



## City of Homer

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August 30, 2021

Mayor Charlie Pierce  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 N. Binkley St.  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
*Delivered electronically*

SUBJECT: 2021 Cruise Passenger Tax Receipts

Dear Mayor Pierce:

I am writing to confirm that the City of Homer wishes to receive the 2021 Commercial Vessel Passenger Tax receipts from the Borough. It is our understanding that you will be sponsoring an ordinance that would make the Borough's share of these tax receipts for vessel landings in Homer available to the City. The City appreciates that and understands that the amount to be passed through for 2021 is \$35,445 from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As a federal pass-through source, the eligible use of the funds must adhere to the ARPA guidance. As such, the City will defer applying the funds to reimburse the Port & Harbor Enterprise for the construction of Ramp 2 restroom for now. The total remaining on this State and Borough approved CVPT use is \$57,521.17.

The City plans to accept the CVPT ARPA pass through as revenue replacement and utilize it to support City of Homer's dispatch services by incorporating Computer Aided Dispatch through a pay-go project. We have included project details with this request.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Pass through CVPT funds from the Borough combined with the State pass through makes this project feasible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Dumouchel  
City Manager

Cc: Brenda Ahlberg, KPB Community and Fiscal Projects Manager

Computer Aided Dispatch - Project Manager: Mark Robl, Homer Police Chief  
 mrobl@ci.homer.ak.us

**Budget**

Item	Narrative	Amount
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Description: This project consists of adding a Computer Aided Dispatch System, (CAD), to the Homer Police Department’s Dispatch Center. CAD will greatly improve the efficiency and safety of dispatch operations, especially for responses involving large scale events involving numerous responders from different agencies. CAD minimizes radio traffic between units and provides responders with immediate access to critical addressing information, locations of other responders, directions and routing. Responders can file reports through CAD and access vital call and response information without using critical radio resources. Homer will utilize the same CAD system used by the Kenai Peninsula Borough thereby improving interoperability and nearly instantaneous information sharing.

**Project Costs:**

Item	Narrative	Amount
01	CAD Software (3) stations, Shield Force- PD/Mapping/Routing: 13 units, Crew Force –FD Mapping/Routing: 10 units	21,650.00
02	CAD Services Project management, configuration, training and tech support	35,380.00
03	Installation and Training	16,000.00
04	CAD support computers for Dispatch	6000.00
05	Vehicle Installations, 13 police, 12 fire	70,000.00
06	FY2023 Licensing, maintenance and tech support	13,341.00
<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$ 162,371.00</b>

Project Start Date: 9/1/2021  
 Project Completion Date: 5/31/2022