



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Central Emergency Service Area

### MEMORANDUM

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

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

**FROM:** Chris Mokracek, CES Chief *C. Mokracek*

**DATE:** August 4, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2011-19- 12, accepting a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the State of Alaska and appropriating \$347,226 in the Central Emergency Service Area Capital Budget for the purchase of a Wildland Fire Engine

**DAVID R. CAREY**  
**BOROUGH MAYOR**

The Central Emergency Service Area (CES) submitted a request for legislative grant funding in the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 State of Alaska Capital Budget. Senate Bill 46, which appropriated funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of a wildland fire engine, was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Parnell on June 29, 2011.

Through community participation in the Community Wildfire Projection Planning session it was determined that a four-wheel drive, wildland fire engine would provide access to difficult ingress and egress situations in the event of a wildland fire threatening homes in the wildland urban interface. The estimated cost of the wildland fire engine is \$333,613.

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has provided award notification. The service area board will consider a motion recommending acceptance of the grant at its regular board meeting on August 18, 2011. The difference in the amount of \$133,613 would be appropriated from CES capital project fund balance to the project account. The five-year, project performance period ends June 30, 2016. The CES chief shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

Funding in the amount of \$320,000 for a second wildland fire engine was previously appropriated in FY2011 and FY2012. Based upon the estimated cost of the wildland fire engines, an additional \$13,613 is needed for the purchase of the vehicle.

A shortened hearing is requested to ensure delivery of both vehicles by June 2012. This will enable us to place the vehicles into service prior to the wildland fire season.

Attachment: award notification

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No. <u>443.00000.00000.27900</u>	— <i>FB</i>
Amount <u>\$147,226</u>	
By: <u><i>CBW</i></u>	Date: <u>8/4/11</u>