



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Nikiski Fire Service Area

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR

THRU: David Carey, Borough Mayor *DK*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B Ahlberg*

FROM: James C. Baisden, NFSA Fire Chief *J C Baisden*

DATE: May 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010-19-47, accepting a grant in the amount of \$95,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and appropriating \$103,040 in the Nikiski Fire Service Area capital project budget for installation of a fire alarm system at Station #1

Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) is committed to the health and safety of its firefighters. The service area has applied for and received award notification through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "Assistance to Firefighters" grant program to conduct the following project: Installation of a fire alarm system at Nikiski Fire Station #1.

The grant will allow the service area to install an automatic fire alarm system to notify personnel to evacuate in the event of a fire or other emergency, to notify 911 dispatch of a possible fire situation, and give personnel an opportunity to prepare the structure and control the spread of fire and smoke at Station #1.

Funds are available in the service area's capital project fund balance to meet the 5 percent match requirement and the 3.04 percent administrative fee. The Service Area Board is scheduled to meet on May 11, 2011. Acceptance of this grant and approval for the matching funds is on its agenda for that meeting. The results of the board's action will be provided to the assembly prior to final hearing on the ordinance.

A shortened hearing is requested because the "Assistance to Firefighters" grant program is restricted to a one year performance period; therefore, the service area grant shall end February 11, 2012. The service area will need adequate time to purchase the equipment, conduct testing of the fire alarm system and file required reports before the expiration of the grant. The NFSA fire chief shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

The assembly's consideration of this request is appreciated.

Attachment: DHS award letter

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ACCOUNT NO. & FUNDS VERIFIED

Acct. No. 441.51110.11ARL.49999

Amount 441.00000.00000.27910 - \$8,040

By: *CBEW* Date: 5/4/11

C Chapman