


Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor 
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*
Jed Painter, Acting Roads Director *JP*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*

FROM: Rachel Chaffee, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *RC*

DATE: August 25, 2022

RE: Resolution 2022-049, Authorizing the Kenai Peninsula Borough, as the Lead Agency in Partnership with the Cities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to Apply for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Assistance Grant through the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$1,200,000 (Mayor)

The Safe Streets for All grant program is held under the Office of the Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation, and is a federally funded grant opportunity that has a 20% match requirement with an assistance listing number of 20.939. This program was established as a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and funds local, regional, and tribal initiatives through grants that support the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on public roadways.

There are two types of grants within this grant program: the action planning grant and the implementation grant. The eligible activities under the action plan include a comprehensive safety action plan, conducting planning, design, and development activities in support of an action plan. Implementation plan eligible activities include the projects that carry out the activities that are listed within a safety action plan that meets the criteria of the Department of Transportation to be determined as a qualified safety action plan. Safety action plans are required in order to seek funding for any implementation projects that better the safety of road systems under this program.

Development of an approved and qualified safety action plan will better position the Borough and the Cities to pursue further grant opportunities in the future. It will also support the improvement of our road safety long term.

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The duration of this project is expected to take two years, and the total cost of this project for all entities is \$1,200,000.00 with a 20% match equaling \$240,000.00. The match can be fulfilled with either cash, or allowable in-kind activities.

The calculation of how the cities will be providing their match will be determined based on a combination of the number of road miles in their boundaries and the total population in each area. The calculation amount will be formalized on acceptance and appropriation of the grant, if awarded. However, the estimated match calculation for each applicant is as follows:

Kenai Peninsula Borough	\$180,786
Kenai	\$ 21,449
Homer	\$ 17,110
Soldotna	\$ 12,420
Seward	\$ 7,500
Seldovia	\$ 735
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Total Match Requirement	\$240,000

It is in the best interests of the Borough to apply for this grant and for the mayor to have the ability to enter into agreements with the Cities as needed to ensure proper understanding for all applicants as to the rights and duties related to the lead and co-applicants.

Your consideration is appreciated.