



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

Year 2022 State Capital Improvement Projects

## **CAPITAL PROJECT: Expansion and Renovation of WES Station 3**

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Expansion and Renovation of WES Station 3 – Anchor Point

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$3,200.00 to expand and renovate the Fire Station (WES station 3) in Anchor Point, Alaska.

**Background**

The Western Emergency Services was formed in 2020 when two Rural Fire Departments; Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Services and Ninilchik Emergency Services combined into one department and is the sole provider of fire and Advanced Life Support for the communities of Anchor Point, Nikolaeusk, Happy Valley, Ninilchik and Clam Gulch. With this combination, the area which we serve jumped to an overall size of 826 square miles of the western Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. The area has one major travel artery, the Sterling Highway that connects several communities and cities to the major metropolitan area of Anchorage. 45 miles of this highway runs through our service area. The department consists of 10 ten career staff and approximately 40 volunteer firefighters and EMTs. The department provides full fire protection and Advanced Life Support medical services to all of the residents as well as visitors. Due to the expansion of the fire service area, the addition of career staff who are on duty 24 hrs a day 7 days a week, and the addition of services the existing station has outgrown the use as it was originally designed some 30 years ago. Additionally, the station does not meet current NFPA standards for station design per NFPA 1500, 1, and 72 and is past the point of possible retrofit without significant expansion and renovation.

Western Emergency Services' prioritizes its Capital improvement projects through the use of a Tier list that is generated by the department through their operational assessment. The list is then evaluated by the Fire Service Area Board and a recommendation is made for yearly priority projects, the project list is extended out to 5 years and is sent to the Borough administration for inclusion in the annual budget at the wishes of the assembly.

**Justification**

Western Emergency Services is committed to the capital improvement of its protection area and to the safety of its personnel. The service area is funded by a 2.95 mil rate and through various competitive grants and ambulance billing with an estimated total budget of \$2,500,000.00 annually. The service area has identified several deficiencies with the current fire station (WES Station 3) in Anchor Point. The expansion and renovation (addition of 6,400 sqft) of this station will allow for safer working conditions for the employees by allowing for the needed space for equipment storage, a medical clean room, equipment cleaning room, decontamination area, bunker gear storage, sleeping/cooking/dining facilities, office spaces, a multi-use training and conference room which will double as a community meeting space, a dedicated ambulance parking garage, and additional fire apparatus parking stalls. The improvements would additionally include vehicle exhaust recovery systems in the vehicle bays to assist with the removal of carcinogens. The total estimated cost of the expansion and renovation of the station is estimated at \$3,200,000.00 The land the existing fire station is located on is already owned by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the purchase of the adjacent properties is already being actively pursued by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

**Methodology**

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately launch a Design/Construction project through a competitive bid process. The station would be expanded and renovated or constructed to meet all applicable NFPA standards at the time of construction. The facility if expanded or renovated constructed would have an estimated minimum useful life of 50 + years.

Funding Requested: \$  
Total Project Cost: \$ 3,200,000.00  
Local Match (if any): \$

Election District: Senate:  
House:

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name, Title: John Hedges, Purchasing and Contracting Director  
Address: 47140 E Poppy Lane  
City, State Zip: Soldotna, AK 99669

Phone: 907-262-2037  
Fax:  
E-mail: [jhedges@kpb.us](mailto:jhedges@kpb.us)

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,200,000	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:	\$ 3,200,000	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? Western Emergency Services

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete? Western 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: