



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2022 State Capital Improvement Projects

## CAPITAL PROJECT: KPBSD District Office and School Relocation

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** KPBSD District Office and School Relocation

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$14,500,000 to relocate the KPBSD district administration building from the Navarre Borough Administration building to the old Soldotna Prep School Building. This will allow the Borough to address the over crowding issues in the Borough building, improve air quality and employee spacing.

**Background**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough and School District work together to establish priorities for the Capital improvement projects. The old Soldotna Prep School Building has been vacant but is still is a viable structure that needs to be used for educational purposes. A minor remodel is required to accommodate the relocation of District Office Personnel, River City Academy, Connections School, and Soldotna Monitory charter schools to the site as well. The space will also provide for Community Schools Adult Basic Education and a more efficient Professional development for the district.

**Justification**

The Borough Administration Building is currently overcrowded, and relocation of the School District administration will alleviate the situation and provide a better work environment for both the Borough and district employees. This will also address the overcrowding at Skyview Middle School, and connections and prepare the way for the replacement of a smaller (consolidated) Soldotna Elementary School facility.

In 2019 the Soldotna Preparatory School was surplusd due to low enrolment and consolidation of School District Program services. The currently vacant Soldotna Prep building is a durable structure that includes recent roof and boiler replacement and retains much of its useful life. In August 2020 the Borough and the School District hired a professional Architectural and Engineering team to confirm the buildings viability for future use and alternatives for repurposing

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is currently expending approximately \$300,000.00 annually to maintain and preserve the Soldotna Preparatory School Facility. The facility is currently under used and this repurposing project would address multiple School District, Borough and community issues while make the building operational cost expenditures much more effectively applied. The project will also serve to address both Borough and School district needs without expanding Borough infrastructure and thus creating more efficiencies in facility use.

**Methodology**

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately launch a design and construction project to renovate the Old Soldotna Preparatory School Facility. Based on the already completed feasibility study design work would commence as soon as funding is available in 2022 with a construction renovation project beginning in early 2023. The completion of this project will address a critical Borough and School District need for decades to come.

Funding Requested:	\$	14,500,000.00	Election District:	Senate:
Total Project Cost:	\$	14,500,000.00		House:
Local Match (if any):	\$			

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 14,500,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$ 14,500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

N/A

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

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

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?

Who will own the project or facility? Kenai Peninsula Borough

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

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 (chosed only one):
- Planning and Research
  - Maintenance and Repairs
  - Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
  - New Construction and Land Acquisition
  - Equipment and Materials
  - Information System and Technology
  - Other: