

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Community & Fiscal Projects

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wayne Ogle, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *chi*  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*  
Max Best, Planning Director *mb*  
Dan Nelson, Office of Emergency Management Senior Manager *DN*

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

**DATE:** September 6, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2018-19- 11, Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds  
Totaling \$103,366 from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry to Update the Community Wildfire Protection  
Plans (Mayor)

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The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry provides assistance through the Western Wildland Urban Interface Competitive Grant program, a federal pass-through grant, to mitigate risks from wildland fire within the wildland urban interface (WUI). The grant is awarded through a competitive process with an emphasis on hazard fuel reductions within the WUI, prevention information, education or assessment, and planning. Upon award, there is a 50 percent match requirement, which the borough will meet with in-kind contributions through personnel wages, facility costs and map products.

The borough applied for funds to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), which were created during the years 2006-2009 by the local communities and area stakeholders. The CWPPs address issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, structure protection and preparedness specific to land features and vegetation or fuels.

Within a two-year period 19 CWPPs encompassing 39 communities will be updated. The borough will collaborate with diverse stakeholders, including residential landowners, nongovernment and tribal entities, municipal, federal, state agencies, as well as volunteer fire groups and fire service areas. The Community & Fiscal Projects Manager will oversee the grant reporting and project outputs.