

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 - Bear Creek Fire Service Area - Bear Creek Fire Station Asphalt Surfacing

State Funding Requested: \$450,000

House District: Kenai Areawide (6-8)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Bear Creek Fire Station -- Parking lot and site paving \$450,000

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$450,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2025 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$450,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Current operational demands do not allow for resources to be allocated to the requested improvements.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Background

The Bear Creek Fire Service Area was established in 1977, covering approximately 15 square miles. Bear Creek is staffed by 3 permanent employees and 26 volunteers, who provide rapid emergency Fire, EMS, and Rescue response services to a population of 1,757 tax paying citizens, as well as the thousands of tourists who travel to the Greater Seward Area during the summer months. In addition to emergency response within the service area, the Bear Creek Fire Service responds to emergencies in the neighboring City of Seward and northern communities along the Seward Highway.

Justification

The Bear Creek Fire Station located at 13105 Seward Highway, Seward, Alaska 99664 is needing to have the parking/working areas adjacent of the facility surfaced with asphalt. When the station was originally built, the area was completed with gravel due to lack of funding.

The existing gravel parking lot creates operational impacts and drives higher maintenance costs, further impacting the service areas already limited resources.

If funded, we intend to utilize the existing architectural drawings previously completed by Architects Alaska. The area indicated in the drawings would be the areas surfaced. The total approximate area is 29,000 square feet and it is anticipated that the site will require the import of D1 gravel to fine-grade and then follow with asphalt. Additional services would include

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surveying, compacting, and parking lot striping.

Project Timeline:

Upon receiving available funding and invitation to bid will be released for the procurement of paving and construction services resulting in the completion of the paved parking lot and site access as the design intended. The project is anticipated to take 45 days from notice to proceed to completion.

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

Kenai Peninsula Borough Bear Creek Fire Service Area

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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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