

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

# Kenai Peninsula Borough - Central Emergency Service Area Rescue Boat

**State Funding Requested: \$100,750****House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This is a replacement of a 28-year old inflatable that has had numerous repairs and will no longer hold air. It is well beyond its usable life span. Central Emergency Service Area Priority #1.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$100,750
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,750)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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Our personnel are trained in swiftwater rescue and boat handling on rivers and open water. CES also has its own certified dive team for rescue and recovery operations. We also respond to mutual aid requests for Ninilchik, Nikiski, Kenai and Cooper Landing for water related incidents.

CES is called upon numerous times per year to perform rescues from overturned boats, sinking vessels and search and rescue operations when these bodies of water are at their most treacherous.

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**Project Timeline:**

July - August 2012 Formal acceptance of grant by Service Area Board and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.  
September 2012 Boat, motor and trailer will be purchased through a competitive bidding process in compliance with the KPB's purchasing ordinance.  
November 2012 Take delivery of boat. Place in warm storage until bodies of water are ice free.  
Spring 2013 Place into active service.

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

KPB/Central Emergency Service Area

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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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 2012 State Capital Improvement Projects

## CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA

**Funding Recipient:** Kenai Peninsula Borough / Central Emergency Service Area

**Project Name:** Rescue Boat

Project Priority  
Ranking: 1

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<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$	100,750		House:	33

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority?**

Increasing rescue activity and tragic loss of life over the years has justified this priority.

**If a Community Meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?**

A public meeting was held by the Central Emergency Service Area Board on Thursday, September 20, 2011 at the Soldotna Fire Station. Board members, Service Area Administration and staff were present, as well as members of the public. This request was discussed and unanimously approved by the Board to be a priority request for FY2012. This meeting was advertised through the local print media.

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

N/A

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of Central Emergency Service Area.

**Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:**

Central Emergency Service Area.

**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?**

Through the Central Emergency Service Area general operating budget.