

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	02/03/26
Hearing:	02/17/26
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2025-19-26**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING LOCAL AREA AND TRIBAL  
CONSISTENCY FUNDS TO FUND THE 25% COST SHARE  
REQUIREMENT FOR THE FY26 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED  
SPENDING AWARD TO CONSTRUCT TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
INFRASTRUCTURE IN TURNAGAIN PASS**

- WHEREAS,** On November 17, 2025, the United States Congress passed the FY26 federal budget with congressionally directed spending which allocated \$2,045,000 to the “Kenai Peninsula Critical Communications Upgrades” project to construct telecommunications infrastructure in Turnagain Pass to improve emergency response times and enhance public communication support services; and
- WHEREAS,** On December 2, 2025, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“Borough”) received notification that the congressionally directed spending award for the project will be funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service, Community Facilities Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the funds are issued as a grant and require the Borough to submit a full grant application to the USDA in order to receive the funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the award includes a 25% cost share requirement and requires a Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Study completed by a qualified firm to be submitted with the application documents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Study’s approximate cost of \$30,000 will satisfy a portion of the 25% cost share requirement; and
- WHEREAS,** in October 2022, the Borough was awarded \$12 million in U.S. Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF), established by the American Rescue Plan Act and may be utilized for technology infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** it is expected that the supplemental amount of \$681,667 will be sufficient to satisfy the grant’s 25% cost share requirement, which includes the Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Study; and

**WHEREAS,** once the requirements of the congressionally directed spending award have been met and the award is finalized, an ordinance appropriating and accepting the grant will be brought to the assembly for consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1:** That this is a non-code ordinance.

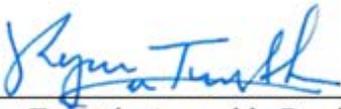
**SECTION 2.** That the sum of \$681,667 in LATCF funds are appropriated to account 271.11231.LAT04.49999 to provide for the 25% project cost share, which includes the Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Study as part of the cost share requirement.

**SECTION 2.** That the appropriations made in this ordinance are of a project length in nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

**SECTION 3.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

  
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Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Dunne, Ecklund, Eicher, Griebel, Hicks, Niesen, Tunseth  
No: None  
Absent: Truesdell