

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

THRU: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*
Elizabeth Hardie, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *EH*
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*

FROM: Marcus A. Mueller, Land Management Officer *mam*

DATE: March 21, 2024

RE: Ordinance 2023-19-43, Accepting and Appropriating \$89,000 in Federal Pass Through Grant Funds from the State of Alaska for Woody Fuel Disposal in the Communities of Cooper Landing and Hope and Approving Entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for the Administration of Funds and Operations (Mayor)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (“KPB”) provides woody fuel disposal sites within material sites in both Hope and Cooper Landing. These sites are administered through the Land Management Division. The woody fuel, or “slash” disposal has been accommodated at these sites on an ad-hoc basis due to the importance of community firewise efforts.

The State of Alaska’s Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Fire Protection (“DOF”) is implementing a federal grant to support efforts to collect woody fuels that would otherwise pose a hazard to communities, and in so doing is offering assistance to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to operationally resource these community slash disposal sites.

A memorandum of agreement (“MOA”) has been negotiated with DOF to provide for woody fuels disposal site operations and funding administration by reimbursement without match requirements. The MOA provides up to \$89,000 for reimbursable expenses associated with the Hope and Cooper Landing Slash Disposal sites. The source of funding is a US Forest Service grant to the State of Alaska, id 23-DG-11100106-807. The project would be managed by the Land Management Division.

The Ordinance would appropriate \$89,000 in federal pass through grant funds as well as authorize the Mayor to enter into the MOA with DOF.

Your consideration is appreciated.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED**

Account: 250.21210.25SLS.49999
Amount: \$89,000

By *CJ* Date: 3/21/2024