

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Community & Fiscal Projects

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

**DATE:** October 14, 2021

**RE:** Resolution 2021-080 Supporting the Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care Homeless Coalition and Submitting a Proposal to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for Assistance to Fund a Homeless and Housing Service Coordinator Position (Mayor)

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In 2005, the Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care partnership ("Partnership") provided support and local resources to address housing and homelessness challenges on the Kenai Peninsula. The Partnership is made up of community members, agencies and municipal government entities that have come together to formally develop a five-year strategic plan. The Partnership has made significant strides to identify goals and objectives addressing multiple needs. The Partnership has formally established responsibilities and continue to update as follows:

- Identify local service gaps and build collaborative projects to address these needs
- Manage the local Coordinated Entry System
- Build support for housing & support agencies
- Planning for and implementing homelessness solutions
- Conduct Project Homeless Connect events and develop funding resources to maintain event
- Develop, implement, and continually re-assess long-term strategic planning to eliminate homelessness in the Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Advocate for fiscally and socially responsible legislation related to housing in Alaska
- Improve access to services for homeless individuals on the Kenai Peninsula
- Implement and provide an Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
- Improve the system of care through collaborative efforts of community partners

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- Strengthen community response to homelessness through outreach and education
- Collect data count on homelessness in the community through annual Point in Time (PIT) count
- Address goals and strategies in our 5-Year Plan to prevent and end homelessness

The Partnership has supported many needs as listed above, and have identified the importance of meeting these responsibilities with the assistance of a coordinator position.

The position may be funded through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority ("Trust"). The borough is the eligible applicant that may be awarded funding through the Trust. Upon award, the borough would enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Love, Inc. to provide office space and supplies for the coordinator's position which will be recognized as a special assistant in the Office of the Mayor.