Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)
Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Project Title:
Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Butte Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Equipment Upgrade

State Funding Requested: $40,000
Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: 16 - H

Brief Project Description:
Upgrade and replace fire safety equipment.

Funding Plan:

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<th>Total Cost of Project: $40,000</th>
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There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:
Upgrade and replace fire safety equipment used in the annual fire and rescue responses. Butte Fire and Ambulance is part of the Mat-Su Borough, Department of Emergency Services. Responsibilities include: EMS, Rescue, & Water Rescue: Provide Emergency Medical response from Clark Wolverine Road to Mile 1,Old Glenn Highway including Knik River Road. Respond to vehicle accidents on roadways, swift water accidents on the Matanuska and Knik Rivers, ice rescue call, and everyday medical emergencies. Fire & Rescue: Respond to all fires within the Butte Fire Service Area.

Population: Year 2000 — 2,561
Year 2005 — 4,500
(Five year population increase of 40%)

Estimated yearly runs:
Ambulance: 297
Fire: 85
Rescue: 50

Project Timeline:
FY 2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:
Butte Volunteer Fire Department

Contact Name: Karen Sawyer
Contact Number: 465-3878
Grant Recipient Contact Information:
Contact Name: Chief Charles Von Gunten
Phone Number: 907.745.4221
Address: 3355 S Old Glenn HWY, Palmer, AK 99645
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No
Every day residents and visitors of the Mat-Su are served by local on-call paid emergency responders. They respond to home and vehicle fires, auto accidents, water rescue, and emergency medical calls.

To provide adequate services as the population grows:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Step up and join the brave women and men who have been serving your area.

HISTORY:
The Butte Fire Department was started as an all volunteer organization in 1953 and formalized in 1964 with the incorporation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

We have two stations with fire, ambulance and rescue response vehicles —

Station 21:
Mile 11 Old Glenn Highway

Station 22:
Mile 5 Knik River Road

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BECOME A PAID, ON-CALL RESPONDER TODAY!
Stop by Station 21, on the Old Glenn Highway, any Monday or Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and talk to Chief VonGunten or Chief Akers.

Department of Emergency Services
Volunteer Services Coordinator
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TRAINING
Fire
Mondays - 7 p.m.
Rescue
1st & 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.
EMS
2nd & 4th Tuesday - 7 p.m.

BUTTE FIRE STATIONS
Station 21 - 3355 S Old Glenn Hwy.
Station 22 - 8271 S Ben Hur Drive
Tel: (907) 745-4221 or 745-5757
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Fire & Rescue:
- Respond to all fires within the Butte Fire Service Area. (Fire Service Areas are monetarily funded through mill rates in area property taxes.)

Teen Opportunities
Teens from 14-18 can learn firefighting skills and teamwork by joining the Explorer Post. Call or stop by Station 21 on Tuesday nights around 7 p.m. for information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
House fires can devastate a family in a matter of hours. The Butte Fire Department is looking for dedicated individuals, 18 and older.
Make a difference in your community; commit to training and responding to fires and emergencies in your area.

Department Numbers:
18 Active Firefighters
(Most responders have fulltime jobs out of the area and are unable to respond during normal weekday hours.)

Being a firefighter is a satisfying profession, and the experiences will last a lifetime.

RESCUE
Technical Rescue Responders are trained in Vehicle Extrication techniques. These techniques are used to remove people who are trapped inside a vehicle due to an accident and are unable to escape on their own.

AMBULANCE SERVICE
The Ambulance crews that serve this area are available twenty-four-seven to respond to Emergency Medical calls.
As the population grows and traffic through the area increases, the number of calls will increase. We need more Emergency Medical Responders trained and willing to come to the aid of neighbors in need.

If you live anywhere in the Butte area and would like to:
* Become an EMT I
* Serve your community as an EMT I, II, III, or Paramedic
* Renew your certification
* Be a HERO

Contact Sally Letherman at 373-8813, or stop by the station on a Tuesday training night and talk to John Akers.

The Butte Fire Department is critically short of firefighters!
We need individuals who will commit to training and serving our community and neighbors.