

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030816****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Caswell Lakes Fire Station 13-1

**State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This is a new Public Safety Facility (fire station) to serve Caswell Fire Service Area.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

N/A

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This is a new Public Safety Facility (fire station) to serve Caswell Fire Service Area. Includes all aspects of constructing a structure on undeveloped land including site survey, geological study, architectural design of the building and landscape, water exploration and drilling, placement of a forty-thousand (40,000) gallon water reservoir under the fire station. This fire station will provide essential life-safety and fire protection services including fire services, rescue services, and emergency medical services. Additionally, the fire station training room will provide the only public-use facility in the Caswell Lakes/Kashwitna area.

Funding for this Fire Station is important in that it will lower the ISO rating by as much as half for residential home insurance costs. Tens of thousands of visitors drive the Parks Highway on the way to Denali, Fairbanks and the Interior, yet this fire service area has no station from which to respond to the many calls for help.

The project will construct the first fire station for the Caswell Fire Service Area (FSA) on a five acre parcel located at the intersection of Caswell Loop and Deep Woods Way which the Borough already owns. The project will install a 33,000 gallon water reservoir under the structure. The station will have apparatus bays capable of housing one fire engine, one fire tanker, a rescue vehicle, and an ambulance so that Fire, EMS, and Rescue services can be initiated for the citizens of the Caswell/Kashwitna/Sunshine areas, as well as motor traffic along the Parks Highway. The station will allow emergency services to be physically located in the Caswell area. Currently, emergency incidents receive service from Willow or Talkeetna which causes a significant delay getting to the scene of an accident. The station will also provide the community with a public facility for elections and community meetings. The project is supported by the Caswell FSA 15-Year Strategic

Plan.

**Project Timeline:**

Develop a scope of work for the construction project (most likely a design-build model) -- June/July 2013  
Go out to bid for a contractor -- July/August 2013  
Contract with the successful bidder -- August/September 2013  
Begin construction -- September/October (site prep) 2013  
Complete construction -- Spring 2014

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No