

**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: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Kenai Peninsula Borough - Tall Tree Bridge Rebuild and Road Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$450,000****House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Tall Tree Bridge Rebuild and Road Upgrade - Tier 1 Project

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$550,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$450,000)
Project Deficit:	\$100,000

*Funding Details:*

n/a

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Flooding in September of 2012 resulted in the partial failure of a bridge abutment on the existing one-lane bridge over Stariski Creek. Additionally, the road was overtopped by flood waters. The existing bridge and road are currently not maintained by the Borough, but provide the sole access to over 300 parcels, an operational gas well, pipeline and over 30 families. This was the second event in the past two years that has cut off residents because of threatened bridge failures. These repeated issues place families at risk and leave them without access to fuel deliveries, medical and fire services.

The bridge has continued to deteriorate over the last 12 months, threatening the loss of access to the area and introducing a significant amount of damaging sediment to Stariski Creek. The Borough has taken an active role during the fall of 2013 to provide support for emergency repairs to keep the bridge passable. A permanent fix is badly needed.

These funds would allow the Borough to bring an unmaintained road up to borough standards for inclusion into the roads maintenance program and repair the existing bridge and certify its integrity. This work will assure that the road and bridge will provide safe and reliable access to homes and commercial developments.

**Project Timeline:**

ongoing

**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