

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department - Donald E. Gilman River Center

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter Ribbens, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BA*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*

**FROM:** Samantha Lopez, River Center Manager *SL*  
Heather Geer, Grants Administrator & Community Liaison *HG*

**DATE:** August 21, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2025-19-10, Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds of \$18,200 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for the River Center Access and Restoration Demonstration Project (Mayor)

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This grant funding is provided by the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) via the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) America's Conservation Enhancement Act-National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships for the River Center Access and Restoration Demonstration project. This award is contingent on funds being available from the USFWS US Fish and Wildlife Service and Legislative authorization. There is a 1:1 match requirement for this grant that will be met with \$13,710 in-kind funding and \$5,000 cash that is provided for in KPB's adopted FY2026 budget.

This project provides an on-site example of river access and restoration techniques at the River Center, and presents a unique opportunity for landowners to directly observe and interact with resource experts at the River Center. This project would add one section of elevated light-penetrating walkway and restore 200 linear feet of spruce tree revetment in a manner that allows for direct on-site observation at the River Center, where landowners seek permits. When questions arise during the permitting process, regulatory agencies have the ability to show these techniques without scheduling separate site visits. The USFWS will reimburse KPB up to \$18,200 to implement the project. Upon enactment, \$18,200 will be applied to eligible activities under the grant across the NFHP grant cycle.

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Your consideration is appreciated.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDS VERIFIED**

Acct. No: 100.21135.26RCA.49999 Grant  
Match Amt: \$18,200

Acct. No: 100.21135.26RCA.43011 Contract svc  
Match Amt: \$5,000

Acct. No. 100.21135.26RCA.40XXX Personnel  
In-kind Match Amt: \$8,250

Acct. No. 100.21135.26RCA.43140 Postage  
In-kind Match Amt: \$4,950

By: CS Date: 8/21/2025