

# **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

## **State Funding Priorities 2025**



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Dear State Legislators:

This document contains the Kenai Peninsula Borough's funding priorities for the 2025 legislative session.

Each of the projects listed within this publication represents the needs of the borough and our communities as identified through the public process.

We hope you will fund projects both within your district and also those that will benefit the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a whole. We applaud your efforts and pledge our support to make this process productive and successful.

Respectfully,

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Peter A. Micciche  
Borough Mayor

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Assembly President





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### Seward/Sterling Highway Corridor Critical Communications Upgrades

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Seward/Sterling Hwy Corridor Critical Communications Upgrades

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

**The Kenai Peninsula Borough is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,850,000 to provide infrastructure along the Sterling and Seward Highway and surrounding areas to improve emergency communications.**

#### **Background & Justification**

There are several sections of the Seward Highway within the Kenai Peninsula Borough where communications infrastructure is nonexistent. Much of the highway from the Hope Cutoff to Turnagain arm lacks coverage for cellular service or any other form of radio communication. This section of the Seward highway sees tens of thousands of travelers monthly, with thousands of visitors from out of state, or from other areas in Alaska.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough provides critical services to its residents and to thousands of Alaskans, US and international visitors every year. These services require reliable communications, for first responders and those agencies who directly support them.

The lack of connectivity along a heavily utilized highway corridor poses a real risk to public safety, where an accident may turn from serious to life threatening simply due to the lack of communications infrastructure.

Quantifying delay in emergency response is a multifaceted problem. If a motorist has to drive 20 minutes to get cell service to dial 911, that delay could drastically impact outcomes. Furthermore, after arriving on scene, if a first responder has to drive 20 minutes to ask for resources, or to call in a helicopter, these delays are compounded. Each step we take to reduce time to report or time to respond to changing conditions can have significant and lasting impact on public safety, both for the public and for first responders.

Traditionally, KPB has leaned on industry to provide communications and networking between Borough facilities. Because telecommunications infrastructure expansion has historically been facilitated through FCC subsidies, KPB worked with industry partners offering services tariffed with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. These partners approached service delivery as public utilities, and were generally collaborative in serving KPB's needs, which often don't align with telecommunications market dynamics. (Most KPB locations are remote from population centers, and our service needs are disparate from residential subscribers). In recent years, as telecommunications companies have moved towards unregulated variants of their services, KPB's communications needs appear to be further afield from industry offerings.

The broader Kenai Peninsula Borough service area is a varied landscape of service availability, with some areas well provisioned and others completely devoid of service. The Kenai Peninsula Borough is well positioned to expand communications infrastructure availability in many areas where commercial interest is lacking.

#### **Methodology**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking funding to construct tower and telecommunications infrastructure at six locations throughout the borough, with the intention to increase resiliency and performance in communications to first responders as well as borough support operations. While these locations may not be of prime interest to telecommunications providers, those providers would almost certainly have a tangential interest in the resource, were it available.

KPB completed a study of communication coverage throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough in 2020. With an eye on reducing time to report and respond, we will refine these recommendations and identify the most impactful infrastructure investment possible. All expenditures are anticipated to be completed by the end of the construction season of 2027.

**Communications Infrastructure Projects:****Turnagain Pass Communications Platform - \$2,500,000**

Construct tower along the Seward Highway between the Hope Cutoff and Turnagain Arm with a focus on improving communications in the Turnagain Pass area. Installation would support multiple municipal or commercial partners, with a primary goal of reducing time to report and time to respond during emergency response. This project reflects the high probable cost for construction, along with the need for on-site power generation due to a lack of available power in the area. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs will be funded through a combination of leased space revenue and local support.

**Kenai Central High School Auditorium multi-carrier rooftop - \$700,000**

Construct carrier agnostic infrastructure atop KCHS auditorium (power, conduit, mounting, comm/rack space), as well as KPB dedicated backhaul to Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

**Central Peninsula Hospital multi-carrier rooftop - \$650,000**

Construct carrier agnostic infrastructure atop Central Peninsula Hospital River Tower (power, conduit, mounting, comm/rack space), as well as KPB dedicated backhaul to Kenai Central High School Auditorium in Kenai.

**Central Peninsula Tower Location – Poppy Lane - \$850,000**

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower at KPB Poppy Lane facility, establishing dedicated backhaul from KPB Poppy Lane facility to KPB Binkley Administrative office. This location may also provide resilient communications to adjacent school facilities.

**Nikiski Area Tower Location – Nikiski Fire Station 2 (or surrounding area) - \$850,000**

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower at NFSA Station 2, establishing dedicated backhaul between multiple NFSA facilities. KPB has several properties in this area which may also provide resilient communications to multiple school facilities in the Nikiski area.

**Homer Area Tower Location – Kachemak Emergency Services Diamond Ridge station - \$850,000**

Construct 125 - 180-foot, multi-carrier tower at KESA Station 2, establishing dedicated backhaul from this facility to Homer proper.

Funding Requested:	\$	3,850,000	Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	\$	4,350,000		House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	\$	500,000			

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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough – Road Service Area

**Project Name:** Kenai Peninsula Borough – Substandard Road Improvements

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

**The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$12,000,000 to improve roads and road service area infrastructure, currently maintained by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Service Area (KPB RSA).**

##### **Background**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) - Road Service Area (RSA) provides for year-round maintenance of over 650 miles of roads in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Roughly, 98% of the roads in the system are gravel surfaces. The majority of the roads in the system were adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough from the State of Alaska. The remaining were either adopted into the program by the property owners through a road maintenance application process, or constructed to current RSA standards then adopted into the road maintenance program. Many roads throughout the borough did not meet RSA Standard Specifications when originally adopted but were “grandfathered” in to the services area based on a history of prior use. To this day, the majority of the prioritized RSA projects are substandard roads from the 1986 KPB state road adoption.

The order of priority for capital improvements, is defined through use of the established RSA “Tier List”, that is generated by the department through operational assessments. Priority is outlined annually in the KPB budget document, within the “Capital Improvements Project Detail” section under “Department 33950 - Road Service Area Capital Projects Fund” heading (Fund 434). The document displays project priorities along an estimated 5-year timeline, with progression of ordered projects moving up as some are funded each fiscal cycle. Within the “Fund 434” document, “unfunded capital projects”, beyond the estimated 5-year timeline are grouped and represented at the end of the document. The defined projects represent a much larger obligation than represented by this funding request. The total estimated cost of the current capital improvement project Tier list is in excess of \$30 million over the next 10 years. Utilization of potential funds would follow the ordered project progression priority through the completion of as many projects as could be accomplished with available funding

##### **Justification**

On an annual basis, the KPB RSA spends approximately \$2.5 million on capital improvements with a focus on bringing all the roads under service area maintenance up to the most current RSA Standard Specifications. Projects are prioritized based on public safety, maintenance cost reduction, and quality improvements. The impacts of these improvements are area wide and serve to improve quality of life, improved recreational access, and safety while lowering the cost of maintenance to the taxpayer for years to come.

##### **Methodology**

As funding is made available the KPB and the RSA will immediately seek professional design services to prepare bid ready documents for construction. Projects may include, safety improvements, road embankment upgrades, drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitation, road realignments, culvert upgrades, bridge improvements, etc. The RSA already has a standard specification established for road improvements that will help to expedite the design efforts and allow projects to be on the street for construction as early as 2025.

Funding Requested:	\$	12,000,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	56,000,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	11,000,000

Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
	House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37

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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### Solid Waste Handling Improvements

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Solid Waste Department – Waste Handling Improvements

Project Priority  
Ranking:

3

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$5,000,000 to improve waste handling in various locations across the Borough.

##### Background

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Solid Waste Department is responsible for developing and implementing programs for disposal of all solid waste generated within the Borough in an economically feasible and environmentally responsible manner. Facilities for collection of waste at various locations around the Borough allow for the public to dispose of their waste close to their residence as economically possible so that Solid Waste Department can manage it through most cost-effective method possible. These methods currently include, recycling, segregation of inert waste, consolidation of waste both in landfills and for transport, reduction in handling, and recycling and/or reuse of value-added products.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough's solid waste operations are funded through local property taxes but support tens of thousands of visitors, both Alaskans and otherwise, on an annual basis who work, play and enjoy all the Kenai Peninsula has to offer.

##### Justification

KPB Solid Waste Department is committed to providing solid waste programs for disposal across the peninsula to the benefit of local residents, other Alaskans that visit the Kenai Peninsula for work and recreation, and the countless tourists that visit every year. Due to limited funding and the burden on the local taxpayer the Borough has numerous improvement possibilities that could not be realized without an increase in capital project funding.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough receives thousands of used tires annually. Tires present an operational challenge to landfills as they require special care to ensure that they are compacted into the waste mass when disposed of. The use of a tire shredder is a more effective means of dealing with their disposal and presents opportunities for value added products that can be used in waste handling operations as well other rubberized mulch products. All of these improvements would provide a benefit to Borough residents by improving the level of service we provide to the public.

Other projects include improvements to waste handling infrastructure located at the major collection locations on the eastern, central and southern peninsula. Improvements to waste handling will reduce the amount of effort to receive, process and ultimately landfill or divert waste. Consolidation of waste will extend the life of landfills and reduce transportation costs. Segregation of waste allows for less costly waste disposal. And recycling/reuse diverts waste away from out landfills extending the capacity and reducing long term maintenance costs.

##### Methodology

Should funding be made available, the Kenai Peninsula Borough would immediately begin a design project to properly design the sites for public access, commercial hauling, drainage, security and safety. After design is completed, the project would be bid for construction as soon as feasible.

Funding Requested:	\$	5,000,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,300,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	6,300,000

Election District:	Senate:	C, D, S
	House:	5, 6, 7, 8, 37

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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### Fire and Emergency Medical Service Areas

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Fire Fighting & EMS Funding Request – Area Wide Equipment and Apparatus Purchases

Project Priority  
Ranking:

4

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

**The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking \$5,500,000 for the purchase of various firefighting apparatus and emergency response equipment, area wide.**

##### **Background**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports six fire and medical service areas in various locations across the Kenai Peninsula Borough. These service areas provide emergency fire, rescue, and medical services to a population base of approximately 41,000 taxpayers, that is often dispersed over a large rural area and in remote or difficult to access locations. In addition to the 5 established services areas multiple volunteer organizations exist that provide support for the service areas themselves and regions that are not supported by a local tax base. Support across those organizational lines is common practice and funding constraints often complicates the delivery of critical services.

##### **Justification**

Due to the complicated nature of area wide EMS coverage in the Kenai Peninsula Borough shifting capital needs and funding limitations are common place. The Borough's role in ensuring adequate coverage over its vast rural area is critical to the health and life safety needs of the taxpayers. Flexible funding resources to address capital infrastructure and equipment needs, benefits all Kenai Peninsula taxpayers and Alaska residents that work and play on the Kenai Peninsula.

The service areas are funded by local property taxes to address the needs of the residents. Due to seasonal tourism, the demand on these service areas can increase at peak times often doubling the local EMS service demand. As a result, the property owners of the Kenai Peninsula Borough are left with carrying the burden of those services and providing capital support in the form of facilities and equipment.

The volunteer organizations depend largely on private donations and support from the established service areas resulting in very limited resources, often in areas that demand wide spread coverage and a large influx of recreational visitors from Alaska and beyond.

Escalation, limited work force, increases in tourism, increases in outdoor recreation, and public resource access has led to a direct increase in demand on local fire, rescue and EMS services. Due to these steadily increasing services the resources necessary to continue to improve and replace capital equipment and infrastructure has been tapped for operational demands. The result is a strain on the available capital equipment and infrastructure improvements necessary to maintain the current quality of services.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough's population is an aging demographic and with that comes a higher demand for EMS services. Local and state tax exemptions for the benefit of the senior population also impacts our local property tax base and limits available resources for the necessary EMS services.

##### **Methodology**

Should funding be made available the Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration, in consideration of the requests from its EMS service areas and agencies, will prioritize and allocate resources area wide. The funding will be used for the purchase of fire apparatus, such as Ambulances, Fire Engines, Pumper tankers, and miscellaneous EMS equipment. Once allocations have been distributed competitive purchasing, governed by Borough code will ensure the most effective use of the funding.

Funding Requested:	\$	\$5,500,000	Election District:	Senate:		C, D, S
Total Project Cost:	\$	\$5,500,000		House:		5, 6, 7, 8, 37
Local Match (if any):	\$					

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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Anchor Point

**Funding Recipient:** Anchor Point Public Library

**Project Name:** Library Septic System

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We are in need of a CIP grant. The library has an old septic system that is failing. It has flooded the bathroom floor on numerous occasions, not only making the bathroom inaccessible and seeping into the adjoining children's room, but also creating an unwelcoming stench that affects workers and patrons alike. This is not only unpleasant, but a hygiene issue for all concerned. We will have to have the floors replaced in the future.

This repeated flooding has led to the necessity of getting the tank pumped every few weeks throughout this summer. The cost of each pumping has ranged from \$400 to \$450.

We contacted a construction contractor who has been working with an engineer to design a system that will serve our needs. The estimate we have received \$50,000 for removal of old and installation of new. Engineer costs will be approximately \$3,000.

If we do not receive monetary assistance to help us upgrade the system, we fear that we will be forced to shut down the library. This would be a great disservice to our community, since many people depend on us for computer access and all the other services we provide.

Attached is the estimate from Dirt Junkie along with drawings of what we have, what will be done and pictures of existing septic tank.

Funding Requested:	\$	53,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	53,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	53,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	10,000	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:	\$	53,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Private donor \$10,000 – this will be used if the estimate is short from actual.

**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:**

November 2024 – July 2025.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held on September 25, 2024 at Chapman Elementary School and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member and Mayor, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Anchor Point Public Library

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Anchor Point Public Library

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

Completed project will eliminate need for more funding.

**Please select a project type (choose 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:





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Anchor Point

**Funding Recipient:** Anchor Point Food Pantry

**Project Name:** New Pantry

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We learned of a grant that is being made available to our community. Fortunately for us Anchor Point elected to have the Anchor Point Food Pantry be one of the two nonprofits to try for this grant. We are so blessed to be in such a thoughtful community that considers its less fortunate neighbors!

We received a grant that helped us acquire a modular unit that is in excellent condition. We have been working to set it up for distribution while affording a \$1,200 a month rent.

We still need a few things to make this become a facility that will function safely for the seniors and the disabled that volunteer, and for our neighbors to be able to come inside for a warm meal and a bag of groceries as we have been doing since 2006. The pandemic changed a few things for us. We outgrew our church home and were made to afford a \$1,200 rent to serve our neighbors and store our food and supplies. The past three years our clients have had to form a line of cars all winter long to be able to receive food. Some waited as long as two hours in line. Some cars didn't last. Some didn't have heat. Some came by 4-wheelers or walking. That is a hardship for many. Fortunately, the KPB, food partners (Food Bank of Alaska and KP Food Bank), and other nonprofits, businesses, and individuals enabled us to continue our mission to feed the hungry.

We have been able to put the building in place, purchase a cistern, build a room for it, and put in a septic system.

We have a 12x16' deck, but we need funding to keep the weather out while we are unloading the box truck. This roof over our deck will cost approximately **\$17,700**.

We need our Connex brought up alongside our building. It needs a base and a 3' covered bridge to it. Our seniors and disabled volunteers need a safe way to access this storage unit during the 5 months of snow and ice. This estimate is **\$10,200**

We need a 34' disability ramp to be ADA compliant. This cost estimate is **\$11,300**.

We need a commercial gas stove, counters and tables for our weekly meals, fundraising, and after school functions (for teaching how to cook and for mini-pizzas! Etc.;;) **\$7,600** - We will find a lesser quality stove if we must cut down on expenses.

Our total requested amount for a grant is **\$46,500**

If we must cut down on the amount requested, it is a hard choice between the first two, so hopefully we can get them both, \$17,700 + \$10,200. The weather is really hard on us. We have experienced it a lot the last three years. Sometimes it is quite scary. The rest of the requests are written in order of need. We need the ramp, but we have a better chance to find funding for that than for the other items.

Thank you for this opportunity!!!

Funding Requested:	\$	44,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	46,500
Local Match (if any):	\$	2,500

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 46,500	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 2,500	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:	\$ 44,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Financially we've secured a \$2,500 Homer Foundation Grant towards the project funding requested.

Other items we've received in-kind, which are not included in our project request: \$1,000 3-bay sink, \$5,200 Dishwasher, 2 commercial handwashing sinks - \$115 ea., \$6,400 commercial fridge (3 door), \$6,000 commercial freezer (3 door)

**If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?** Yes: ☐ No: ☒

**Please describe the project timeline and when the expenditures will occur:**

Most of our initial pantry building project is done.

For the CIP request:

The roof over the loading deck will be this year if we get the funding soon enough, if not, in the spring or January thaw - Depends on the weather.

Moving the Connex close and building the disability ramp will happen after break-up in the spring.

The natural gas stove and counters will be purchased right away.

**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?**

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The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Anchor Point Food Pantry

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Anchor Point Food Pantry

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

Ongoing Fundraising as we have done since 2006 and some grants. We have spent the last three years paying \$1,200 a month for rent.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Cooper Landing

**Funding Recipient:** Cooper Landing Community Club, Trails and Walkable Community Committee

**Project Name:** Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Planning Project (CLTRPPP)

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The current Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project proposal asks for funding to develop a detailed plan for safe, active transportation through the complex travel corridor along the existing alignment of the Sterling Highway which will become a "town road" serving all modes of traffic originating from and destined for the town of Cooper Landing.

The new, second roadway introduced to this narrow valley by the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 project bypasses the town of Cooper Landing. Protecting the natural resources, wildlife, and culturally important areas extending from the headwaters of the Kenai River through the Chugach National Forest and into the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge while accommodating the public's need to access the abundant state and federal assets of this area via an active transportation pathway will require using the latest evidence, incorporating stakeholder input and expert advice including engineering solutions, project planning and community organization. While the master Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Comprehensive Plan encompasses the entire length of the existing alignment of the Sterling Highway travel corridor between MP 45-60, the focus areas of this planning proposal are the following segments (listed from east to west) which serve to correct the most immediate deficiencies left unaddressed by the bypass project:

- A small section east of MP 45 and the start of the new Sterling Highway re-alignment,
- MP 47-50 through the main part of town. The existing Safety Path running from MP 45-50 has been in continuous use since its 1993 construction, and its condition has significantly degraded. This pathway should be extended west to allow safe access to federal recreation and subsistence sites.
- MP 50-53.2 that will encompass the most popular federal recreation sites, and
- MP 53.2-56 completing the link to the new Sterling Highway alignment, approximate location of intersection beyond Sportsman's Landing.

The proposed outcome of this proposal will be a project plan that can be used to complete project goals at once or in phases as construction funding is obtained. More details may be read on the following website:  
<https://www.walkcooperlanding.org/townroadpathway>.

Funding Requested:	\$	162,735
Total Project Cost:	\$	162,735
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	162,735	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	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:	\$	162,735	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

We have not obtained any funding sources thus far.

**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:**

This project will be placed on the work schedule of the Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Engineering unit as soon as funding is obtained. Work would likely be accomplished in the appropriate seasons of 2025 or 2026, depending on when funding is obtained. Rhys Miranda, Lead Engineer for DPOR is the individual from that organization who will schedule and manage the project. Community-lead portions of the public outreach will be scheduled within the process of the master plan in 2025 or 2026 when funding is obtained.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Cooper Landing Elementary School on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Cooper Landing Community Club, Trails Committee

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?**

Undetermined

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

This is a planning project. Once the tentative budget is determined by this planning project for the construction of a pathway, then operation and maintenance funding would be proposed. It is premature to do so now.

**Please select a project type (choose 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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Cooper Landing

**Funding Recipient:** Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc.

**Project Name:** Cooper Landing Community Sports Court

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

**Location of proposed project:** 18511 Bean Creek Road, Cooper Landing AK. Current site of the volleyball court.

- (a) This project will impact the larger community of Cooper Landing by upgrading a little-used space to accommodate a larger request for not only volleyball, but to include pickle ball, four square and expand into winter months with a skating rink. This will provide additional outdoor activities that will include a warming house, ie: the Mona Painter Hall. Meeting the mission of CLCC.
- (b) This project will impact everyone in (and around) our community. With a paved foundation, a pickleball court will expand the field for physical activity for residents of every age, from playing, to fans following a sport they like! Ice skating will provide another option for winter out-door activities and an activity available for residents to share with Friends and Families right here in Cooper Landing. Improving physical and mental health, year-round, especially during the darker winter months.
- (c) Other Matching funds we hope include are from the CLSCCI (Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Club Inc.) of \$10,000 and \$1,500 from CLCC for concrete and ice covers. Volunteer community labor for assisted dirt work and tree removal or grooming as needed. On-going the Cooper Landing Emergency Services (CLES) has offered to flood the area in the winters to create the ice surface.
- (d) The life span is undetermined with proper care and maintenance. CLCC has the wherewithal, management, community desire and finances to maintain the court and to keep it sustainable. There will be no heavy equipment used on the court for plowing or hot mopping the ice so that will also assist in the life of the court.

Funding Requested:	\$	25,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	36,500
Local Match (if any):	\$	11,500

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 36,500	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 1,500	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:	\$ 25,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 10,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ N/A	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Cooper Landing Community Club \$1,500

**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:**

May through August of 2025. Once funding is approved, we will schedule work to be done with our vendors and volunteers.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Cooper Landing Elementary School on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?**

Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc.

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

CLCC has the wherewithal, management, community desire and finances to maintain the court and to keep it sustainable. There will be no heavy equipment used on the court for plowing or hot mopping the ice so that will also assist in the life of the court. CLES (Cooper Landing Emergency Services) has offered to flood the court each winter for ice skating).

**Please select a project type (choose 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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Diamond Ridge

**Funding Recipient:** Kachemak Ski Club, Inc.

**Project Name:** Kachemak Ski Club Equipment Storage Shed

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kachemak Ski Club (KS) is the all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit that owns and operates the Homer Rope Tow, a recreational skiing and snowboarding hill open to the general public and located about 10 miles from downtown Homer, in the Diamond Ridge Precinct. Our popularity with families, young children and adults alike as a learn-to-ski area has grown significantly over the past 3-4 years, with use more than doubling over that time period and drawing increasing interest from alpine enthusiasts not only from Homer but from the Central Peninsula and beyond. We are dedicated to keeping the cost barrier to learning to ski low and are proud of the fact that we have not increased our already nominal rates in 20 years and have expanded a free loaner ski program for youth.

As such, we are outgrowing our storage needs, not only for the skis in the free loaner-ski program but also for equipment such as a tracked four-wheeler, snow machine, rotary mower, towable snow grooming devices and rescue sled that the club already owns and uses to maintain grooming and safety operations on the slopes. Several of these devices currently have no covered storage to house them (and can only be tarped to protect them from the elements) or to provide a weather-sheltered area to perform maintenance and repairs.

The club currently has a nearly level site identified on its property that could be readily prepared for a new storage and maintenance building with drive-in, drive-out access for the vehicles and has proximity to existing electrical utility poles. A new storage and maintenance building of approximately 14' x 40' with garage door type entrances on one or both ends would adequately meet our current and anticipated needs for these purposes. The club has identified a vendor in Sterling to purchase and deliver a prefabricated storage building of such dimensions. A portion of the funds granted would be used to either purchase a portable electrical generator or for the costs of electrical hook-up to the grid to supply the building with electrical power.

Funding Requested:	\$	30,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	35,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	5,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	35,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	5,000	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:	\$	30,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

\$5,000: In-Kind KSC volunteer labor to clear building site of alders and brush, as well as scrape and level building site with excavator, also using equipment owned and operated by a KSC volunteer.

**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:**

Site clearing and ground preparation by KSC volunteers and in-kind donation of heavy equipment operations would take place in late Spring/ early Summer of 2025. Approximately June 1st- July 1st, 2025.

Delivery of the pre-built equipment storage shed by the firm in Sterling would be as soon as practical thereafter, with final leveling of building/ foundation work again done by KSC volunteers.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 28, 2024 and was attended by the public and Kenai Peninsula Borough support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kachemak Ski Club, Inc.**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kachemak Ski Club, Inc.**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Building maintenance and upkeep will become part of KSC's annual operations budget, with funds supplied by annual and daily membership fees and donations to the club. A portion of KSC operational funds have come from CAP grants in the past.

**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:





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Diamond Ridge

**Funding Recipient:** Homer Cycling Club

**Project Name:** Facility Improvements at Diamond Creek State Recreation Site

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

At Diamond Creek State Recreation Site (DCSRS), Homer Cycling Club (HCC) has built, and currently maintains, 5 miles of multi-use trails on Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) managed land. These trails are used year-round for mountain biking, fat biking, hiking, running, snowshoeing, and XC skiing. There is also a popular trail to access the beach on the property, of which there are few public options on the southern Kenai Peninsula. As well, mountain biking and hiking opportunities on the north shore of Kachemak Bay are limited. Many families, locals and visitors alike, do not have the resources to travel across the bay to enjoy the trails within Kachemak Bay State Park. The DCSRS provides an easily accessible opportunity for families of all abilities to enjoy the outdoor experiences the area has to offer.

Development in the surrounding area has increased significantly over the past few years. Predictably, this growth has resulted in more visitors to DCSRS and greater use of the facilities. While the increase in the number of users is an encouraging trend for economic growth and overall public health, it has added stress on the existing infrastructure. The access road has degraded enough to be detrimental to emergency vehicle response times. The parking area is ambiguous, resulting in parking behavior that is destructive to it and the road. The increased traffic on the trails, coupled with these past two wet years, has exposed problem areas which will need ditching, bridging, and hardening.

It is expected that the popularity of this trail system will continue to grow in the coming years, and it is imperative that the infrastructure be upgraded to prepare for larger numbers of visitors to the DCSRS. State Parks, at the local level, lack the resources to execute these upgrades, and so it falls upon community organizations to do so.

Funding Requested:	\$	20,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	40,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	5,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	37,705	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	5,000	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:	\$	20,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	12,705	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

\$5,000 funded by Homer Cycling Club.

**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:**

Should this project be funded, expenditures will occur as soon as the ground thaws in Spring of 2025 and continue throughout the Summer of 2025 until completed.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 28, 2024 and was attended by the public and Kenai Peninsula Borough support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Alaska Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation/Alaska State Parks

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?**

Homer Cycling Club

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

HCC assumes responsibility for maintenance of these facilities. Funds for maintenance will be generated through the proceeds from a rental yurt at the site that is listed as part of the State Parks cabin/yurt rental system. The yurt is in place and is generating income for the purpose of maintenance and improvements at the site.

**Please select a project type (choose 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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Fox River

**Funding Recipient:** Snomads Inc.

**Project Name:** Caribou Lake Trail Phs 2 Rehab - Wetlands Access Mats - Motorized

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Snomads Inc. is in the process of rehabilitation of the severely degraded Motorized and Multiuse, Caribou Lake Trail (CLT). Although the CLT has existed for 30+ years, a Permanent Easement for the CLT was only finalized by Alaska DNR in 2017. Snomads received a FHWA Grant in 2023, totaling some \$171K for Phase 1 to Rehab and Restore only the first 1.9 miles of the 8-mile-long trail, which is currently in process. A full 10,500 feet of the next several segments of the trail are wetlands (peat) and require a US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved trail tread solution. Over a period of several years, Snomads has sought a material solution for a wetlands trail tread that Synthetic Access Mat that was originally designed for Military Applications is now available both meets the USACE standards and that provides for man-portable material to "haul and install". A unique lightweight commercially in the U.S. Snomads has already invested \$31.5K (2023 FR CAP Grant) in these "man-lift" Access Mats, called MaxiTrack, and those are slated for installation on short distances of wetland segments contained within the initial 1.9 miles of the CLT. Snomads is requesting CIP or CAPSYS Grant Funding to procure additional Access Mats "MaxiTrack or a "Like Product" of equal or better quality, not to exceed a Capital Expenditure of \$163,000 for commodity acquisition only. These Synthetic Access Mats are to be used as Wetlands Trail Tread, supporting Phase 2 Trail Rehabilitation for the next portion of the trail that contains the most challenging wetland conditions, where the Trail Easement traverses purely swamp and peat bog for some 1,200 plus feet in length. Although this Phase 2 Rehab effort (installed with Snomads and Pledged Community Volunteers) does not cure the entire trail, it will cure the worst of the wetland trail segment of the Caribou Lake Trail, drastically improving sustained Motorized and other Public Outdoor Recreation type traffic. Use of the Caribou Lake Trail primarily benefits the residents of the Fox River CDP area, and is also the major arterial access trail for the Caribou Hills South Outdoor Rec Area. There is a 3-acre public parking lot at its trailhead, and that is often filled to capacity in Winter, and to 50% of capacity in the Summer. The rehabilitation of the CLT will need to be broken up into several phases. Segment 1, or the first 1.9 miles of trail, located largely on upland soils is in process, but several miles of wetland trail remain to be restored to a sustainable condition. Snomads is requesting a Capital Purchase of at least 500 each Synthetic Access Mats to line the wetland trail bed, for Phase 2 of the trails' rehab. Snomads contribution will be installation of the Access Mats with 600 hours of volunteer labor from Club and Community Volunteers. The combination of larger sized ATVs and a recent rapid increase in Motorized Outdoor Recreational User traffics are causing an emergency, both for the safety of public using the trail and conservation of the surrounding land. Off Road Recreational Vehicle users (ORRV) users currently avoid the wetland trail segments of the trail easement, diverting instead out into other areas of the wetlands. This subsequently results greater wetland degradation and altered wetlands hydrology. Because the Trail is "Multiuse", the current CLT wetland trail segments are avoided altogether by most Hikers, Fat Tire Bikers, Horse Riders and other non-motorized users. Snomads is constantly working to rehabilitate and restore the wetlands portions of the trail, in consultation and partnership with USACE, DNR, ADF&G, and others. Acquisition and use of the requested Synthetic Access Mats for CLT Rehab Phase 2 provides a major step forward in creating sustainable wetland trail conditions along the CLT, particularly benefitting the residents of the Fox River CDP.

A technical solution is required with the use of Synthetic Access Mats and Snomads intends to install these Mats within the wetland segments of the trail and will be installed with both volunteer and contract labor. This capital investment will provide coverage for 2,160 feet of hardened trail surface through these wetlands, which is used extensively by the remote parcel landowners in and around Caribou Lake, local citizens of the several Fox River villages, and Alaskans throughout the State. There will be no ongoing cost to KPB or the State of Alaska after this material is purchased for these next segments of the Caribou Lake Trail.

Funding Requested:	\$	163,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	182,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	19,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 182,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 19,000	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:	\$ 163,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Secured Funding from Snomads Gaming and Savings Accounts for Matching Funds. Snomads has secured discounted pricing from a vendor (See Attached Quote). Material purchase and shipping is \$163,000. Matching Funds are comprised of 600 hours of Snomads Volunteer Labor, representing an In-Kind contribution of \$19,000.

**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:**

Expenditures will be in two phases, with phase 1 being material purchasing, made within 2 weeks of award. The material will take 3 months to produce, and another two weeks to ship to Seattle, then another two weeks to get to Seward. Phase 2 shipping expenditures will be 3.5 months after phase 1 spending. We anticipate material being in Homer AK by October 2025.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 28, 2024 and was attended by the public and Kenai Peninsula Borough support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Snomads Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Snomads Inc.

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

Snomads will role the maintenance costs and activities into our existing Trail Management and Maintenance Activities, which are extensive within the Caribou Hills South Recreational Trail System.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Fritz Creek

**Funding Recipient:** Kachemak Nordic Ski Club

**Project Name:** Ski Trail Grooming Equipment

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC) maintains over 26 km of ski trails near the McNeil Elementary School. Trails are used for skate and classic cross-country skiing in the winter; and hiking, biking, birding and wildflower viewing in the summer. While volunteers provide all of the labor for grooming and other management activities, KNSC must raise funds through donations, membership, and grants to pay for non-labor costs—e.g. all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmachine capital costs, fuel, repairs, signage, power, outhouses, and insurance and other administrative costs.

We request funding for a new Polaris ATV to replace an existing high-mileage ATV that is no longer cost-effective to repair by our skilled volunteers or local vendors. A tracked ATV serves important functions both in the winter for towing snow grooming equipment and in the summer for maintaining vegetation.

The CIP request is for \$18,000 based on the attached quote from Homer Saw & Cycle. This amount includes a charitable discount from Homer Saw for \$1,000.

The McNeil trail system has spectacular scenery and is used extensively by local residents, Alaskans from around the state, and tourists from Outside.

KNSC volunteers will maintain the ATV. There will be no ongoing cost to the KPB or State after the equipment is purchased.

Funding Requested:	\$	18,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	19,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	1,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	19,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	1,000	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:	\$	18,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	18,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

\$1,000 – Discount from Homer Saw & Cycle

**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:**

We would plan on purchasing the ATV in Spring to Summer, 2025.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 28, 2024 and was attended by the public and Kenai Peninsula Borough support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC)

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?**

Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC)

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

O&M will be provided by skilled KNSC volunteers and, as necessary, professionally by a local shop using KNSC funds budgeted for this purpose.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Fritz Creek

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Biathlon Ski Trails Lighting and Improvements

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

It is the intent of this project to provide the first steps in making nighttime skiing and Biathlon activities a possibility at McNeil Canyon School by placing lighting along three ski trail loops that originate on the McNeil campus. These trails are each about 1K in length which would equate to approximately 10,000 feet.

Preliminary studies indicate that adequate lighting can be achieved with simple poles installed just off of the trails at 100' intervals with low voltage LED lamps designed for outside trail lighting. Each pole and light will cost approximately \$1,000 with an overall number of poles and lights to be 100, which would cost \$100,000. The wire and connecting hardware would be about \$50,000. There would also be a need for landscaping and trail improvement such as ditching and culverts to improve drainage. This could be accomplished with excavators and skid steer work that would probably cost \$25,000.

Poles and lights	100@\$1,000 = \$100,000
Wire and connections	\$50,000
Equipment and operator cost	\$25,000
Total	\$175,000

These lighted trails would provide an extended time frame for all our community members that currently ski and use the biathlon course during daylight hours. This would be a significant benefit for our community as the Winter days are short and many people are unable to leave work during the day to access this great wintertime recreation and experience the healthy benefit of outside exercise.

Funding Requested:	\$	150,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	175,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	25,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 175,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 10,000	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:	\$ 150,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 15,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

McNeil Canyon Community Council, Inc. set aside for ski/biathlon project. \$10,000

**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:**

Materials ordered Winter of 2024; payment made at delivery.

Trail work to begin in Spring 2025 as soon as ground is dry enough to begin work.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the McNeil Canyon Elementary School on September 28, 2024 and was attended by the public and Kenai Peninsula Borough support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** McNeil Canyon Community Council, Inc.

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

McNeil Canyon Community Council, Inc. will provide/pursue funds for project maintenance.

**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:





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Funny River

**Funding Recipient:** Funny River Community Association

**Project Name:** Emergency Generator Fuel Tank

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The current fuel tank for our emergency generator has a run time of approximately eight hours. As there is only one road into the Funny River community, we are upgrading to an external 500-gallon tank to stretch our capacity to 5-7 days. This will allow us to provide temporary services to displaced residents of Funny River and to provide a staging area for emergency responders in case of natural disasters or other unforeseen emergency circumstances.

The new fuel tank will be installed on a cement pad and plumbed into the generator with volunteer labor from the Community Centers buildings and grounds committee.

Funding Requested:	\$	5,600
Total Project Cost:	\$	5,600
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	5,600	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	4,834	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:	\$	5,600	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Funny River Community Association: \$4,833.72

**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:**

Purchase fuel tank: Oct 2024  
Pour cement pad and install tank on pad: Oct 2024  
Hook up the fuel tank to the emergency generator: Nov2024

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Funny River Community Center on September 27, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Funny River Community Association

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Funny River Community Association

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

Line item in FRCA's annual budget.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Funny River

**Funding Recipient:** Funny River Community Association

**Project Name:** Memorial Garden

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Our Memorial Garden needs repair and probable relocation. Over the last several years, the snowplows have been impacting the corners of the raised gardens while they are plowing the road. Rebuilding the existing Memorial Gardens has been estimated at \$21,000 reusing the existing stones, and \$26,000 to use new stones. We have also determined that the gardens were constructed within the utility easement and cross the property line into the road right-of-way. We are looking at rebuilding the gardens to ensure that future plaques can be installed without having to worry about damage. Relocation options are being researched to ensure that work does not interfere with set-backs, easements, or rights-of-way.

Funding Requested:	\$	26,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	26,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	26,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	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:	\$	26,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

Investigate boundary concerns: Winter 2024/25  
Rebuild/Relocate Memorial Gardens: Summer 2025

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Funny River Community Center on September 27, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Funny River Community Association

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Funny River Community Association

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

Line item in FRCA's annual budget.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Hope

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Solid Waste Site Improvement

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Project

Improvement of the solid waste transfer site. In 2017 KPB proposed moving the transfer site from its existing site located at a State of Alaska owned parcel at mile 15.5 of the Hope Highway to a KPB owned parcel nearby. The permanent, Borough-owned transfer site is intended to provide more efficient waste transport as well as a neater and cleaner site. Initial site development includes construction of a gravel pad with a bulkhead for placement of two or three dumpsters, a recycle bin, installation of perimeter fencing and some landscaping. The funds obtained through this grant application would contribute to the project along with funds set aside by KPB for the transfer site relocation.

##### Justification

The community has been in need of improved solid waste transfer services for quite some time. The community has grown since the site was originally developed and it no longer keeps up with demand. The dumpster style drop boxes are difficult for many of our residents to open and lift their garbage into.

The project cost estimate was obtained from KPB solid waste services. KPB funds have been allocated for the 2026 fiscal year.

Funding Requested:	\$	50,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	Approximately \$700,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 700,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	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:	\$ 50,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

The project is targeted for the 2026 fiscal year.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Hope Social Hall on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kenai Peninsula Borough

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

Through Kenai Peninsula Borough budget just as it is for the current location.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Hope

**Funding Recipient:** Alaska Department of Transportation and Safety

**Project Name:** Safety Path along Hope Highway

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Project

Safety path within the road right-of-way of the Hope Highway (highway) from Cox Circle to the Resurrection Creek Road. There is an existing rudimentary pathway along the highway from 2nd Avenue to near the intersection with Resurrection Creek Road. This project would improve the existing path from Cox Circle to the pedestrian crossing signs near the Resurrection Creek Road. The path is along the north side of the highway.

##### Justification

There is a community concern regarding safety of pedestrians and bicyclists along the highway due to increased summer traffic in the community. Businesses, schools, and accommodations exist along the highway. There is no shoulder along the highway and pedestrians, including families with small children, walk or bike in the road. There is significant vehicle traffic into the late evening when visibility is reduced. It is very dangerous for people to walk on the road at any time of day. This has been a community concern for many years but the increased visitor traffic has made safety of our community members and visitors a top priority.

We have commitments from local contractors and trail users to volunteer to reduce construction, equipment, and maintenance costs. Funding is sought to cover plans, permits, materials, equipment and construction. This requested project is a portion of an overall plan to be executed in phases. Ultimately, a safety path from the Resurrection Creek Bridge at A Street to the solid waste transfer site at the intersection of the highway and Mathison Drive. A survey of the entire project was done several years ago.

Funding Requested:	\$	25,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	25,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	Volunteer Labor

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 25,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	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:	\$ 25,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Local contribution will be in the form of volunteer labor and equipment. We hope to utilize the local gravel pit to reduce the cost of transporting gravel.

**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:**

We would like to complete this phase of the project in the summer 2025. Additional phases to be completed as funding is available.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Hope Social Hall on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** State of Alaska, Department of Transportation

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Hope, Inc.

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

Volunteer labor, local fund raising and Hope, Inc. resources through regular KPB Cap funding.

**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:





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Kasilof

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Yukon/Byington Road Capital Project

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This Capital Improvement Project is to bring Yukon/Byington Road up to Borough Standards so that it then could be maintained by the Borough. This road improvement project is past due. There are approximately 72 families that live on this road that have been battling poor road conditions for many years. There are elderly with limited abilities, disabled families, and children who need to get to school. Many times, the road is almost all but impassable and families are trying to get kids to school, to work, to town for appointments or supplies. Often people park their cars and walk or stay at other's houses because the road is muddy, potholes 2 ft deep in water or snow too deep for cars to drive. Residence have taken to raising money to pay individuals to help maintain the road to plow, filling potholes, grading the road or paying for gravel to fill potholes. There are over 100 parcels of land accessed by this road with Borough assessed value of over \$19,100,000. These residences have been paying taxes and Borough road service fees for many years and are not receiving any services. Borough Property taxes collect a great deal of money with the number of residences served by the road and the value of the land. Several individuals would like to develop their property but are not able to because construction companies don't want to drive their equipment on this road. Dave Blossom contacted 4 different construction companies before finding one that would simply deliver some gravel. Safety is a huge factor as people get stuck in all weather. In the cases of any emergencies that were to occur on Yukon/Byington Road, there are times when any emergency service vehicles, whether they be Ambulances, State Troopers, Fire trucks or Police Services, the road is all but impassable due to unplowed snow or water/mud holes too deep to get through. This creates a very real concern for the residence on Yukon Road who may need these life and property saving services.

Yukon Road now services a recently developed network of at least 16 miles of trail created by Back Country Horseman's Association (BCHA), and the beginning of the Doc Pollard Horse Trail to Tustumena Lake which is used for accessing the lake by horseback, snowmachine and recreating at the Refuge Public Use Cabin the Nurses Cabin. The BCHA was granted Borough permission and access to the 800 acres of land adjacent to this road and serviced by this road. Kenai National Wildlife Refuge has purchased a piece of property and now has a road built to a parking lot for horse trailers, hikers, skiers, and bikers to park and access the trails and the Wildlife Refuge. Driving this road towing a horse trailer is not very feasible in its current condition. It is extremely hard on the trailers, horses, not to mention the drivers. The land for the trails is gorgeous with rolling hills and views of the mountains in both directions and Tustumena Lake. These trails are becoming more and more popular and a great way for people from all over the Peninsula and beyond to get out and enjoy our beautiful Kenai Peninsula. The BCHA holds an annual Fun Ride/ Fund Raiser on the new trails bringing riders from Homer and the Valley to enjoy the trails.

Phase 1 of this project will be some right of way acquisitions which all the land owners have now agreed to grant right of way and are working with the borough to get them recorded.

Requesting that the borough apply for a Federal Lands (FLAP) Grant for \$500,000 as this road is an access to federal land.

Requesting that the Kenai Peninsula Borough contribute at least \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to help get this project completed. The taxes the Borough receives from these lands warrant the Borough contribution. Matching funds.

Funding Requested:	\$	500,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	1,500,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	500,000-1,000,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,500,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	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:	\$ 500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 1,000,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:****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:**

Timeline is when the Kenai Peninsula Borough approves the funding for this project and work can begin. This project is longtime overdue and the sooner the better.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at Tustemena Elementary School on September 26, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook Page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kenai Peninsula Borough**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kenai Peninsula Borough**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough Taxes through property assessments. This road alone with the number of residences served, over 100 parcels and the value of land, over \$19,100,000, with much of it being river front property generates a significant amount of revenue to the 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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Moose Pass

**Funding Recipient:** Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club

**Project Name:** Moose Pass Community Hall Parking Lot Drainage

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Project

Hire an engineering firm to design a drainage system to alleviate flooding in the parking lot. The firm will need to secure permission and permits from ADNR (adjacent property owner) to bury a pipeline and ADOT to utilize their Right of Way to get water to flow into their drainage system.

##### Scope

Verify ADOT elevations, locate services, hire contractor to install culvert and access ROW drainage. Dig culverts, grade, and resurface (gravel) parking lot.

The Moose Pass Community Hall parking lot is subject to continual flooding due to improper drainage. The State of Alaska paved Depot Road eliminating the ability for the parking lot to drain thus causing water to build up and flood the Library and Meeting Hall. The buildup of water often 6" deep makes the Community Hall unusable for portions of the winter. The Community Hall houses the Moose Pass Library.

The past several winters volunteers have gathered with a series of pumps and have used a drain culvert to insert a sump pump into and discharged with a garden hose. The pump and hoses needed to be stored in a warm place every night and then reinstalled every day. This process extends into 6 weeks.

The project was selected as the highest priority during the public scoping session hosted by the KPB on Saturday September 21st, 2024. The subject property is owned by the Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club and will be managed by the Board of Directors led by Jeff Hetrick, President.

Funding Requested:	\$	42,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	42,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 42,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 0	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:	\$ 42,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

When the project is funded, Request for Proposals (RFP's) will go out to bid for design, permitting and then the earthwork and installation of the drainage system.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at Moose Pass Community Center on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club

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

Moose Pass Sportsmen's Club manages the property.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Moose Pass

**Funding Recipient:** Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company

**Project Name:** Clean Water and Renewable Power Study

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Project

Hire a reputable firm to do a study on renovating an existing reservoir, penstock and generating plant for the purpose of providing fire suppression water and renewable power generation. Also search options for potable water sources and construction of a distribution system.

##### Scope

Analyze the condition and engineering of the existing dam head, penstock and hydro-generator. Recommend alternatives in engineering, equipment and materials. Provide estimated costs and possible returns from power generation. Determine possible sources of potable water, storage and distribution systems for the Moose Pass town site. Estimate cost of development, construction and maintenance.

##### History

There is a reservoir and penstock that fed a Pelton Wheel generator in Moose Pass. This provided power for several years until the control board malfunctioned and could not be fixed. One of the other functions of the system was to provide a reliable water source for the fire department. The metal penstock has deteriorated to a point that it is no longer serviceable. This has made access to water for fire suppression much more difficult.

Also, it is a challenge to find potable water sources in the area. Many of the attempts to drill wells have found water that is brackish, high in sulfur. Containing gas or other contaminants. That includes wells for the Moose Pass School and Community center. Most people in the area collect surface water in "water boxes".

Funding Requested:	\$	60,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	60,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	60,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	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:	\$	60,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

When this project is funded, we will solicit bids from qualified firms and award the project by March and would expect the study to be done within 12 months from the signing of a contract.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Moose Pass Community Center on September 21, 2024 and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** N/A

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

N/A

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Nikiski

**Funding Recipient:** Nikiski Community Council, Inc.

**Project Name:** Nikiski Community Park

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community council owns and maintains the community park for public access, including walking/biking trails and a bike pump track for youth. The council has constructed a picnic pavilion and put in parking lots around the park that are also maintained by the council. The council arranged to have Hedberg Lake stocked by the State of Alaska and because of this must keep the lake accessible year-round.

In order to facilitate greater public use of the park, the community council would like to construct an ADA accessible dock on Hedberg Lake and also improve the access. There currently is no dock. The driveway into the parking area, as well as the Hedberg Lake parking area itself, are below standards and are therefore difficult to maintain in a way that makes them accessible to all residents including those with disabilities. Building an additional parking area outside the gate will allow vehicles to park safely at any time but not drive into the lakeside parking lot except during event times. Straightening the driveway would facilitate easier maintenance/snowplowing and make the drive and parking areas safer for all residents. To this end, we would like to improve and straighten the driveway, move the gate so it is closer to the Kenai Spur, create a parking area outside the gate and walking/wheelchair accessible trails around the gate with barricades to prevent motor vehicle entry, bringing up the quality of the driveway and both parking areas to a better standard.

All residents of Nikiski will benefit from these park upgrades.

Funding Requested:	\$	150,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	150,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	150,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	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:	\$	150,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

This project would be completed during the summer months of 2025, but depending on availability of contractors may extend into 2026.

**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?**

Community meetings were held at Nikiski Rec Center on October 7, 2024 and at Nikiski Fire Station 1 on October 14, 2024. Capital Improvement Projects for Nikiski were discussed at both meetings. At the October 14, 2024 meeting, attendees supported several projects for Nikiski, with the two leading projects being this one and Senior Center housing.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Nikiski Community Council, Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Nikiski Community Council, Inc.

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

The Nikiski Community Council will continue operations and maintenance through fundraising efforts.

**Please select a project type** (chosed only one): ☐ Planning and Research  
☐ Maintenance and Repairs  
☒ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades (and addition of dock)  
☐ New Construction and Land Acquisition  
☐ Equipment and Materials  
☐ Information System and Technology  
☐ Other:





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Nikiski

**Funding Recipient:** Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc.

**Project Name:** Senior Housing Expansion

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Overview

Nikiski Senior Center (NSC) seeks funding for the expansion of its senior housing facilities to meet the urgent and growing demand for affordable housing for individuals aged 55 and older. Currently, NSC has eight housing units on a nine-acre campus, but there is a waiting list of 36 seniors. Our goal is to construct eight additional units, requiring approximately \$4.6 million to complete the expansion.

##### Background

As Executive Director of NSC for nearly five years, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by seniors in our community, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Alaska Commission of Aging identified housing as the top need for seniors on the Kenai Peninsula, a need that has grown significantly in recent years. Our waiting list has increased from 19 to 36, highlighting the urgency of this issue.

According to projections from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the population of residents aged 55 and older on the Kenai Peninsula was 20,599 in 2021, with an expected increase to 20,868 by 2025. This growth indicates a rising demand for senior housing, particularly in a community with a current population of 4,579, including over 792 residents aged 65 and older. The demand is further underscored by NSC's existing membership of 448 seniors, which is expected to continue growing. Nikiski is a unique community characterized by its diverse economic landscape and its location over twenty-five miles from the nearest city, town, hospital, or shopping center. While this distance presents challenges in transportation and access to medical care, it also offers enhanced affordability, a more relaxed lifestyle, a deeper connection to nature, and strong community bonds. For many seniors, the appeal of escaping the hustle and bustle of urban life outweighs these challenges, making Nikiski an attractive place for our seniors to call home.

##### Community Collaboration

NSC has built strong collaborations with local institutions, including the Nikiski Fire Station, North Peninsula Recreation, and nearby elementary and high schools. These partnerships have created opportunities for mentorship and social connections between seniors and adolescents, enriching the community fabric. Our programs foster intergenerational relationships, enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

##### Support for the Project

To date, NSC has received substantial personal and political support for the senior housing expansion project. Letters of support have come from notable figures, including Senator Lisa Murkowski, Mayor Micciche, Senator Jesse Bjorkman, The Nikiski Community Council, North Kenai Community Club, NSC Inc. Board, and senior membership. This backing demonstrates a strong commitment from both community leaders and residents to address the urgent need for more senior housing.

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Funding Requested:	\$	3,500,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	4,600,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	1,000,000

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 4,600,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 90,000	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:	\$ 3,500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 1,000,000	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Nikiski Senior Center savings account \$90,000; To date, Grant funding in the amount of \$190,000 has been received.

**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:****Project Timeline and Expenditure Schedule**

The Nikiski Senior Center Housing Expansion is expected to span approximately 18-24 months from start to finish, with expenditures occurring in phases to ensure efficient use of funds and adherence to the project schedule.

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**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?**

Community meetings were held at the Nikiski Recreation Center on October 7, 2024, and at Nikiski Fire Station 1 on October 14, 2024, where Capital Improvement Projects for the area were discussed in detail. During the October 14th meeting, attendees expressed strong support for several initiatives, with emphasis on expansion of senior housing and the Nikiski Community Park access improvements & Hedberg Lake Dock as the community's top priorities.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc

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

Our operating budget currently receives just over one-third of its funding from the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), which we allocate specifically toward wages, services, and activities per our KPB Operating Agreement. Any costs that exceed this allocation, including additional maintenance needs, are covered through other revenue sources managed by the Executive Director. This approach ensures that essential maintenance is consistently funded while allowing flexibility to address any unforeseen costs that may arise.

**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:

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### **Proposed Solution**

The proposed project aims to build eight new senior housing units that will be available to Section 8 recipients and ADA accessible. These units will be located within walking distance of NSC's core facilities, where seniors can access congregate meals, social services, and a range of activities. The new housing will not only provide much-needed shelter but also enhance the quality of life for seniors in our community.

### **Financial Justification**

To date, NSC has secured over \$190,000 in grant funding, which has been used for clearing land, delivering gravel, and purchasing a septic system. However, additional funds are required for the following:

1. Excavation and Soil Placement: \$90,000
2. Gravel Hauling and Placement: \$276,000
3. Septic System Installation: \$65,500
4. Construction Costs: \$3,500,000 (for two buildings totaling 11,844 square feet at \$296 per square foot)
5. Contingency (10-15%): \$589,725
6. Soft costs - Permits, consulting fees, compliance requirements: \$78,775

The total cost for completing the expansion is estimated at \$ 4.6 million

### **Community Impact**

The expansion of NSC's senior housing will significantly benefit our community by providing a safe and supportive environment for seniors. The proximity of the new housing to the senior center will foster social connections and enable residents to participate in daily activities and access vital services. Moreover, this initiative supports intergenerational equity by allowing seniors to sell their homes, thereby increasing housing availability for younger families in the community.

Nikiski Senior Center is committed to serving diverse populations, including low-income individuals, veterans, and Alaska Natives, prioritizing those with the most significant economic and social needs.

### **Conclusion**

The Nikiski Senior Center housing expansion is a crucial initiative that addresses both the immediate and long-term housing needs of seniors in our rural community. By investing in this project, we will enhance the well-being of our senior residents, alleviate the local housing crisis, and ensure the sustainability of our programs. Your support for this Capital Improvements Project is vital to making this vision a reality. Thank you for considering our request to improve the lives of seniors in Nikiski.

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### **Phase 1: Planning and Permits (Months 1-3)**

- **Activities:** Finalize project plans, secure necessary permits, and conduct any additional site assessments required by local authorities.
- **Expenditures:** Minor expenditures for permitting fees, final architectural plans, and contractor deposits.

### **Phase 2: Site Preparation and Infrastructure Installation (Months 4-8)**

- **Activities:** Clear land, deliver and place gravel, and begin site grading and excavation. Install the septic system and other foundational infrastructure, including drainage systems.
- **Expenditures:** Major costs for excavation, gravel hauling and placement (\$276,000), and septic system installation (\$65,000).

### **Phase 3: Construction of Housing Units (Months 9-18)**

- **Activities:** Construction of the two buildings (totaling 11,844 square feet) begins, with units framed, roofed, and completed in stages. This includes plumbing, electrical work, and HVAC installations.
- **Expenditures:** Largest project costs incurred during this phase for construction labor and materials (\$2,911,000), which will be distributed across the construction timeline.

#### **Phase 4: Interior Finishing and Landscaping (Months 19-22)**

- **Activities:** Complete interior finishing (flooring, painting, cabinetry) and ADA-compliant fixtures. Landscaping and sidewalks are added for accessibility to the Nikiski Senior Center main building.
- **Expenditures:** Remaining construction costs and additional landscaping and finishing expenditures.

#### **Phase 5: Final Inspections and Opening (Months 23-24)**

- **Activities:** Conduct final inspections to ensure code compliance and Section 8 certification. Staff training and final walkthroughs with residents before the official opening.
- **Expenditures:** Final expenditures include inspection fees and minor finalization costs.

**Overall Project Completion:** The anticipated project end date is 24 months from start, with a total cost of approximately \$3.4 million, with a recommended funding request in the range of \$3.6 million to \$3.7 million to include a contingency.



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Ninilchik

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** Alice Avenue over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

##### Description:

The Alice Avenue over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road Project includes building Alice Avenue to Code from the intersection of Foste McMann Road along the Alice Avenue ROW with intersections at Facher Cumming Road, Bear Paw Road and Wild Salmon Way. Then continue West on the Alice Avenue ROW over the Ninilchik River to Oil Well Road. The Length of construction is about 6025 ft. plus the length of connections to intersections. The type and size of the structure over the Ninilchik River will be determined in the Design process.

##### Justification:

This new alignment replaces a poorly designed and failing bridge over the Ninilchik River on Garrison Ridge Road. The design flaws include span, the abutments are floating with no structural piles, elevation above river, location and poor approach alignment. The slope on the west side of Garrison Ridge Road is about 16% and on the Northeast side about 18%. The steep slopes are too steep to safely maintain, especially in the winter months. Because the North Abutment sits on the edge of a turn in the river, the river has caused scour erosion under the abutment footer. This has caused the abutment to settle and become unstable. Since 2018 the Garrison Ridge Road Bridge has been rated at 8 tons. Since then, all Emergency Vehicles, construction and delivery vehicles must use the Oil Well Road to Brody Road to Alice Avenue to Bear Paw Road to access the Ninilchik River Estates and all other residents on the North side of the Ninilchik River. This is just over 5 miles but includes Brody Road with approaches to Bridge #1877 that are over 10% and Alice Avenue from the intersection of Foste McMann to Bear Paw Road is not built to Code or maintained and plowed by the KPB. This Detour from the Garrison Ridge Road access route over the Ninilchik River causes a 15-to-20-minute delay in the summer and 20 minutes to not at all in the winter months. The extra time it takes Emergency Services to reach residents, especially those living on Alice Avenue and the Ninilchik River Estates Subdivision puts everyone and their property at risk. The proposed new alignment on Alice Avenue ROW will provide direct safe access with a properly designed and built structure over the Ninilchik River and a centerline profile with no road grade exceeding 10%. See attached Alice Avenue PowerPoint Presentation and photos.

We are requesting a Two-Phase request for this project. Phase One is for the Preliminary Survey, Bridge Site Survey and Design of the structure at Ninilchik River and the Alice Avenue Roadway to the intersection of Foste McMann Road. The Second Phase request is for the funds to Construct the Project. This second phase amount will be determined by the Design process.

Funding Requested:	\$	1,500,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	6,750,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	52,000

Election District:	Senate:	C
	House:	6

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 6,750,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 52,000	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:	\$ 1,500,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 5,250,000	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

In-kind contribution for Lot Tract A \$52,000

**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:**

Phase One Request for Required Surveys and Design should be as soon as possible. The Phase One Request should be a bid process which may result in a lower cost. The Design process will determine the size and type of structure over the Ninilchik River. This estimate was based on a 125' x 35' Single Span Concrete Girder Bridge. The Design process may determine that a multiplate culvert would be acceptable and this would lower the cost of the project as well.

The Phase Two Request would be based on the Design Specifications, type of structure and item quantities from the final design. That request will be made as soon as the design process is completed.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Ninilchik Senior Center on September 27, 2024 and was attended by the public, State Representative Sarah Vance, a Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, and support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kenai Peninsula Borough**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Kenai Peninsula Borough**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough as stated in Resolution passed by the KPB Assembly in 2022.

**Please select a project type (choose 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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Ninilchik

**Funding Recipient:** Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers

**Project Name:** Beautification of the Reinhart Adolf Pavilion Project (BRAPP)

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers a 509(a)2, non-profit public charity is requesting \$250,000 to complete Phase 1 remodel and upgrades on the historical Reinhart Adolf Pavilion. The Pavilion has been relocated from its barely accessible remote location to its new easily accessible location at 45454 Oilwell Rd, Caribou Hills, Ninilchik, Alaska also known as Gravel Pit Parking. CHCH owns and maintains Gravel Pit Parking facilities which provides all users access to 100's of miles of roads and trails that serve as transportation routes to recreational, private, Borough, Native, SOA and Federal lands.

**Description:** The current facility provides 800 sq ft of enclosed area with no insulation, flooring, permanent heat source, poor lighting, and when used it has always been overcrowded. Numerous area non-profits have shown interest in utilizing the facility but with its current size & condition it was not acceptable. CHCH hosts WES /Life Flight/Guardian Helicopter annually at this location to educate about safe Heli Landing distances and promote safety awareness and services. Yet cold, crowded and dusty the Pavilion still services a purpose to the community.

When completed this facility would consist of 1440 sq ft of enclosed space with a floor and 640 sq ft of exterior covered area with crush rock surface. This 2080 sq ft public facility could provide users access to electric and heating sources along with counter space, tables, chairs, and a beautiful view of the Alaska & Aleutian Mountain ranges.

This request is for Phase 1

#### Phase-1

**\*The existing Pavilion** 20' x 40' x 12'- 800' sq ft. Consists of post and beam construction that is enclosed but not finished.

Completion will include floor installed, interior walls completed, 2-large doors that open to the western open-air side. The eastern existing wall will be restructured with sliding barns doors giving access to the enclosed addition. Both areas provide availability to accommodate or service different entities

**\*The westerly** view side of the Pavilion would consist of a 16' x 40' x 12'- 640 sq ft covered open air, post and beam framed structure, supporting engineered trusses completed with a metal roof. Crushed rock substrate for the area.

**\*The eastern** side addition 16' x 40' x 14'- 640 sq ft of enclosed area. This addition will include ground grade improvements, foundation and flooring, post and beam construction, engineered trusses with metal roof, completely enclosed finished area with the addition of windows and an egress door.

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Funding Requested:	\$	250,000	Election District:	Senate:	C
Total Project Cost:	\$	330,968		House:	6
Local Match (if any):	\$	80,968			

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$ 330,968	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$ 50,968 30,000	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:	\$ 250,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$ 0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$ 0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

Contribution for structure \$50,968. CHCH allocated \$30,000.

**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:**

Electric demo will begin Mar 2025 volunteer, Ground prep to start May-June 2025, weather permitting. Foundation installation and flooring will follow immediately contractors paid and deposit on construction contract. The contracted structure expansion and improvements will begin July continuing through November 2025, enclosed prior to winter, projected partial payment on construction contract. November 2025 through May 2026 all interior electrical, insulation (provided by volunteers), wall & lid sheeting completed, heating installed interior completed by May 2026. Summer 2026 ground grade capped. BRAPP Ribbon cutting ceremony- presentation to the community July 4, 2026.

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held at the Ninilchik Senior Center on September 27, 2024 and was attended by the public, State Representative Sarah Vance, a Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, and support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers

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

CHCH facilities are built with the ability to have low to no expenses when not in use. Any community emergency would be granted access without cost. A public use contract will include a structured fee with security deposit, cleaning fees and a very clear amenities cost like electricity, heat. This facility is off grid, these items are not publicly provided. Our general budget has always included building maintenance. Fundraisers and raffles are held to offset maintenance and operating costs.

**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:



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**\*The grounds** will be graded and surfaced with gravel.

CHCH has invested \$47,922 to relocate and enclose the existing Pavilion. This includes volunteer labor, ground preparation, materials and electrical.

Phases 2 through 4 are included to provide a vision of the completed project.

*Phase 2- Grade Adjoining parcel to accommodate Helicopter Landing site. Estimated Cost \$15,000*

*Phase 3- Install outhouse vaults, spec DPOR or DEC. Estimated cost \$240,000*

*Phase 4-Community water facility includes a small building that will house the well, solar powered pump, with correlating hydrant valve and grated drainable platform. Estimated cost \$58,000*

**Justification:** The original Pavilion was a Pole Barn built in the 70's on SOA leased property, located on the edge of a remote swamp in the Caribou Hills. The Pavilion was the gathering place for the hill's community, many friends, families and community functions with games and BBQs. Even though it was usually windy and cold, or your boots were full of swamp water due to its location. It still generated many GREAT MEMORIES!

In 2018 a group of aging CHCH members took the opportunity to relocate the Historical Pavilion to our private property. A sad day for some and yet forward thought of new memories our Pavilion will be home to.

The Pavilions new location provides our elderly and handicap users accessibility, with road access the possibilities of the Pavilions community services are even larger

**BRAPP** when completed will provide the ever-growing Caribou Hills Community and the public with facilities that will serve many purposes for generations. Including but not limited to: Education & Safety, Search & Rescue, Wildfire base, Community Emergency Shelter, meeting place, water source and general use.

The Caribou Hills Community comprises over 900 KPB parcels, including 28 full-time residences, 150+ private recreational cabins, NNAI, CIRI, BIA and numerous State permitted remote cabins. Over 500 people in this unique community are members of CHCH, which adds to the symbiotic nature of this project. These members are also the providers of hypothetical In-Kind Contributions and volunteer labor that make this project financially achievable.

With the surge in people seeking remote-off grid areas to fulfill life. This growing community and many others will reap the benefits of BRAPP for many generations.

CHCH may utilize volunteers, Licensed and Bonded General Contractors and Consultants to fulfill this project.





# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Sterling

**Funding Recipient:** Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

**Project Name:** Sterling Senior Center & Moose River Manor Bldg. A Septic System Replacement

Project Priority Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

- The first part of this two-part project is concerning the septic system replacement for the Sterling Senior Center. The current system is approximately 30 plus years old and declining. The main problem identified is a downward shift from the Sterling Senior Center building to halfway point. From the halfway point to the septic tank, the line has an upward shift, which has caused numerous backups. The downward shift within the line is approximately 18 inches below the original installation site. The current solution to this problem is having Peninsula Pumping on-site to pump the system every four to five weeks. In addition to having the system pumped often, Roto-Rooter, has been onsite to hot water jet the system to ensure all lines are clear and functional. Another issue concerning this system is the leach field not draining properly. The total cost from July 1, 2023 for constant septic pumping is \$7,604.04. The estimated cost to replace the complete system, septic lines, septic tank, and leach field is approximately \$80,000.
- The second part of this two-part project is concerning the septic system replacement for the Moose River Manor Building A. The current system is 21 years old. The main problem identified is the numerous shifts within the septic line from Building A to the septic tank. These shifts include rise, fall and side. This has placed the line off its original installation track. The negative effect of this problem is wastewater retreating into occupied apartments within the building. The current solution is to have Peninsula Pumping on-site to pump the system every four weeks. This has been set up with Peninsula Pumping on a rotational basis to ensure all lines are clear and functional. An additional issue is the leach field not draining properly. The total cost from July 1, 2023 for constant septic pumping is \$7,562.34. The estimated cost to replace the complete system, septic lines, septic tank and leach field is approximately \$70,000.
- The complete and total cost for this two-part project is estimated at \$150,000. The Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc. is requesting the estimated funding of \$150,000 as a part of the 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects budget. The Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc. is working beside Johnson Engineering to ensure all Department of Environmental Conservation protocols are being adhered to. This funding amount would cover all expenses incurred throughout the project timeline.
- Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc., appreciates the time and effort that has been placed on this project for overall approval.

Funding Requested:	\$	150,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	150,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	0

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	150,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	0	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:	\$	150,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

**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:**

Two-part project will occur in Spring 2025. Accurate planning with Johnson Engineering and The Department of Environmental Conservation will ensure proper replacement and installation.

Fall/Winter 2024: Planning

Spring/Summer 2025: Execution of two-part project

Fall 2025: Complete completion of two-part project

Expenditures will be incurred from Spring 2025 till Fall 2025

**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?**

A borough sponsored community meeting was held on September 20, 2024 at the Sterling Senior Center and was attended by the public, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members and Mayor, as well as support staff.

The community meeting was advertised in local newspapers of general circulation, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's webpage and Facebook page. In addition, posters were displayed in various places throughout the community.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Sterling Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

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

- Continued operations will be closely monitored by all parties associated with the project, Sterling Senior Center Board of Directors and staff, Johnson Engineering, Peninsula Pumping and Moose River Manor Building A tenants.
- The operational and maintenance of the completed project will be assembled through specified donations, fundraisers and grants.

**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:



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2025 State Capital Improvement Projects

### COMMUNITY: Sterling

**Funding Recipient:** Sterling Community Center, Inc.

**Project Name:** Upgrades and Maintenance

Project Priority  
Ranking:

2

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Sterling Community Center is requesting the KPB to include our request for funding for the following reasons. Our Community Center facility and equipment is almost 14 years old and has some major maintenance and replacement issues. A large majority of our income comes from renting out the facility. Our only government income is from the CIP program and any grants we may be awarded.

We need to purchase new tables and chairs to use at events and rentals. The tables and chairs that we are using now were already old when we started using them and are cracked and not safe. We would like to buy 24 new tables and 480 new chairs, plus freight for \$18,000.

The flooring in the facility needs some floor squares replaced. We had donations of \$40,000 from residents to replace the whole floor. However, that was not enough to complete the project. We hired, and had volunteers, pull the whole floor up and level the cement surface. After that we had enough money to only replace some of the squares. Now we need about 4 more pallets & freight for about \$35,000.

We need to upgrade our hockey rink with paint and a new blacktop or cement overlay so it holds water for about \$45,000.

We also need paint for the lobby and gym with volunteer help for \$5,000.

Funding Requested:	\$	103,000
Total Project Cost:	\$	125,000
Local Match (if any):	\$	22,000

Election District:	Senate:	D
	House:	8

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	125,000	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	22,000	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:	\$	103,000	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	0	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	0	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

We have volunteers committed to do all the painting work for the hockey rink, the lobby, and the gymnasium. \$22,000 of labor costs.

**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:**

If we get funding for these projects, the timeline for these projects is to complete all the projects in one year.

**Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?** Yes: ☒ No: ☐  
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**Who will own the project or facility?** The Sterling Community Center, Inc.

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** The Sterling Community Center, Inc.

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

The SCC annual budget is about \$80,000. Our income comes from venue rentals, memberships, banner sponsors, donations, programs users, fundraisers, and we apply for grants when available.

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