

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	04/02/24
Hearing:	04/16/24
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2023-19-42**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$32,410.82 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE 2024 VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF BEAR CREEK FIRE SERVICE AREA, CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA, KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA, NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA, AND WESTERN EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA**

**WHEREAS,** Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Emergency Service Area, Kachemak Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, and Western Emergency Service Area applied for individual grants under the 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity (“VFC”) program, formerly known as the Volunteer Fire Assistance program administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“KPB”) received an award notification dated March 15, 2024 that allows for expenditures from that date, which also allows the service areas to purchase wildland firefighting equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** the VFC program requires a 10 percent match of local expenditures toward the grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the service areas will meet the 10 percent match requirement and one percent administration fee through expenditures made from their approved FY24 operating budget if purchases are made prior to June 30, 2024 or, from their FY25 operating budget, if purchases are made between July 1 and December 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on January 9, 2024, the Bear Creek Fire Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on January 18, 2024, the Central Emergency Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on March 21, 2024, the Kachemak Emergency Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on April 10, 2024, the Nikiski Fire Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting held on February 21, 2024, the Western Emergency Service Area board recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interests of the KPB to accept the grant funds;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor is authorized to accept the 2024 VFC program grant funds from the Alaska Department of Natural Resource on behalf of the Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Emergency Service Area, Kachemak Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, and Western Emergency Service Area, and is authorized execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to expend the grant and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the grant funds are appropriated to the service areas in accordance to the table below:

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Award</b>
Nikiski Fire	206.51110.25VF1.48760	\$5,808.60
Bear Creek Fire	207.51210.25VF2.48760	6,299.96
Western Emergency Services	209.51410.25VF3.48760	6,782.66
Central Emergency Services	211.51610.25VF4.48760	6,520.50
Kachemak Emergency	212.51810.25VF5.48760	6,999.10
		<u>\$32,410.82</u>

**SECTION 3.** That the appropriations made in this ordinance are of project length nature and as such do not lapse as the end of any particular fiscal year.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be effective retroactively to March 15, 2024.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.**

*Brent Johnson*

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

*Michele Turner*

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: None