



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Grant Management

MEMORANDUM

MIKE NAVARRE
BOROUGH MAYOR

TO: Dale Bagley, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *Craig Chapman*
Pat Malone, Road Service Area Director *Pat Malone*

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

DATE: November 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution 2014- ~~068~~ authorizing participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program provided by the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs for the Aspen Avenue Paving Project in Ninilchik

The overall mission of the State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income residents, particularly in rural Alaska. The CDBG program fulfills this mission by acting upon its defined goals and objectives such as providing financial resources to communities for public facilities, planning, and special economic development activities which encourage community self-sufficiency, reduce or eliminate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of local residents, and reduce the costs of essential community services.

The CDBG program requires specific qualifications for applying: a resolution of support from the governing body; that the Census District Precinct residents qualify for low to moderate income level at 51 percent or greater (Ninilchik is 51 percent); documentation that the project and potential funding have been presented to the residents in a public forum; and 25 percent cash or in-kind services are provided as a matching contribution to the project.

On May 8, 2014 a public meeting was held with the residents of Ninilchik, borough staff and assembly member Johnson. The CDBG program was explained and potential projects discussed. All attending residents unanimously recommended the Aspen Avenue paving project for the health and safety of the senior residents that access the senior center and senior housing located on Aspen Avenue.

On August 12, 2014 Ninilchik residents attended the Road Service Area public meeting, which passed R2014-07 (attached). The resolution confirmed that Aspen Avenue paving project is the number one priority project application that meets the CDBG program qualifications in the unincorporated community of Ninilchik, and confirmed that the 25 percent cash match requirement of \$62,500 is available in the FY15 Capital Improvement Project budget.

The 2014 CDBG awards are expected to be announced in March 2015. Upon award, the grant funds and the 25 percent match will be presented to assembly for approval and appropriation.