



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Kachemak Emergency 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 *B Ahlberg*

FROM: Bob Cicciarella, KESA Chief *BC*

DATE: July 17, 2012

MIKE NAVARRE
BOROUGH MAYOR

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2012-19- 21, accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of Alaska on behalf of the Kachemak Emergency Service Area for the Diamond Ridge community center and training facility

The borough submitted a request for legislative grant funding in the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 State of Alaska Capital Budget. Senate Bill 160 was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Parnell on May 14, 2012, appropriating \$100,000 for the Kachemak Emergency Service Area Diamond Ridge community center and training facility.

The borough's "State Funding Priorities 2012" binder at page 25 identifies the project as follows:

For the construction of a Community Center/Firefighter/EMS Training Facility to be used for public meetings, the Ski Club, Firefighter Training and EMS Training. This facility will provide a place for local residents for meetings, shelter, Home Owner Associations and public gatherings in addition to use on occasion by the Kachemak Bay Ski Club who uses the area for their trail head convergence. The facility will be used more regularly for a training facility for fire and EMS personnel. Without having a building to hold regular training it has been difficult to recruit fire department personnel from the west side of the service area. Kachemak Emergency Service Area has had numerous applicants that have withdrawn their interest because of the lack of facilities on the west side. Personnel must drive 20 miles to attend training events at the McNeil Canyon Station at Mile 12 East End Road. With the construction of the Kachemak Emergency Service Area equipment building currently in progress this separate facility will augment that operation in many ways.

The service area board passed a motion recommending acceptance of the grant at its regular board meeting held June 12, 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. Bob Cicciarella, KESA Chief, shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

Attachment: Alaska Act HCS CSSB 160(FIN) *excerpt*
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Acct. No. <u>446.51810.12379.49999</u>	
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By: <u>PC</u>	Date: <u>7/24/12</u>