

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/07/26
Hearing: 04/21/26
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2025-19-37**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF BEAR
CREEK FIRE, KACHEMAK EMERGENCY, NIKISKI FIRE AND
WESTERN EMERGENCY SERVICE AREAS**

WHEREAS, Bear Creek Fire Service Area (BCFSA), Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA), Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA), and Western Emergency Service Area (WES) applied for individual grants under the 2026 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) program administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; and

WHEREAS, KPB received an award notification on February 27, 2026 that allows for the service areas to purchase wildland firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the VFC program requires a 10% match of local expenditures towards the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the service areas will meet the 10% match requirement and 2.5% administrative fee through expenditures made from their approved FY26 operating budget if purchases are made prior to June 30, 2026, or from their FY27 operating budget if purchases are made between July 1 and December 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on November 18, 2025, the BCFSA board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on March 19, 2026, the KESA board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on March 11, 2026, the NFSA board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on February 26, 2025, the WES board recommended approval of the FY26 budget by unanimous consent, which included the local match amount for the grant request thereby recommending approval to accept the grant award funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of KPB, on behalf of its service areas, to accept the grant funds;

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

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

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the 2026 VFC program grant funds from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources on behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Kachemak Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Emergency Service Area, and Western Emergency Service Area.

SECTION 3. That the grant funds are appropriated to the service areas in accordance to the table below:

Service Area	Account	Award
Nikiski Fire Service Area	206.51110.27VF1.48760	\$8,669.00
Bear Creek Fire Service Area	207.51210.27VF2.48760	\$9,191.00
Western Emergency Service Area	209.51410.27VF3.48760	\$9,989.97
Kachemak Emergency Service Area	212.51810.27VF4.48760	\$9,376.83

SECTION 4. That appropriations made in this ordinance are of a project length nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: