



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Year 2020 State Capital Improvement Projects

### CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Project Name:** CES Fire Station #1

Project Priority  
Ranking:

1

#### Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Central Emergency Service (CES) Station #1 needs to be replaced. CES Station #1 is the primary fire station, serving the City of Soldotna as well as outlying areas that are within 12 minute response times for approximately 14,000 residents. It is also part of the tiered response protocol for 25,000 residents of the entire emergency service area. In addition to being the primary response location for the City of Soldotna, Station #1 is the headquarters to five CES substations that serve the unincorporated communities of Ridgeway, Sterling, Kalifornsky, Kasilof and Funny River. Meeting the service area needs for ~32,000 local residents, summer influx of visitors to state and national forests as well as providing emergency response services on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. It is the busiest fire station on the Kenai Peninsula, providing ~2,800 responses annually. Additionally, CES supports wildland fire operations to the Alaska Division of Forestry and provides auto-aid to the City of Kenai. The current CES Station #1 was originally built in 1957 with additions added to meet response demands in 1961, 1971 and 1981. The current station and staging area has far exceeded useful life and operational capacity, with issues such as significant structural deficiencies, insufficient ADA compliance, minimal sleeping quarters per gender regulations, no fleet maintenance bays, and no secured property storage for water or snow rescue vehicles.

This construction project includes: land acquisition, architectural design, engineering, site development, construction, furnishings and firefighting equipment. A new facility will include apparatus bays, training/conference room, kitchen, common living area, gender specific sleeping quarters, locker rooms and restrooms. Constructing the new station will provide fire personnel with a facility and property to effectively meet the service area's growing demands of emergency response capabilities.

#### Phased project actions

- January 2018: Kick off public engagement campaign to inform and educate the general public (on-going)
- Spring 2019-2020 Site selection recommendation based upon committee evaluations will be brought to assembly
- July 2020 - February 2021: Secure funding for total project budget
- April - December 2021: Design and engineering requirements
- Spring 2022 - Fall 2023: Construction phase

Funding Requested: \$11,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$11,000,000

Local Match (if any): \$  
0

Election District:

Senate: O, P

House: 29, 30, 31 & 32

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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$	<b>11,000,000</b>	This should be the most accurate estimate of how much this project will cost.
Funding Secured:	\$	<b>0</b>	How much of the project costs are in hand, secured, guaranteed, appropriated, etc. You may include in-kind contributions and volunteer labor. Do not include hypothetical funds.
Funding Requested:	\$	<b>11,000,000</b>	How much is being requested from this year's capital budget.
Pending Requests	\$	<b>900,000</b>	Amount requested from other sources not yet received.
Project Deficit:	\$	<b>11,000,000</b>	Additional funding needed to complete the project.

**Please list Secured Funding Sources and Amounts:**

The borough has identified the land requirements and anticipates negotiations with the land owners. Final purchase of the properties is subject to assembly approval, which is anticipated Summer 2020.

If this project is funded this year, will you be requesting state funding again?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

**Please describe the project time-line and when the expenditures will occur:**

The borough will request state funding in future years if awards are issued in increments to supplement stages of the project. The estimated timeline is July 2020 - February 2021: The state capital award will be used for land acquisition, design/engineering, construction, furnishings and administrative fee. The administration will also seek funds through future legislative grants, foundation grant applications and other supplemental funding avenues.

Has this project gone through a public review process at the local level?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐  
Yes: ☒ No: ☐

**If a community or service area meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

The service area presented this project for recommendation at the public meeting held November 15, 2017. The service area will continue to garner public input through the public engagement campaign, which includes formal public meetings to be scheduled with the City of Soldotna council and the borough planning commission and assembly. The Following public meetings and events were held throughout 2018, in our Fire Service Area communities of Soldotna, Ridgeway, Sterling, K-Beach, Kasilof and Funny River:

- January 18, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board- Regular meeting, Soldotna Fire Station #1 priority.
- January 22, 2018-Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Meeting-Soldotna Fire Station Project Site Selection overview.
- January 27, 2018-Peninsula Winter Games, Public Event, Informational engagement on the new Soldotna Fire Station Project
- February 22, 2018 –Central Emergency Service Area Board Special Meeting-Budget review, Fire Station project, Site Selection
- February 27, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board Special Meeting -Budget review, Fire Station project, Site Selection
- March 7, 2018-City of Soldotna Planning and Zoning meeting-Fire Station project site selection overview
- April 6-8, 2018-Kenai Peninsula Home Show-Public Event, Informational engagement on the new Soldotna Fire Station Project.
- April 19, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board-Regular Meeting-Strategic Planning Construction of a new Soldotna Fire Station
- May 5, 2018-Central Emergency Services Soldotna Fire Station Open House-Public Event, Pancake Breakfast, Apparatus Dedication
- July 19, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board-Special Meeting-Soldotna Fire Station land acquisition
- August 4, 2018-Funny River Festival-Funny River Community Center-Public Event, Informational engagement of new Soldotna Fire Station Project.
- August 27, 2018-Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Meeting-Soldotna Fire Station project land acquisition update
- September 20, 2019-Central Emergency Service Area Board-Regular Meeting-Soldotna Station Land-planning commission update, alternate site discussed.
- October 18, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board Regular Meeting-Review Soldotna Station Site Selection Alternate sites.
- November 15, 2018-Central Emergency Service Area Board Regular meeting-Updated on Station 1 proposed site
- January 22, 2019 presented to assembly for approval.
- Project discussions will continue during the FY21 budget meetings, which are also public meetings.

**Who will own the project or facility?** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Entity responsible for providing ongoing operation and maintenance of this project?** Central Emergency Services

**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?** Central Emergency Services, Operating Budget, Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Please select a project type** (chosed only one):

- ☐ Planning and Research
- ☐ Maintenance and Repairs
- ☐ Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades
- ☒ New Construction and Land Acquisition
- ☐ Equipment and Materials
- ☐ Information System and Technology
- ☐ Other: