

CITY OF SOLDOTNA
RESOLUTION 2022-037

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH'S APPLICATION FOR A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA TO BE INCLUDED AS A JOINT APPLICANT

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants that support the Department of Transportation's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways; and

WHEREAS, there are two types of SS4A grants: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants, and eligible activities for funding under the SS4A program include: develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan); conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan; and carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Implementation Grants require an applicant to have a qualifying Action Plan in place, and neither the City of Soldotna nor the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) currently have a qualifying Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, development of an Action Plan will better position the City of Soldotna and the KPB to pursue Implementation Grants through the SS4A program in future funding cycles, and to pursue other grant funding focused on improving roadway safety and investing in improvements to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines for the SS4A Grant Program encourage joint applications that engage multiple jurisdictions in the same region in order to ensure collaboration and leverage local expertise; and

WHEREAS, as the regional government, the KPB has agreed to apply as the lead applicant with participating municipalities included as joint applicants for the SS4A Action Plan Grant; and

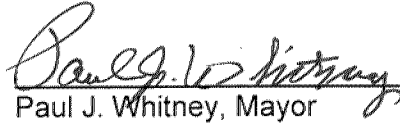
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Soldotna to support the KPB's application and participate as a joint applicant for the SS4A Action Plan Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

Section 1. This resolution supports the Kenai Peninsula Borough's application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Grant, and authorizes the City to sign on as a joint applicant for the purposes of developing a comprehensive safety action plan for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the cities within the Borough.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.


Paul J. Whitney, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brekke Hewitt, CMC, Interim City Clerk

Yes: Ruffridge, Nelson, Carey, Chilson, Parker, Hutchings
No: None



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TO: Mayor Whitney and City Council

THROUGH: Stephanie Queen, City Manager

FROM: John Czarnezki, Director ED+P
Laura Rhyner, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: August 11, 2022

SUBJ: Support for KPB's Application for Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A)
Planning Grant

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program is focused on roadway safety with the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. Two types of SS4A grants are available: 1) Action Plan Grants; and 2) Implementation Grants. Implementation grants require that a community have a comprehensive safety action plan in place. Neither the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), nor any of its incorporated communities have a current action plan that meets the requirements of the SS4A program. Upon adoption of an Action Plan, the cities and borough would be eligible to apply for SS4A implementation grants in future funding cycles.

Implementation grants are awarded for the purpose of carrying out projects and strategies identified in the Action Plan, including planning, design, and development activities related to those projects and activities.

The SS4A grant program encourages multi-jurisdictional applications. As the regional government, the KPB has agreed to apply as the lead applicant, with participating municipalities included as joint applicants.

The Resolution before you provides the City's support to the Borough to apply for an Action Plan Grant, with the City of Soldotna included as a joint applicant. Upon grant award, it is anticipated that a memorandum of agreement would be signed between the Borough and the municipalities to further define the project scope, cost and timing. If approved, the Action Plan will be funded at an 80/20 cost share rate. All participating communities and the KPB would share in the 20% cost share obligation. It is estimated that the City's share of the cost for plan development would not exceed \$20,000.

Thank you for your consideration.