing portion of the river. Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2015 and included the acquisition of two adjoining parcels, property investigation, site planning, and preliminary permitting. In preparation for the development of the site, Phase 2 was completed in 2017 to remove unnecessary debris and undesirable facilities. Phase 3 will be a construction contract to develop the site in preparation to open for public use, with design currently in progress and construction beginning in 2024.

The location selected for the new launch is centered in an existing rural subdivision in the Kasilof area. Local residents have expressed concerns about impact to the existing roads and the existing road's ability to support the increase in traffic. The State project funds secured by the Division of Parks are targeted specifically toward the development of the property and include no provisions associated with road access infrastructure to support the site. In response to the concern the Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area is anticipating a need for a capital improvement project to mitigate local traffic impacts, higher maintenance costs, and to make sure the roads will meet the needs of the increase in use.

Justification

The location selected for the new launch is centered in an existing rural subdivision in the Kasilof area. Local residents have expressed concerns about impact to the existing roads and the existing road's ability to support the increase in traffic. In response to the concern, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area is anticipating a need for a capital improvement project to mitigate local traffic impacts, reduce higher maintenance costs, and to ensure the roads will meet the needs of the increase in use.

Methodology

If the funding is made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough will immediately begin a design effort to produce bid ready documents that meet the Road Service area standard for paved roads. Upon completion of that design and in coordination with the opening of the new drift boat take-out project, the Borough and its Road Service Area will complete a construction effort to improve and pave the roads in the affected area.

Funding Requested:	$	$1,961,820	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$	$1,961,820		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$				

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Rainbow Drive and Kosta Road Improvements

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Road Service Area – Rainbow Drive and Kosta Road Improvement**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking $1,400,000 to bring Rainbow Dr and Kosta Rd up to Road Service Area (RSA) standards for adoption into the RSA Maintenance program.

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) - Road Service Area (RSA) provides for year-round maintenance of over 650 miles of Roads area wide. 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 in to 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 residuals from the 1986 KPB State Road Adoption.

In recent years The Alaska Department of Transportation and the Kenai Peninsula Road Services area have been engaged in negotiations for the exchange of public Right of Way management and Road Maintenance responsibilities. A list of roads and Right of Ways (ROW) that, for various reasons, can better be serviced by one entity or the other has been developed and both parties area close to a mutually beneficial agreement.

Justification

Unrelated to these negotiations, the AKDOT has discontinued service on two right of ways, Rainbow Dr in the Mackey Lake area just east of Soldotna and Kosta Rd located adjacent to Holt-Lamplight road in the Nikiski area. The AKDOT has historically maintained these ROW's since prior to the 1986 KPB State Road Adoption event. The discontinued service has left the property owners along these ROW's without any road maintenance for the upcoming 2023/2024 winter season.

As part of the ongoing negotiations with the KPB/RSA, the AKDOT has proposed that the KPB/RSA take on maintenance and right of way management for Rainbow Dr and Kosta Rd.

The roads suggested do not currently meet Borough Road Service Area Standards and Kosta Rd lacks any platted right of way or recorded public access easement. If the roads in question could be brought up to Road Service Area Standards the KPB and the RSA would take no exception adding them to the management and maintenance list. In assessment of the existing conditions the total cost of those improvements is estimated at $1,400,000.

Methodology

If funding is made available the KPB and the RSA will immediately begin work on road improvement design efforts along with procurement of the necessary ROW recorded public access, construction, and maintenance easements across private lands. It is anticipated that this would begin in the summer of 2024 and be completed by the end of the construction season in 2025.

Funding Requested:	$ 1,400,000	Election District:	Senate:		C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$ 1,400,000		House:		5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$				

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Kenai Peninsula Borough Bridges and Culverts

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Road Service Area – Bridges and Culverts**	Project Priority Ranking:	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Road Service Area is seeking $10,000,000 in project funds to address multiple Bridge and Large Culvert water crossings.

Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area provides for year-round maintenance of over 650 miles of Roads in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Included in this road infrastructure are 17 stream and river crossings. Most crossings are supported by aged bridge and culvert conditions that were adopted by the Borough when the service area was formed in 1982 and later consolidated in 1992.

Justification

The stream and river crossings listed below are supported by ether aged and/or inadequate bridges that provide access to federal, state, municipal, and private lands that support, among other uses, residential housing, businesses, resource access, and recreational activities. These lands are populated by numerous communities and rural housing properties owned by the taxpayers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Safe and dependable access across these waterways is critical in maintaining the current quality of life standards and economic prosperity of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Local EMS service areas area wide have expressed concerns about the state of existing bridges. Concerns about bridge capacity could or does limit emergency response.

In addition to Road Service Area needs, all of the listed bridges cross anadromous streams and rivers that support all five species of pacific salmon, among other anadromous species of fish. Improvements too many of these water crossings will provide improvements to and/or protection of fish passage, that is critical to the health of these fisheries.

Identified Road Service Area Bridges:

Running Water Ave (Crooked Cr #1873), Chakok Rd (NF Anchor R #979), Lee Roy Ave (Henry Creek), Dorothy Dr (NF Anchor R #1834), Bruno Rd (Glacier Cr #1820), Que Sera Dr (Grouse Cr #1821), Forest Rd (Lost Cr #1838 & Sometimes Cr), Lowell Pt Rd (Spruce Cr #1783), Nautical Rd (Salmon Cr t #2355), Old Exit Glacier Rd (North2 #1294), Bronze Ave (Unnamed Cr), Brody Ln (Ninilchik R #1877), Cottonwood Ln (NF Anchor R #1701), North Road Extension (Leaf Cr #2309 & Otter Cr), Tall Tree Rd (Stariski Cr #2293).

Methodology

The KPB RSA has internally allocated funding to support a comprehensive engineering assessment study, in order fully outline our existing bridge needs borough-wide. The outcome produced will be an ordered priority focus to comprehensively target the improvement needs of all KPB bridges, beginning with the most critical. Additional RSA funding (currently appropriated) will provide for engineered design solutions for the needs defined through the study. The result will be bid ready designed construction projects to address the prioritized bridge needs throughout the KPB. Funds provided through this request will support the bid construction phase for the designed repair/replacement projects prepared via the KPB RSA's internally funded definition/design process.

Habitat promoting engineering solutions such as fish pass culverts or Beam type bridges will be installed in place of existing infrastructure where possible. The size and type of the infrastructure to be installed will be based on site conditions, size of waterway, area growth variables and structure longevity. As part of the project scope river and stream bank stabilization/rehabilitation, best management practices, will be applied within and adjacent to the project foot print to protect the asset and to limit impacts to the waterway associated with the crossing.

Funding Requested:	$	10,000,000	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	$	17,400,000		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	$	1,500,000			

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

SERVICE AREA: Bear Creek Fire Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Bear Creek Fire Service Area**		
Project Name:	**Bear Creek Fire Station Asphalt Surfacing**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Bear Creek Fire Station – Parking lot and site paving $450,000

Background

The Bear Creek Fire Service Area was established in 1977, covering approximately 15 square miles. Bear Creek is staffed by 3 permanent employees and 26 volunteers, who provide rapid emergency Fire, EMS, and Rescue response services to a population of 1,757 tax paying citizens, as well as the thousands of tourists who travel to the Greater Seward Area during the summer months. In addition to emergency response within the service area, the Bear Creek Fire Service responds to emergencies in the neighboring City of Seward and northern communities along the Seward Highway.

Justification

The Bear Creek Fire Station located at 13105 Seward Highway, Seward, Alaska 99664 is needing to have the parking/working areas adjacent of the facility surfaced with asphalt. When the station was originally built, the area was completed with gravel due to lack of funding.

The existing gravel parking lot creates operational impacts and drives higher maintenance costs, further impacting the service areas already limited resources.

If funded, we intend to utilize the existing architectural drawings previously completed by Architects Alaska. The area indicated in the drawings would be the areas surfaced. The total approximate area is 29,000 square feet and it is anticipated that the site will require the import of D1 gravel to fine-grade and then follow with asphalt. Additional services would include surveying, compacting, and parking lot striping.

Methodology

Upon receiving available funding and invitation to bid will be released for the procurement of paving and construction services resulting in the completion of the paved parking lot and site access as the design intended. The Project is anticipated to take 45 days from notice to proceed to completion.

Funding Requested:	$ 450,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$ 450,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$ 0				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	450,000	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:	$	450,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	$	450,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
Current operational demands do not allow for resources to be allocated to the requested improvements.

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 is anticipated to take 45 days from NTP to completion.

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 board meeting was held on 10/17/2023 with all present voting and one being absent.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Bear Creek Fire Service Area

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Maintenance will be funded through the department's annual budget process as part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

Service Area: Bear Creek Fire Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Bear Creek Fire Service Area**		
Project Name:	**Bear Creek Fire Station Living Quarters**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Bear Creek Fire Station – Living Quarters $700,000

Background

The Bear Creek Fire Service Area was established in 1977, covering approximately 15 square miles and is located at 13105 Seward Highway, Seward, Alaska 99664. The station is staffed by 3 permanent employees and 26 volunteers, who provide rapid emergency Fire, EMS, and Rescue response services to a population of 1,757 tax paying citizens, as well as the thousands of tourists who travel to the Greater Seward Area during the summer months. In addition to emergency response within the service area, the Bear Creek Fire Service responds to emergencies in the neighboring City of Seward and northern communities along the Seward Highway.

Justification

The Bear Creek Fire Station was built in 2014. During the build, the second floor living area and wellness center was left unfinished due to insufficient funding. Since that time the demand on the Fire Service Area and its facilities has increased. The seasonal surges of service needs, driven by tourism, fishing, industrial and commercial traffic and operations, is a major driver of the need for improvements.

The increase in demand for services has moved forward the need for finishing the living quarters and fitness facility. Due to the size of the service area and its limited tax base the annual budget cannot support the funds needed to complete the necessary station improvements. This lack of resources is holding back the ability to provide adequate services at peak demand and the service areas ability to provide timely 24hr response times.

Methodology

If funded, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area intends to utilize the existing architectural drawings previously completed by Architects Alaska and issue an Invitation to Bid for constriction services as soon as funds area available. The project completion is estimated at 180 days from notice to proceed for construction.

Funding Requested:	$ 700,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$ 700,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$ 0				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	700,000	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:	$	700,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	$		Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	$	700,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
Current operational demands do not allow for resources to be allocated to the requested improvements.

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, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area intends to utilize the existing architectural drawings previously completed by Architects Alaska and issue an Invitation to Bid for constriction services as soon as funds area available. The project completion is estimated at 180 days from notice to proceed for construction.

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 community meeting was held on September 21 at 5:30 PM at the Bear Creek Fire Station and was attended by the public, and Kenai Peninsula Borough representatives.

The community meeting was advertised in newspaper, Facebook, and Borough website.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Bear Creek Fire Service Area

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Maintenance will be funded through the Bear Creek Fire Service Area annual budget process as part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

SERVICE AREA: Central Emergency Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Soldotna Fire Station Replacement**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

At the General Election on October 4, 2022, Central Emergency Service Area, through voter approval secured a General Obligation Bond in the amount of $16,500,000.00 for the capital construction and replacement for the Soldotna Fire Station #1. Through the schematic design phase, construction and FFE are estimated to be $22,364,703.16 for the completion of the project, leaving the Fire Service Area with a project deficit of $5,866,502.26.

The Central Emergency Service Area has funded site selection, acquisition, pre-development, schematic designs, and geotechnical site analysis for construction of a new fire station. The selected property is adjacent to the existing Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency 9-1-1 Communications center. There is ample frontage to support an apron serving up to six drive-thru apparatus bays while also accommodating necessary parking and return vehicle access.

Central Emergency Service (CES) Soldotna District Fire Station #1 needs to be replaced. It is the primary fire station for the City of Soldotna and headquarters to five CES substations that serve the unincorporated communities of Ridgeway, Sterling, Kalifornsky, Kasilof and Funny River. Meeting the service area needs for ~32,000 local residents, summer influx of visitors to state and national forests as well as providing emergency response services on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. It is the busiest fire station on the Kenai Peninsula, providing ~2,800 responses annually. Additionally, CES supports wildland fire operations to the Alaska Division of Forestry and provides auto-aid to the City of Kenai. The Soldotna District Fire Station is the primary fire station within 10 minutes for over 14,000 people, and part of a tiered response for 25,000 residents of the entire emergency service area.

The current CES Soldotna District Fire Station #1 was originally built in 1957 with phased in additions funded by the City of Soldotna, added to meet response demands in 1961, 1971 and 1981. The current station and staging area have far exceeded useful life and operational capacity, with issues such as significant structural deficiencies, insufficient ADA compliance, minimal sleeping quarters per gender regulations, no fleet maintenance bays, and no secured property storage for water or snow rescue vehicles.

Funding Requested:	$	5,866,502	Election District:	Senate:	D
Total Project Cost:	$	22,364,703		House:	7, 8
Local Match (if any):	$	16,498,200			

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	22,364,703	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	16,498,200	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:	$	5,866,502	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	$	5,866,502	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
General Obligation Bonds of the Service Area of $16,498,200.90

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: March 2024: Bid Awarded for construction. Ground Breaking April-May 2024-The state capital award will be used for construction, furnishings, building equipment and administrative costs. Completion of the project is estimated July 2025.

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?
In the October 4, 2022 General Election, the qualified voters of the Central Emergency Service Area passed a bond proposition for approval of capital construction and improvements related to the Soldotna Fire Station replacement. The voters approved overwhelmingly to issuance of $16,500,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds of the Central Emergency Service Area to pay the costs of the replacement of the Central Emergency Services Fire Station # 1.

At the Central Emergency Service Area Advisory Board meeting on October 19, 2023, which was advertised on the Kenai Peninsula Borough website, and available for public comment, the Board approved the 2023 Legislative State Capital Improvement Project request of $5,866,502.26 for funding needed to complete the approved CES Soldotna Fire Station #1 replacement project.

Advertisement for the project and voter approval were carried out in local print media (Peninsula Clarion) as required by KPB Ordinance. CES Service Area Board meetings specific to this project were held annually from 2012 to October 2023, and during several Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meetings, where public comments were taken on this project and bond proposal. These meetings were public, and advertised and were held in the communities of Soldotna, Sterling, Kasilof, Funny River and Kalifornsky Beach.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Central Emergency Service Area

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Central Emergency Services, Operating Budget, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

SERVICE AREA: Kachemak Emergency Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Station #1 & Station #2 Renovations and Additions**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kachemak Emergency Service Area requesting $1,650,000.00 for renovations and additions to Station #1 and Station #2

Background

Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) covers 214 square miles from the head of Kachemak Bay and Caribou Lake to Anchor Point. KESA in order to respond effectively, operates two stations one at Mile-12 East End Road for East side coverage and one on Diamond Ridge Road for West side coverage. KESA also responds through automatic aid mutual agreements to Homer and Western Emergency Service Areas for all fire calls. KESA has had a steady increase in call volume over the past 5 years at approximately 30%.

Justification

In recent years our volunteer base has decreased which has resulted in a change of operational strategy from all volunteer to a combination department.

In the KESA area a population increase has increased demand on services. This increase in population has pushed building averages to approximately 54 improvements on parcels each year with most of those being new homes.

In order to maintain a quick response time, KESA is changing its fire/EMS personnel from 40 hours a week to 56 hour a week to provide 24/7 coverage.

KESA Stations were originally constructed to support a volunteer program and did not include offices, official training rooms or sleeping quarters. As a temporary solution, KESA personnel constructed two bedrooms at Station 1 next to our training room so we can begin our 24-hour coverage on the East side of our Service Area.

In response to these needs KESA is looking to improve both Station #1 and Station #2 facilities to include sleeping quarters, offices, training room and storage space.

Methodology

Should the funding be made available KESA will begin a design development project to develop bid ready construction documents for the improvements to Station #1 as the first priority and immediately followed by improvements to Station #2. The goal of both efforts will be to complete all work by the end of 2025.

Funding Requested:	$ 1,650,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 1,700,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 50,000.00				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	1,650,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	50,000	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:	$	1,650,000	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:
$50,000 from KESA Capital Project fund balance transfer

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: Should the funding be made available KESA will begin a design development project to develop bid ready construction documents for the improvements to Station #1 as the first priority and immediately followed by improvements to Station #2. The goal of both efforts will be to complete all work by the end of 2025.

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?
Project was discussed during KESA Board Meetings attended by members of the public and was voted on as a number 1 priority on October 8, 2015.

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kachemak Emergency Service Area

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Through the Kachemak Emergency Service Area Operating Budget funded via mill levy.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

SERVICE AREA: Western Emergency Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Expansion and Renovation of WES Station 3 – Anchor Point**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking $3,800,000 to expand and renovate the Fire Station (WES station 3) in Anchor Point, Alaska.

Background

The Western Emergency Service Area was formed in 2020 when two Rural Fire Departments; Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Services and Ninilchik Emergency Services combined into one department and is the sole provider of fire and Advanced Life Support for the communities of Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk, Happy Valley, Ninilchik and Clam Gulch. With this combination, the area which we serve jumped to an overall size of 826 square miles of the western Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. The area has one major travel artery, the Sterling Highway that connects several communities and cities to the major metropolitan area of Anchorage. 45 miles of this highway runs through our service area. The department provides full fire protection and Advanced Life Support medical services to all of the residents as well as visitors. The area has one major travel artery, the Sterling Highway, that connects several communities and cities to the major metropolitan area of Anchorage. 45 miles of this highway runs through our service area. This access to the lower Kenai Peninsula creates and influx of recreational tourism, commercial and sport fishing related visitors, along with other commercial and industrial activities from Alaska and beyond. This Increase in service demand can often quadruple at peak times placing the burden support services on local property taxpayers.

Due to the expansion of the fire service area, the addition of career staff who are on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and the addition of services the existing station has outgrown the use as it was originally designed some 30 years ago. Additionally, the station does not meet current NFPA standards for station design per NFPA 1500, 1, and 72 and is past the point of possible retrofit without significant expansion and renovation.

Western Emergency Services prioritizes its Capital improvement projects through the use of a tier list that is generated by the department through their operational assessment. The list is then evaluated by the Fire Service Area Board and a recommendation is made for yearly priority projects, the project list is extended out to 5 years and is sent to the Borough administration for inclusion in the annual budget at the wishes of the assembly.

Justification

Western Emergency Services is committed to the capital improvement of its protection area and to the safety of its personnel. The service area is funded by a 2.95 mil rate and through various competitive grants and ambulance billing with an estimated total budget of $2,500,000.00 annually. The service area has identified several deficiencies with the current fire station (WES Station 3) in Anchor Point. The expansion and renovation (addition of 6,400 sq.ft.) of this station will allow for safer working conditions for the employees by allowing for the needed space for equipment storage, a medical clean room, equipment cleaning room, decontamination area, bunker gear storage, sleeping/cooking/dining facilities, office spaces, a multi-use training and conference room which will double as a community meeting space, a dedicated ambulance parking garage, and additional fire apparatus parking stalls. The improvements would additionally include vehicle exhaust recovery systems in the vehicle bays to assist with the removal of carcinogens. The total estimated cost of the expansion and renovation of the station is estimated at $3,800,000 The land the existing fire station is located on is already owned by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the adjacent properties is have already been purchased by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Methodology

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately launch a Design/Construction project through a competitive bid process. The station would be expanded and renovated or constructed to meet all applicable NFPA standards at the time of construction. The facility if expanded or renovated constructed would have an estimated minimum useful life of 30 + years.

Funding Requested:	$ 3,800,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 3,800,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 0				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	3,800,000	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:	$	3,800,000	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:

Current operational demands do not allow for resources to be allocated to the requested necessary improvements.

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:

Should funding be made available Design work would begin in the late summer of 2024 and Construction taking place as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2025 resulting in a project completion prior to the end of 2025.

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?

Western Emergency Service Area Board meeting, October 18, 2023

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

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

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

Western Emergency Services, Operating Budget, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

SERVICE AREA: Western Emergency Service Area

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**WES Ambulance Replacement**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Western Emergency Service Area is seeking $1,125,000 to replace 3 ambulances.

Background

The Western Emergency Service area was formed in 2020 when two Rural Fire Departments; Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Services and Ninilchik Emergency Services combined into one department and is the sole provider of fire and Advanced Life Support for the communities of Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk, Happy Valley, Ninilchik and Clam Gulch. With this combination, the area which we serve jumped to an overall size of 826 square miles of the western Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. The area has one major travel artery, the Sterling Highway that connects several communities and cities to the major metropolitan area of Anchorage. 45 miles of this highway runs through our service area. This access to the lower Kenai Peninsula creates and influx of recreational tourism, commercial and sport fishing related visitors, along with other commercial and industrial activities from Alaska and beyond. This Increase in service demand can often quadruple at peak times placing the burden on local property taxpayers.

The department consists of 10 ten career staff and approximately 35 volunteer firefighters and EMTs. The department provides full fire protection and Advanced Life Support medical services to all of the residents as well as visitors.

Justification

Western Emergency Services is seeking financial support to replace three of our aging ambulances that are currently in active service. These new vehicles are intended to replace our three oldest ambulances, which have served for 16, 22, and 23 years. The replacement ambulances will play a pivotal role in the transportation of individuals experiencing medical emergencies or those injured in accidents, ensuring that our community receives the highest standard of care and timely response.

Western Emergency Services presently operates a fleet of six ambulances, with three of them being built in 2010 and in fair condition. Unfortunately, the remaining three ambulances, which are from the years 2000, 2001, and 2008 are in poor condition and require immediate replacement. Our objective is to maintain a fleet of five operational ambulances distributed across our three fire stations. Regrettably, we have consistently faced the challenge of having at least two ambulances out of service on any given day due to the recurring mechanical issues affecting all six units, which highlights the urgent need for an upgrade.

Advancements in ambulance design and technology have led to a significant enhancement of safety features that were not widely available in 2010. In addition, modern ambulances boast enhanced structural integrity, providing better protection in the event of a collision or rollover. These innovations in ambulance safety features demonstrate a compelling need to upgrade our fleet and provide the highest level of care and protection for our patients and dedicated emergency medical professionals.

Methodology

Should funds be made available Western Emergency Services and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Purchasing and Contracting Department will immediately begin the process of procurement and manufacturing the ambulances. Based on recent apparatus purchases in other local service areas an estimated delivery date of roughly 20 months after funding is received is anticipated.

Funding Requested:	$ 1,125,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 1,125,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 0				

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	1,125000	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:	$	1,125,000	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: Should funds be made available Western Emergency Services and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Purchasing and Contracting Department will immediately begin the process of procurement and manufacturing the ambulances. Based on recent apparatus purchases in other local service areas an estimated delivery date of roughly 20 months after funding is received is anticipated.

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?

Western Emergency Service Area Board meeting, October 18, 2023

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

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

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

Western Emergency Services, Operating Budget, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Anchor Point

Funding Recipient:	**Anchor Point Senior Citizens Inc. (APSCI)**		
Project Name:	**Senior Housing**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anchor Point Senior Center and community of Anchor Point are in dire need of affordable housing. Many come to Anchor Point with a dream of living in rural Alaska and making a life for themselves and taking pride in living· independently. The value of such a lifestyle comes by way of hard work. As individuals get older their needs change. When unable to provide for certain amenities, they choose or learn to do without. These seniors are aging themselves into isolation.
The Anchor Point Senior Center constantly receives phone calls inquiring about senior housing. Often those calling can no longer maintain their homes, are living alone, or physically can no longer manage living where they are. If we were able to build a dozen apartments, they could be filled immediately. The need is real.

The Senior Housing Project has one goal:
- Create more affordable housing for seniors in Anchor Point
- Build a 4 plex housing unit with double occupancy on APSCI property.
- Finish and fill these 4 additional apartments over the next 2 years.
- The project will utilize the blueprints and design of our current 4 plex (built in 2008)
- APSCI owns 7 acres of land on which the Senior Center, Senior Apartments, Senior Gardens, and Helping Hands outreach sites are located, along with three vacant lots at the value of $84,100.
- All property is owned free and clear with zero liens.
- APSCI is located off the Sterling Highway on the borough-maintained road of Milo Fritz Avenue
- Natural gas was installed on the property in 2021.
- APSCI is on city water known as Anchor Point Safe Water.
- Electricity is provided by HEA to all buildings.
- Driveways and parking lots to existing buildings are in place and would be added on to
- The goal is to replicate the existing apartments as many times as the property will allow
- Let's start with a new 4 plex and grow the possibilities.

The Anchor Point Senior Center has secured $25,000 in savings and is currently speaking to the Rasputin Foundation regarding grant funds estimated around $100,000. Currently the foundation is not funding grants but plans to start again nearing the end of 2023 through the Spring of 2024.

Funding Requested:	$ 1,650,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 1,800,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 109,100				

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	1,800,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	109,100	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:	$	1,650,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	$	100,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	$		Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
$25,000 devoted to future housing by APSCI

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:
Should the project be funded,
Architects would secure the plans.
The project would go out to bid for 3 months.
Building would begin within the year of accepted proposal.
Total timeline would strive to fall within two years of contracted hire

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 Chapman Elementary School on September 27, 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? Anchor Point Senior Citizens Inc.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Anchor Point Senior Citizens Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Rent will be an immediate source of revenue to help sustain the longevity of the apartments
Already in place APSCI programs incur revenues to be of assistance, when needed, to maintain new apartments.
Already in place hire maintenance employee will be available to aid in fixing any apartment issues that may arise.
Additional apartments would easily fit into the daily routine and annual programs of the Anchor Point Senior Center

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Cooper Landing

Funding Recipient:	**Cooper Landing Emergency Services**		
Project Name:	**Building Maintenance and Repairs**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Description:
Building #1 – Covered awning for vehicle storage.
Building #1 – New water heater.
Building #2 and #3 New metal siding. Window and door trim.

Project Justification:
Building #1 Covered awning: We currently do not have a properly covered roof to protect vehicles and apparatus from weather. We house our most used ambulance and fire truck in the indoor bays, but additional outdoor space would cover our admin vehicle and our hopefully soon to be acquired snow machine and water rescue boat. Otherwise, we have no available additional covered storage. The proposed awning would be 16' by 60'. The east side of building #1 is the best place to build such an awning.

Building #1 New water heater: Building #1 is equipped with shower and laundry facility that is currently served by an outdated 20-gallon water heater. This heater is woefully inadequate to support the shower and laundry. These amenities serve out of town volunteers who stay here to help respond to emergencies. Showers and laundry are a necessity after many calls in which our volunteers may be exposed to smoke, chemicals, or contagious pathogens. We request the installation of a commercially rated electric 80-gallon water heater and the miscellaneous re-piping necessary to install a larger water heater.

Building #2 and #3 New metal siding: Our aging buildings have outdated wood siding that is very weathered and even rotting in some places. More efficient metal siding that will withstand our weather and last indefinitely without seasonal maintenance would be advantageous to our department. Replacing it with metal siding will free up volunteer hours for other maintenance issues and training time. In the past our volunteers have replaced some siding as needed and painted to keep the siding in good condition, but it has reached the end of its life span. These buildings must be kept in good condition for the proper storage and protection of our apparatus and equipment. New siding, window and door trim will fix this ongoing problem once and for all.

Funding Requested:	$ 92,748	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$ 92,748		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$				

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	92,748	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:	$	92,748	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:
This project could begin as quickly as funding is available and completed within 90 days.

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 Copper Landing Elementary School 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? Cooper Landing Emergency Services (CLES)

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

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Through annual normal general fund.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Diamond Ridge

Funding Recipient:	**Homer Cycling Club**		
Project Name:	**Facility Improvements at Diamond Creek State Recreation Site**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

At Diamond Creek State Recreation Site (DCSRS), Homer Cycling Club (HCC) has built, and currently maintains, 5 miles of multi-use trails on Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) managed land. These trails are used year-round for mountain biking, fat biking, hiking, running, snowshoeing, and XC skiing. There is also a popular trail to access the beach on the property, of which there are few public options on the southern Kenai Peninsula. As well, mountain biking and hiking opportunities on the north shore of Kachemak Bay are limited. Many families, locals and visitors alike, do not have the resources to travel across the bay to enjoy the trails within Kachemak Bay State Park. The DCSRS provides an easily accessible opportunity for families of all abilities to enjoy the outdoor experiences the area has to offer.

Development in the surrounding area has increased significantly over the past few years. Predictably, this growth has resulted in more visitors to DCSRS and greater use of the facilities. While the increase in the number of users is an encouraging trend for economic growth and overall public health, it has added stress on the existing infrastructure. The access road has degraded enough to be detrimental to emergency vehicle response times. The parking area is ambiguous, resulting in parking behavior that is destructive to it and the road. The increased traffic on the trails, coupled with these past two wet years, has exposed problem areas which will need ditching, bridging, and hardening. The outhouse presently installed will be inadequate to meet the growing usage, and a serviceable, concrete vaulted toilet is ultimately needed for public health reasons.

It is expected that the popularity of this trail system will continue to grow in the coming years, and it is imperative that the infrastructure be upgraded to prepare for larger numbers of visitors to the DCSRS. State Parks, at the local level, lack the resources to execute these upgrades, and so it falls upon community organizations to do so.

Homer Cycling Club is working towards the following upgrades to the facility to occur in two phases.

PHASE 1

1. Upgrade and develop the trailhead parking to match the planned footprint for DCSRS. This will create intuitive parking and increase availability from 5 spots to 25 spots. Estimated cost of $90,000
2. Perform maintenance work to the access road, grading and clearing ditches. Estimated cost of $10,000
3. Upgrade existing trails by widening the corridor, opening sight lines, ditching, bridging and hardening tread where needed. Estimated cost of $10,000

PHASE 2

4. Upgrade the existing outhouse to a serviceable, concrete vaulted toilet to meet DPOR specs, to be undertaken as funds are available. Estimated cost $225,000

As a small community non-profit, Homer Cycling Club has limited resources to invest in these larger capital projects, but what we lack in funds, we make up for with volunteer effort. $3,094.64 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Assistance Program funds, $3,094.64 matching capital from Homer Cycling Club, anticipated 300 volunteer hours. More funds will be solicited locally should this project receive CIP funding.

Funding Requested:	$ 310,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 335,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 15,000				

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	335,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	15,000	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:	$	310,000	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:	$		Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:

$3,094.64 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Assistance Program funds, $3,094.64 matching capital from Homer Cycling Club, anticipated 300 volunteer hours. More funds will be solicited locally should this project receive CIP funding.

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 on Phase 1 will occur as soon as the ground thaws in Spring of 2024 and continue throughout 2024. Execution of Phase 2 will occur after completion of Phase 1 once funding is secured.

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 McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 30, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? Alaska Department of Outdoor Recreation (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?

HCC assumes responsibility for maintenance of these facilities. Funds for maintenance will be generated through the establishment of a rental yurt which will be listed as part of the State Parks cabin/yurt rental system. The yurt is already in place and is awaiting final approval to changes in the existing Memorandum of Understanding from State Parks management.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Fox River

Funding Recipient:	**Snomads Inc.**		
Project Name:	**CLT Trail Access Mats for Wetlands**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Snomads Inc. intend is in the process of rehabilitation of the severely degraded Caribou Lake Trail, known locally as the Boardwalk Trail, primarily benefitting the residents of the Fox River area. Snomads intends to continue and expand its operations on the Boardwalk (BW) Trail by rehabilitating, maintaining, marking (this proposal), and grooming. The rehabilitation of the BW Trail will need to be broken up into several phases. Segment 1, or the first 1.9 miles of trail, located on upland soils is in process but several miles of wetland trail will remain. Snomads is requesting a Capital Purchase of Synthetic Access Mats to line the wetland trail bed.

The combination of larger sized ATVs and a recent rapid increase in recreational users are causing an emergency, both for the safety of people and the land. Here we are proposing a rehabilitation of the Wetlands portions of the trail, in consultation and partnership with DNR, ADF&G, HSWCD, and others where a more complex solution sets are required. Off Road Recreational Vehicle users (ORRV) users currently avoid the next several segments of the trail, diverting instead onto the wetlands that subsequently results in severe wetland damage and altered/degraded hydrology. These wetland trail segments are avoided by most hikers and fat tire bikers altogether.

A technical solution is required with the use of Synthetic Access Mats and Snomads intends to install these Mats within the wetland segments of the trail and will be installed with both volunteer and contract labor. This capital investment will provide coverage for 2,160 feet of hardened trail surface through these wetlands, which is used extensively by the remote parcel landowners in and around Caribou Lake, local citizens of the several Fox River villages, and Alaskans throughout the State. There will be no ongoing cost to KPB or the State of Alaska after this material is purchased for these next segments of the Caribou Lake Trail.

Funding Requested:	$	132,300	Election District:	Senate:	C
Total Project Cost:	$	147,000		House:	6
Local Match (if any):	$	14,700			

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	132,300	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	14,700	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:	$	147,00	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:

Secured Funding from Snomads Gaming and Savings Accounts for Matching Funds. Snomads has secured discounted pricing from the vendor (See Attached Quote). Material purchase is $135,000.00 FOB from a Seattle dock and Snomads will primarily use the matching funds for Material Shipping from Seattle to Homer.

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 be in two phases, with phase 1 being material purchasing, made within 2 weeks of award. The material will take 3 months to produce, and another two weeks to ship to Seattle, then another two weeks to get to Seward. Phase 2 shipping expenditures will be 3.5 months after phase 1 spending. We anticipate material being in Homer AK by May or June 2024.

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 McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 30, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? Snomads Inc.

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

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

Snomads will role the maintenance costs and activities into our existing Trail Management and Maintenance Activities, which are extensive within the Caribou Hills South Recreational Trail System.

Please select a project type (chose 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: 92-0143312

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2024 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 Polaris 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 $16,715 based on the attached quote from Homer Saw & Cycle. This amount includes a charitable discount from Homer Saw for $1,000 and a discount from the manufacturer Polaris for $2,000.

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:	$	16,715	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$	19,715		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$	3,000				

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	19,715	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	3,000	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:	$	16,715	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:
$1,000 – Discount from Homer Saw & Cycle
$2,000 – Discount from manufacturer Polaris

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:
We would plan on purchasing the ATV in Spring to Summer, 2024.

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 McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 30, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC)

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC)

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
O&M will be provided by skilled KNSC volunteers and, as necessary, professionally by a local shop using KNSC funds budgeted for this purpose.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Funny River

Funding Recipient:	**Funny River Community Association (FRCA)**		
Project Name:	**Community Center Upgrade to an Emergency Center**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Funny River Community would like to upgrade the Funny River Community Center to qualify as an Emergency Center for the local residents and for outside emergency response personnel.
The 2014 Funny River fire demonstrated the need for and emergency shelter when a large numbers of our residents were evacuated In the face of a rapidly-expanding wildfire. Families and individuals in the Funny River area were displaced and needed some place to stay for the duration of the evacuation. Funny River area is in a forested terrain, with only one road in and out of the Funny River Community and with one narrow outdated bridge (Funny River). The threat of wildfire will be ongoing in the future and will affect a Growing number of people living here in the Funny River Community. Present population full-time residents' number around 1100 and expands at least to 10,000 during the summer fishing months. In 2023, in the early spring, the Funny River road washed out at mile 8. The local community volunteers opened up the Funny River Community Center to help people that were displaced and needed food or shelter. Currently all toilets in the community center are located indoors and are not accessible when the center is locked.
We are requesting funding for capital improvements to the Funny River Community Center to make it and official emergency shelter Facility as recommended by Central Emergency Services and the RED Cross.

Funny River Community Center capital improvements wish list:

1) Add additional showers & improve the current septic and sewer system
2) Redo the interior ceiling on 40% of the building
3) RV electrical stands outside for emergency purposes
4) Additional washer and dryers
5) Expand outside pavilion
6) Purchase a new 20'x30' outside tent
7) Additional outside storage building or insulated Conex containers
8) Emergency response supplies, bedding, cots, blankets,
9) Improve & expand outside water supplies and drainage
10) Outside: two pit toilets or 2 outside serviceable outhouses
11) Expand recreational area for Ball Park, Soccer, Playground

If the improvements were done, the Funny River Community Center could accommodate people and emergency response personnel better during a local emergency and to have a better facility for the growing community.
Funny River and community members will contribute an estimated 500 hours of volunteer labor towards this project.

Funding Requested:	$ 225,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$ 240,000		House:		08
Local Match (if any):	$ 15,000				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	240,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	15,000	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:	$	225,000	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:
Volunteer labor for construction and remodeling - $15,000 (estimated at 500 hours x $30.00/hour)

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 the project is funded, the project time-line would take about a year to complete. So if funding was issued by January 1 of 2024 then the project should be done by no later than December 31, 2024.

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 Funny River Community Center on September 29, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? 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?
Funny River Community Association operational budget and competitive grants.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Funny River

Funding Recipient:	**Funny River Community Association (FRCA)**		
Project Name:	**Community Center Upgrade to an Emergency Center**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Funny River Community Center is needing outside toilets.

The 2014 Funny River fire demonstrated the need for and emergency shelter when a large numbers of our residents were evacuated In the face of a rapidly-expanding wildfire. Families and individuals in the Funny River area were displaced and needed some place to stay for the duration of the evacuation. Funny River area is in a forested terrain, with only one road in and out of the Funny River Community and with one narrow outdated bridge (Funny River). The threat of wildfire will be ongoing in the future and will affect a Growing number of people living here in the Funny River Community. Present population full-time residents number around 1100 and expands at least to 10,000 during the summer fishing months. In 2023, in the early spring, the Funny River road washed out at mile 8. The local community volunteers opened up the Funny River Community Center to help people that were displaced and needed food or shelter. Currently all toilets in the community center are located indoors and are not accessible when the center is locked. So there are no outside toilets now. We had several incidents the past few years where little kids and adults pooped or pee in their pants because there was no outside restroom and the community center was locked.

Installing either 2 pit toilets and or portable toilets is needed on the playground area outside the community center.

If the improvements were done, the Funny River Community Center could accommodate people and emergency response personnel better during a local emergency and to have a better facility for the growing community.

Funny River and community members will contribute an estimated 40 hours of volunteer labor towards this project.

Funding Requested:	$	10,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$	11,200		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$	1,200				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	11,200	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	1,200	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:	$	10,000	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:
Volunteer labor for construction and remodeling - $1,200 (estimated at 40 hours x $30.00/hour)

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 the project is funded, the project time-line would take about a year to complete. So if funding was issued by January 1 of 2024 then the project should be done by no later than December 31, 2024.

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 Funny River Community Center on September 29, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? 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?
Funny River Community Association operational budget and competitive grants.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Hope

Funding Recipient:	**Hope, Inc.**		
Project Name:	**Public Parking Lot**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project: Acquire and develop a piece of property for the purpose of providing off street parking for visitors (tourists, fishing families, concert goers, etc.) with safe access to downtown Hope and Resurrection Creek.

KPB Parcel 03529014 and/or a portion of KPB Parcel 03529024 are the desired locations for this project through a long-term lease or acquisition of the parcel(s).

Justification: From May to September Hope's 2nd Avenue, "A" and Main Streets are reduced to one lane traffic due to people parking (and even overnight camping) on both sides of the streets. The only public parking available is on the town streets. The heavy congestion is a safety concern especially for pedestrians in the downtown corridors. There is concern that emergency response vehicles would not be able to pass through the streets if necessary.

Funding Requested:	$	150,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$	150,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$	Volunteer labor				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	150,000	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:	$	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:	$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
Local contribution will be in the form of volunteer labor and equipment. We hope to utilize the local gravel pit to reduce the cost of transporting gravel.

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:
Site identification and acquisition to be accomplished during winter 2023/2024 with construction beginning spring 2024 with parking lot operational by May 15, 2024.

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 Hope Social Hall 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? Hope, Inc.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Hope, Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Hope, Inc. resources through regular KPB Cap Funding, local fund raising and possible user fees.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Hope

Funding Recipient:	**Hope, Inc.**		
Project Name:	**Safety Path**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project: Safety path to be constructed within the road right-of-way of the Hope Highway (highway) from the Solid Waste Transfer Site (transfer site) near the intersection with Mathison Drive to the Resurrection Creek Bridge (bridge) near the intersection with 2nd Avenue. There is an existing pathway along the Highway from 2nd Avenue to near the intersection with Resurrection Creek Road. This project would improve the existing path and extend it in two directions; 1) east to the transfer site and 2) west to the bridge. The path to be on the south side of the highway from the transfer site to near the intersection of Resurrection Creek Road where is would cross to the north side of the highway (near existing pedestrian crossing signs). The path would continue on the north side of the highway along the existing and newly constructed path to the bridge.

Justification: There is a community concern regarding safety of pedestrians and bicyclists along the highway due to Increased summer traffic in the community. Businesses, school, and accommodations exist along the highway. There is no shoulder along the highway and pedestrians (including families with small children) walk or bike in the road. There is a lot of vehicle traffic into the late evening when visibility is reduced; it is very dangerous for people to walk on the road at any time of day. This has been a concern for the community for many years but the increased visitor traffic has made safety of our community members and visitors a top priority.

We have commitments from local contractors and trail users to volunteer to reduce construction, equipment and maintenance costs. Funding is sought to cover plans, permits, materials, equipment and construction.

Funding Requested:	$	500,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$	500,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$	Volunteer labor				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	500,000	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:	$	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:	$		Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
Local contribution will be in the form of volunteer labor and equipment. We hope to utilize the local gravel pit to reduce the cost of transporting gravel.

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:
Planning and permitting (if necessary) to occur during winter 2023/2024 with construction beginning spring 2024. We would like the project completed in summer of 2024.

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 Hope Social Hall 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? State of Alaska, Department of Transportation

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Hope, Inc.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Hope, Inc. resources through regular KPB Cap Funding, local fund raising and possible user fees.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Kasilof

Funding Recipient:	**Kenai Peninsula Borough**		
Project Name:	**Yukon Road Capital Project**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This Capital Improvement Project is to bring Yukon 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 is 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. 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. Safety is a huge factor as people get stuck in all weather.

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. BCHA has been planning for and given land to build a parking lot for horse trailers, hikers, skiers, and bikers to park and access the trails. 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 are needed for this project to move forward.

Funding Requested:	$ 2,000,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 2,000,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	2,000,000	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:	$	2,000,000	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:

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 borough sponsored community meeting was held at Tustemena Elementary School on September 28, 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? 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 and the value of land with much of it being river front property generates a significant amount of revenue to the Borough.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Lowell Point

Funding Recipient:	**Alaska State Parks**		
Project Name:	**Caines Head State Recreation Area Parking Lot Expansion**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community of Lowell Point is located approximately two miles south of Seward, Alaska. The two-mile access road is at the base of mountainside cliffs and the ocean. We are a small community of approximately 100 year-round residents. In the summer this population increases exponentially to 1,500 or more, with visitors and summer employees. While our community is close to the City of Seward, the only access road is at the base of mountain cliffs, following the oceanside. Lowell Point Road is a poorly constructed, narrow, gravel road that is often blocked with rock, snow, landslides or world class potholes.

Caines Head State Recreation Area is located within our community. In the last 10 years, the popularity of this recreation area has increased significantly, and the lack of adequate parking has become a safety hazard in our community. The beach, trails, historic military sites, camping areas and the public use cabins have become incredibly popular with local and Alaska residents and visitors to our area. During and since the COVID pandemic, users of this park have increased even more as Alaskans are becoming more active.

The inadequate parking for Alaska State Park visitors has been a problem in our community for over a decade. Lowell Point Community Council has had this issue on their regular agenda since 2015. LPCC has held many community meetings and stakeholder meetings since 2019 to try and find a solution. In the last three years, with increased visitor use, this issue has become an emergency. State Park users are ignoring No Parking signs and are parking along the road, in the road, in private driveways and on private lawns. Multiple times in the last two years, our fire department and the local ambulance service were not able to drive through this area while responding to an emergency. They had to turn around and go another way, causing life threatening delays. Multiple times last summer emergency calls to the beach were blocked by vehicles parked in the emergency access lane. In 2018, the ambulance and fire department were not able to reach a home where one of our community members was having a heart attack due to illegal parking blocking the road.

The Borough has installed new signs, LPCC has offered remote parking to users, the Borough Assembly approved Ordinance 2020-032 to allow for ticketing of illegally parked vehicles, LPCC and the community have requested assistance from Alaska State Troopers. None of this has helped the situation. Park users continue to park in and on the road, in resident's driveways and lawns. The park is increasingly popular year-round and summer use of the park is growing exponentially. The park has done an amazing job creating a destination for our visitors to recreate and play. However, this destination in our small community must have adequate parking for these visitors.

Our community's number one priority for Capital Improvement Projects is to fund the Caines Head State Recreation Area's project to expand the parking lots for their heavy use areas. Caines Head State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Board has selected this project as their number one priority since 2022 after two community input meetings were held. Alaska State Parks is in the process of planning and engineering to create a design and a project cost.

Funding Requested:	$ 25,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ Unknown		House:		5
Local Match (if any):	$				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	Unknown	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:	$	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:

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:
2023/2024 – Planning, Permitting and Engineering
2024 – Approval of funding by Alaska State Legislature
2024/2025 - Construction

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? Alaska State Parks

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

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Alaska State Parks existing budget for operations and maintenance. No large increase to this budget is expected.

Please select a project type (chose 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 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Lowell Point

Funding Recipient:	**Lowell Point Community Council**		
Project Name:	**Lowell Point Emergency Shelter Improvements**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community of Lowell Point is located approximately two miles south of Seward, Alaska. The two-mile access road is at the base of mountainside cliffs and the ocean. We are a small community of approximately 100 year-round residents. In the summer this population increases exponentially to 1,500 or more, with visitors and summer employees. While our community is close to the City of Seward, the only access road is at the base of mountain cliffs, following the oceanside. Lowell Point Road is a poorly constructed, narrow, gravel road that is often blocked with rock, snow, landslides or world class potholes. Lowell Point is often cut off from road access. Lowell Point must have the ability to provide for ourselves.

In 2002, after several devastating structure fires, our Lowell Point Community Council established Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department. Through fundraising and grant assistance, we purchased an acre of land, constructed a community center and a fire department, buried a 20,000-gallon water tank, purchased an emergency generator and fuel tanks, cleared land and coordinated with agencies to create a helicopter landing zone and drilled a deep well as a community water source. We also have on site portable generators, 50 cots, 100 blankets and emergency food and supplies. Lowell Point was directly impacted by the 1964 earthquake and locally generated Tsunamis. Many in the community remember those horrendous disasters and understand the need for emergency preparedness. The community has worked together to address the serious, community risks of structure fires and other very real natural disasters. We now offer Seward Fire Department and Bear Creek Fire Department Automatic Mutual Aid on structure fires. Lowell Point has tangible capabilities to offer the community.

In recent landslide and Tsunami events, we discovered several deficiencies in our shelter capabilities that we would like to improve. During Tsunami and other emergencies, we have had over 100 people sheltering at our facility. It became immediately obvious that the two bathrooms we have on site are not adequate. As a part of this request, we have designed an additional 4 bathroom/shower spaces onto our fire department building. Sheltering from a natural disaster will not only require restrooms but personal hygiene and decontamination facilities. Care for children and the elderly will also be required. The infrastructure must be in place before it is needed.

The second part of this project is to repair the roof of the fire station. The roof has been leaking due to poor design and construction. We have attempted to repair the roof in-house but we are fighting a bad design. Replacement of the roofing metal and new insulation with a better design and execution will make our fire department an enduring asset to the community. Without the repairs the insulation will continue to rot and the building will suffer structural damage.

Funding Requested:	$ 285,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 295,000		House:		5
Local Match (if any):	$ 10,000				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	295,000	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:	$	285,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	$	285,000	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:
2023/2024 – Planning, Permitting and Engineering
2024 – Approval of funding by Alaska State Legislature
2024 - Construction

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? 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 has a limited budget from memberships, donations and the State of Alaska Community Assistance Program. There is no expected large increase to our operating budget after construction is complete. It would very likely save us money by improving the heating capacity of the fire department.

Please select a project type (chose 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:

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Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Moose Pass

Funding Recipient:	**Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club**		
Project Name:	**Moose Pass Community Hall Parking Lot Drainage**	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 ADNR (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 build up 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 23ro, 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	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	42,000	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:	$	42,000	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 the project is funded, Request for Proposals (RFP's) will go out to bid for 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 borough sponsored community meeting was held at Moose Pass 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 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?
Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club manages the property.

Please select a project type (chose 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:

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Year 2024 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	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$	60,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$					

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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 contra?t.

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 (chose 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:

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Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Ninilchik

Funding Recipient:	**Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc.**		
Project Name:	**Kitchen Remodel and Expansion**	Project Priority Ranking:	1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Ninilchik Senior Center began serving seniors in 1981 with our official non-profit status being obtained in 1987. Our center began through the grass roots effort of a few Ninilchik seniors desiring a place for seniors to go and socialize with their friends. Land was donated by one of the local seniors for a start to this desire. Monetary donations, including funds from State grants, were received, and with a lot of sweat equity, a building was constructed. That lasted for tens year at which point it was realized that the current building size was no longer adequate for the number of seniors wanting to enjoy the center. Thanks in part to a State Capital grant for materials and donated labor by area seniors, 1993 saw the building expand to what we have today.

Current situation: the existing amount of oven and counter space in our kitchen is not consistently meeting the amount of space needed to prepare and package the amount of food needed to satisfy the seniors served. As the senior population ages, their needs are changing, causing an increased demand for home delivered meals. Over the years, we have seen growth in the senior population through the aging process along with new seniors moving into the area. This growth equates to an increased demand in our meal program. The growth and changes seen in the senior population is not isolated to our area. The "Snapshot Report" provided by the Alaska Coalition on Aging for 2020/2021 states, "Alaska continues to be the fastest growing senior population per capita for the ninth consecutive year" (Source: 2020 Profile of Older American, Administration on Aging). The report further states, "Alaska's population of seniors age 60+ continues to grow and increased 56.4% between 2010 and 2021", and that, "In 2020, Alaskan's age 60+ represent 19.5% of the state's total population."

Our meal count during the first quarter of FY24 increased by 8% when compared to FY23. We have been experiencing growth in our meal program for many years now. We expect continued growth in the years to come as the projected state senior population grows. Through all of our growth, the kitchen size has remained the same (since 1993). Over the years, the stove and convection oven have been replaced. In addition, we have added an additional staff member to meet the growing demands of senior meals.

For comparison:

FY1990: Ninilchik Senior Center provided 3,450 meals

FY2004: Ninilchik Senior Center provided 6,921 meals

FY2016: Ninilchik Senior Center provided 9,632 meals

FY2022: Ninilchik Senior Center provided 13,650 meals

FY2023: Ninilchik Senior Center provided 16,451 meals

The project plan is to enlarge the physical amount of usable kitchen space by 210 square feet (from 441 sq. ft. to 651 sq. ft.). The plan is to move one wall out a few feet and remove two walls completely to enlarge the overall space. Once the expansion is complete, we will incorporate our older stove and convection oven into the floor plan (for a total of 2 stoves and 2 convection ovens) for additional cooking area. In addition, the amount of meal prep and packaging counter space will be doubled, and another double sink and additional counter area for salad bar preparation along with a separate sink for handwashing will be added. An additional kitchen hood and fire suppression system as well as stainless steel panels to go behind the additional stove and convection oven will also be installed.

Project cost breakdown:

- $162,750 for the remodel costs which is an estimate of $250/sq. feet (based on average remodel costs for our geographic area (Kenai Peninsula) as specified by the contractor we consulted with about the project). Remodel costs will include new flooring throughout the remodeled area, removing two walls (one is a support wall), rebuilding one wall and replacing support for the other wall, running new plumbing and electrical where needed, as well as any needed inspections. This is an estimated cost at this time. We are allowing an additional $25,000 in the project estimate to account for increased pricing in materials since the original capital grant submission in early 2023.
- Commercial kitchen hood with fire suppression system and (3) insulated stainless steel panels to go behind the ovens: $10,793
- (6) Stainless steel counters with enclosed base sliding, adjustable mid-shelf and 6" backsplash ($749 each). Total $4,494.00
- 2 compartment sink ($482), pre-rinse faucet system ($342), hands-free 17" x 15" mounted sink with faucet for hand washing ($287) for a total of $1,111
- Shipping for hoods, counters, sinks (estimated): $5,000

Installation of above listed items along with installation of our existing appliances, stoves, and 2 convection ovens (estimate): $7,500

Funding Requested:	$ 150,000	Election District:	Senate:		C
Total Project Cost:	$ 225,000		House:		6
Local Match (if any):	$ 52,000				

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	225,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	51,446	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:	$	23,554	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:
$51,446 has been raised so far through donated monies from senior center members. Efforts to raise funds will continue throughout the 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:
Our timeline is to start the project during the fall/winter of 2024; however, that timeline is largely dependent on securing funding. We are currently in the process of obtaining written estimates from 3 different general contractors for comparison.

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 Ninilchik Senior Center on September 29, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? Ninilchik Senior Citizen's, Inc. is a non-profit organization. There are no specific owners of the corporation.

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Senior Center personnel.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?
Senior Center operations and maintenance needs are funded through individual donations, state and borough grants, and gaming monies.

Please select a project type (chose 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:

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COMMUNITY: Ninilchik

Funding Recipient:	**Ninilchik River Estates and residents of Brody Rd. and Alice Ave.**		
Project Name:	**Alice Avenue over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Rd.**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alice Avenue continuation from Brody Rd. along the section line easement to Oil Well Rd, to include a structure over the Ninilchik River. This includes the intersections of Foste McMann Rd., Facher Cummins Rd., Bear Paw Rd., Wild Salmon Way, and Oil Well Rd. Design and construction.

In order to get Emergency Services and deliveries Brody Rd. and Alice Ave. have to be used. Brody Rd. is over KPB grade limits at approximately 12-14 1/2%. Ninilchik River Estates, NRE, residents have been refused deliveries of oil, gas, and equipment, with no alternative of receiving products. Currently Brody Rd. Bridge #1877 has cracking on the concrete deck surface. Photos attached.

NRE has, for years, maintained and plowed from the intersection of Alice Ave. and Foste McMann Rd. to Bear Paw Rd, which is not part of NRE, to have access to Emergency Services and deliveries.

Starting in August 2018 the Garrison Ridge Road Bridge was posted with a load limit of 8 tons. Since then Emergency Services, Fuel Deliveries, Construction Equipment etc. has been forced to use the Brody Road to Alice Avenue detour to access the NRE subdivision. This detour is over 10% grade and a little more than 5 miles farther than the direct route on Garrison Ridge Road. This doesn't sound like much until you look at the substandard conditions on Alice Avenue, with winter or springtime conditions, Emergency Services and fuel deliveries may be seriously delayed. Knowing this Greg Maxwell, then President of NREPOA, put in a Petition for Emergency Assistance to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. We have been working with various agencies on this ever since.

The Garrison Ridge Rd. Bridge has design deficiencies such as the span, the elevation of the bridge above the river, the location, the angle of the river at the bridge site, and the hills at either end of the bridge are too steep to safely maintain. Approaches to the existing bridge are 16 and 18%.

Reference NRE map #86-12. This original subdivision plan shows intersections on Alice Avenue at Wild Salmon Way and Bear Paw Road. Properly designed centerline profiles for the approaches to the structure over the Ninilchik River and the intersection at Wild Salmon Way would eliminate the steep hills we have on Garrison Ridge Road. This project would also build Alice Avenue up to standard from Bear Paw Road, through intersections at Facher Cummins Road and Foste McMann Road. This direct route would save time for Emergency Services and all traffic to the subdivision and residents on Alice Avenue and Brody Rd. The structure at the river and the road would be owned and maintained by the KPB (see included maps). KBP resolution 2022-051. It was the best option for access to the subdivision in 1986 and it still is now. Grades on new construction would be under 9%.

June 4, 2020 letter from Ninilchik Emergency Services Grace Huhndorf, Assistant Chief states they no longer allow their apparatus to access NRE via Garrison Ridge Rd which will negatively impact ambulance and fire vehicle response times by 15-25 minutes. She advised swift action to be taken in regard to bridge access as lives are at stake and cannot be replaced.

May 15, 2019 letter from Dave Bear, Chief Ninilchik Emergency Services states Ambulances and fire response have to use Brody Bridge #1877. Access on Alive is not Borough maintained to Bear Paw, approx. .6 miles. Delays of emergency services are a minimum of 15 minutes. Depending on road conditions there may be no emergency access to NRE. Letters attached.

Funding Requested:	$	1.5 - 2 Million	Election District:	Senate:	C
Total Project Cost:	$	1.5 - 2 Million		House:	6
Local Match (if any):	$	51,500			

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	1.5 - 2 Million	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	$	$51,500 KPB assessed value NRE owned Tract A 2.63 acres	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:	$	1.5 – 2 Million	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:
State/Federal Infrastructure Money for design and construction.

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:
As soon and design and construction can occur.

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 Ninilchik Senior Center on September 29, 2023 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member 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? Kenai Peninsula Borough

Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project? Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2022-051

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

Please select a project type (chose 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:

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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. 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 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	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$	130,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$					

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$	130,000	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:	$	130,000	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:

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 borough sponsored community meeting was held at Sterling Community Center on September 18, 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? 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 (chose 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:

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Year 2024 State Capital Improvement Projects

COMMUNITY: Sterling

Funding Recipient:	**Sterling Community Center, Inc.**		
Project Name:	**Furnishings and Equipment**	Project Priority Ranking:	2

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The description of this project is that the Sterling Community Center (SCC) needs to replace our computers, tables, chairs, table & chair holders, and gym equipment.

The justification for these items is that the existing equipment and furnishings are old, unsafe & not enough of them. The chairs and tables that we have were bought as secondhand furnishings & are over 15 years old. We use these items to rent out when we rent the facility for events. This is how the SCC makes money to pay for operations. We need some new computers, as ours were donated are outdated. We would like to open a computer lab for the community to use. The SCC also needs funds to buy recreation and exercise equipment for programs that are provided for the community. The SCC is not funded by taxes, so all our funds are from donations, fund raising events, rentals & occasional money from the state.

Funding Requested:	$ 50,000	Election District:	Senate:		D
Total Project Cost:	$ 50,000		House:		8
Local Match (if any):	$				

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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:	$	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:	$	50,000	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:

The Sterling Community Center has requested these funds from the state to purchase new tables, chairs and computers. As soon as we receive the funds we will put in the order for the items.

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 Sterling Community Center on September 18, 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? 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?

Maintenance will be provided by the Sterling Community Center and when new equipment is needed the SCC will provide it.

Please select a project type (chose 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: