Kenai Peninsula Borough Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor (f

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager Bl

DATE: July 22, 2021

RE: Ordinance 2021-19- 08, Approving and Accepting \$11,403,341 from

the U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

(Mayor)

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("funds"), established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. The borough is a direct grant recipient of \$11,403,341. This amount is based upon the 2019 census and the Community Development Block Grant population determinations. The granting agency is the U.S. Treasury, which will release the funds in two deposits; there is no match requirement. The borough received the first deposit of \$5,701,670.50 on May 25, 2021. The second deposit will be released May 2022.

There are six categories whereby the borough may elect to use the funds, including: (1) Support for public health response; (2) replace public sector revenue loss; (3) water and sewer infrastructure; (4) address negative economic impacts; (5) premium pay for essential workers; (6) broadband infrastructure (see attached factsheet).

The recommended projects below emphasize the importance of achieving outcomes that may provide the greatest public benefit on an areawide basis. Said projects are eligible as defined by the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule.

- 1. \$2 million in revenue replacement to be allocated to educational services.
- 2. \$3.4 million in lost revenue to be invested in "pay-go" critical infrastructure projects. Pay-go infrastructure funding also refers to the practice of funding capital projects with cash-on-hand from

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- taxes, fees, grants, and other sources, rather than with borrowed sums.
- 3. \$6 million to be allocated toward the solid waste leachate system rehabilitation project.

Attachment: U.S. Treasury Fact Sheet

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MATCH & ADMIN FEE FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED

Account: <u>271.00000.SLFRF.33115</u>

Amount: \$11,403,341.00

By: _____ Date: 7/22/2021

BY: BH