



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Nikiski Fire Service Area

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Mike Navarre Mayor *MN*
Craig Chapman, Director of Finance *C Chapman*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *em*

FROM: James Baisden, NFSA Chief *JCB*

DATE: June 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2012-19- 06, accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$975,000 from the State of Alaska on behalf of the Nikiski Fire Service Area for the purchase of an aerial fire apparatus

The Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) submitted a request for legislative grant funding in the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 State of Alaska Capital Budget. Senate Bill 160, which appropriated funding in the amount of \$975,000 for the purchase of an aerial fire apparatus was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Parnell on May 14, 2012.

This grant is for the replacement of the department's 30 year old ladder truck that is in poor condition. This apparatus is used to provide fire protection to the industrial, commercial, and residential occupancies throughout the service area and has accumulated more than 2,400 hours on the engine. The typical lifespan for this type of apparatus is between 20 and 25 years. Major engine, pump, and hydraulic problems have kept the apparatus out-of-service and downtime is exceeding in-service availability. Parts needed for repair are obsolete. The ladder truck failure severely hampers the department's emergency response capabilities and can have a negative effect on the insurance rating for the community. The ladder truck is necessary to support the required fire flow of water and foam at the LNG plant and the oil refinery located within the industrial complex of Nikiski.

The service area board will consider a motion recommending acceptance of the grant at its regular board meeting to be held June 13, 2012. The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development will provide the grant award with a five-year, project performance period ending June 30, 2017. James Baisden, NFSA Chief, shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

Attachment: Alaska Act HCS CSSB 160(FIN)
excerpt "Kenai Areawide (HD33-35) Only"

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
ACCT#FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>441.51110.13439.49999</u>
Amount	<u>N/A</u>
By:	<u>pc</u> Date: <u>6/6/12</u>