

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
James Baisden, Chief of Emergency Services *JB By Cfr*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B.A.*

DATE: October 11, 2018

RE: Resolution 2018- 044, Approving Three Memorandum of Agreements to be included in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant Applications (Mayor)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (AFG) provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments for critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience. It is the intent of the borough's fire and emergency service areas to submit three regional applications with adjacent municipal or volunteer fire departments. The applications will be submitted for departments within the central, eastern and southern peninsula for the purpose of supplementing the costs to replace self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs).

AFG requires that regional applications include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that cites the participants' roles and responsibilities should grant funds be awarded. The proposed resolution not only approves the MOAs but also authorizes the borough fire services area boards and respective fire chiefs to amend the MOAs in the event that future regional applications are submitted to AFG for equipment, personal protective gear, vehicles or other qualifying requests approved under the FEMA AFG program.

The Nikiski Fire Service Area board, at its October 10, 2018 meeting, recommended unanimous approval of this resolution. The boards for the Central Emergency Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area and Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area and Kachemak Emergency Service Area will consider this resolution at their next scheduled meetings and provide their recommendations prior to the assembly's consideration of this resolution.

The executed MOAs, along with any future amendments, will reside with the Clerk.