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Mayor Charlie Pierce
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Dear Mayor Pierce:

First, I want to thank you for your efforts to secure federal funding for projects on the Kenai Peninsula. As requested from Brenda Ahlberg in an August 8 email, this letter is to formally request on behalf of the City of Seward the \$577,195 that has been set aside for the City as part of the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

In Seward, one of our most pressing needs is to replace the aging and deteriorating infrastructure of our electric transmission system along Nash Road. The transmission infrastructure along much of this 8-mile roadway—power poles, power lines and other related equipment—is well beyond 50 years old and has outlived their useful life, seriously compromising our ability to reliably serve the Seward Marine Industrial Center, the Spring Creek Correctional Center and the nearly 500 customers residing in the area. In fact, the extremely poor condition of most poles along the route makes them unsafe for our linemen to climb.

The \$577,195 earmarked for Seward would greatly assist us with this critical endeavor, referred to as the **Nash Road Electric Infrastructure Project**. Specifically, we will use the money to purchase the 88 transmission power poles (wood) and the 315 guy wire assembly units necessary support the poles. Estimates from our engineering firm have the placed the cost for these materials at approximately \$560,000.

Seward's Power Operations Supervisor Pat Domitrovich will serve as our project manager. Our goal is to identify a contractor for the Nash Road Electric Infrastructure Project before the end of this year with plans to begin construction in the spring/summer of 2022. If we stay on this schedule, we hope to have the poles and line installed by the end of 2022.

Thank you again for the work you and your team do on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula and the cities and towns located here. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need more information regarding this important project.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager and Acting Emergency Manager