



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Donald E. Gilman River Center

MEMORANDUM

DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR

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

THRU: David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
John Mohorcich, River Center Director *J Mohorcich*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Project Manager *B Ahlberg*

FROM: John Czarnecki, Resource Planner *J Czarnecki*

DATE: June 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-19-02, accepting and appropriating grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$25,000 for the River Debris Removal Program

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, by Resolution 2009-018, approved 19 projects for funding through the Department of Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy management, Regulation and Enforcement, Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). River Debris Removal was among those projects approved and forwarded to the State of Alaska for inclusion in the Alaska CIAP Plan.

The goals of the River Debris Removal program are to remove debris from our rivers, floodplains, wetlands, riparian areas and coasts. Both through natural flooding and from poor past practices, we have numerous types of debris in sensitive habitats. It is the intent of this project to identify the locations of debris, analyze issues regarding removal of the debris (e.g., permitting, access, equipment necessary, etc.), prioritize debris for removal, and then contract for the removal of the debris.

The River Debris Removal program was recently initiated, and its actions drew interest from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). FWS would like to contribute to the River Debris Removal program because it closely mimics their goals to protect or to restore riparian and in-stream habitats. The funds will be awarded by way of a cooperative agreement, which requires a match. The match will be the grant funds awarded from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement for the River Debris Removal Program in the amount of \$49,272 under (O2010-19-30).

Note: Both funding sources are federal awards, which are not typically allowed to be designated as match dollars. However, the program initiatives under land management objectives make it eligible for the CIAP funds to be applied as the required FWS match. Both federal departments have approved this match agreement.

The River Center Resource Planner will be the program manager. The performance period ends three years from the date of execution.

Attachments: award notification

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| FINANCE DEPARTMENT | |
| FUNDS VERIFIED | |
| Acct. No. | <u>271.21135.12RDR.49999</u> |
| Amount | <u>N/A</u> |
| By: | <u>CBW</u> |
| Date: | <u>6/9/11</u> |