

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	02/25/25
Hearing:	03/18/25
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2024-19-33**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR  
THE VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF BEAR  
CREEK FIRE SERVICE AREA, CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICES  
AREA, NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA, AND WESTERN EMERGENCY  
SERVICES AREA**

**WHEREAS,** Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, and Western Emergency Service Area applied for individual grants under the 2025 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC), formerly known as Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) program administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough received an award notification dated January 27, 2025 that allows for expenditures from March, 2025 through October 2025, which also allows the service areas to purchase wildland firefighting equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** the VFC program requires a 10 percent match of local expenditures toward the grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the service areas will meet the 10 percent match requirement and 1 percent administration fee through expenditures made from their approved FY25 operating budget if purchases are made prior to June 30, 2025 or, from their FY26 operating budget, if purchases are made between July 1 and December 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on December 10, 2024, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on November 21, 2024, the Central Emergency Services Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on February 12, 2025, the Nikiski Fire Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on February 21, 2024, the Western Emergency Services Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the borough to accept the grant funds;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the mayor is authorized to accept the 2025 VFC program grant funds from the Alaska Department of Natural Resource on behalf of the Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Emergency Services Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, and Western Emergency Services Area, and is authorized execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to expend the grant and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the grant funds are appropriated to the service areas in accordance to the table below:

Service Area	Account	Award
Nikiski Fire	206.51110.26VF1.48760	\$ 9,900.00
Bear Creek Fire	207.51210.26VF2.48760	\$ 8,538.00
Western Emergency	209.51410.26VF3.48760	\$10,000.00
Central Emergency	211.51610.26VF4.48760	\$ 8,491.54

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.**



Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cox, Dunne, Ecklund, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens  
No: None  
Absent: Baisden, Cooper