

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
James Baisden, Chief of Emergency Services *JB. Fry Mayor -*
Roy Browning, CES Chief *Roy Browning*

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

DATE: November 8, 2018

RE: Resolution 2018-050, Authorizing Participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program Provided by the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs, Supplementing the Purchase of a Fire Pumper/Tanker for the Central Emergency Service Area, Funny River Station (Mayor)

The overall mission of the State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income residents, particularly in rural Alaska. The CDBG Program fulfills this mission by acting upon its defined goals and objectives such as providing financial resources to communities for public facilities, planning, and special economic development activities which encourage community self-sufficiency, reduce or eliminate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of local residents, and reduce the costs of essential community services.

The CDBG program requires specific qualifications for applying: a resolution of support from the governing body; that the Census District Precinct residents qualify for low to moderate income level at 51 percent or greater (Funny River is 52.5 percent); documentation that the project and CDBG program have been presented to the residents in a public meeting; and that 25 percent cash or in-kind services are provided as a matching contribution to the project.

The Central Emergency Service Area ("CES") Funny River Fire Station is in need of a fire pumper/tanker to aid in responding to structure fires and structure

protection during wildland fire season. The borough intends to apply for a CDBG of \$650,000 which, if approved, would obligate the borough to provide a 25 percent cash match of \$162,500.

On October 11, 2018 a public meeting was held with the residents of Funny River and borough staff at the Funny River Community Center. The CDBG program was explained and potential projects discussed. The attending residents voted unanimously to recommend that the fire pumper/tanker ("tanker") project be submitted as the number one project for the community's health and safety.

On October 18, 2018 the CES board approved a motion recommending the tanker project as the number one priority project application that meets the CDBG program qualifications in the unincorporated community of Funny River. The board also recommended that the 25 percent cash match requirement of \$162,500 be available for appropriation in the CES Capital Improvement Project budget.

The 2018 CDBG awards are expected to be announced in March 2019. Upon award, the grant funds and the 25 percent match will be presented to assembly for approval and appropriation.

Approval of this ordinance would be appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT / FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>443.27910</u>
Amount:	<u>\$ 162,500.⁰⁰</u>
By: <u>pp</u> <u>BAT</u>	Date: <u>11/7/2018</u>