

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Title:

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Nikiski Fire Service Area Fire Engines

State Funding Requested: \$ 550,000

House District: 34 - Q

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchases (2) Type A fire engines.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$1,100,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds					\$550,000	
Total					\$550,000	

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Service Area will match the state funds; the services area is supported by a local mill rate.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

It is estimated that the two existing front line engines have a life expectancy of no more than 3 years before replacement or major overhaul is required to keep the equipment operational. Both engines are twenty-four years old and provide service to residents and industry alike; including the vital oil and gas infrastructure in the central peninsula area. The two engines to be purchased will be identical Type A fire engines.

Project Timeline:

Upon notification of inclusion in the capital budget, the project will be bid and purchased within two years.

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

Nikiski Fire Service Area

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: James Baisden, Fire Chief
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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



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Two (2) Type A Fire Engines

Project
Priority
Ranking: 1

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Nikiski Fire Department is requesting a matching grant from the Alaska State Legislature for \$550,000 to purchase two (2) Type A fire engines. The purchase of these identical fire engines will allow the Nikiski Fire Department to replace its two, twenty-four year old front line apparatus, that provides service to not only the citizens of Nikiski but also to the vital oil and gas infrastructure that supports the Kenai Peninsula.

Justification for replacing these two (2) engines was based on a recent 2007 Nikiski Fire Department Vehicle Assessment conducted by the NFD maintenance staff. Current projections estimate that the two front line engines have a life expectancy of no more than three years before replacement or major overhaul will be required to keep this equipment response operational.

Funding Requested: \$ 550,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,100,000

Local Match (if any) and Source: \$ 550,000

Nikiski Fire Department Capital Project Account

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Election Districts: Senate District: Q

House District: 34

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)

N/A

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

N/A

How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)

Through staff meetings, completed 2007 Vehicle Assessment of all Nikiski Fire Department response equipment, and Nikiski Fire Service Area Board of Directors recommendation.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?
When and where was the meeting held?**

Nikiski Fire Department board meetings are advertised in the Peninsula Clarion and also posted on Fire Station #1's reader board a month in advance.

Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)

Nikiski Fire Department employees, Nikiski Fire Service Area Board members and the general public.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

N/A

Who will own the project or facility?

Nikiski Fire Service Area through the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

A committee of fire department employees will develop specifications based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and industry standards. Once specifications are complete, the project will be bid per the bidding and purchasing requirements of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?

Operations and maintenance will be funded through the department's annual budget process as part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough budget.