

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: Other**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Hazard Tree Removal

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)****Brief Project Description:**

Removal of hazard trees outside and adjacent to utility easements and rights-of-way corridors. KPB Tier 1 Priority.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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3. administer contracts for mitigation efforts in a manner similar to the Borough's successful Spruce Bark Beetle Road/Street/Highway Rights-of-Ways program.

Project Timeline:

Project would begin Fall 2012

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

Kenai Peninsula 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



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House: 6, 32, 33, 34 & 35

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