


SUBJECT: INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGER'S APPROVAL OF, AND SUBMITTAL OF, THE 2026 ONLINE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE SERVICE AREAS OF SUTTON, TALKEETNA, AND WILLOW-CASWELL.

AGENDA OF: January 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: For information only.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	 Recoverable Signature X Casey Laughlin Signed by: Casey Laughlin 12/17/2025
Emergency Services Director	X Ken Barkley Signed by: Kenneth Barkley 12/18/2025
Finance Director	X Liesel Zanto for CH Signed by: Liesel Zanto 12/18/2025
Borough Attorney	X Shannon Bodolay for NS Signed by: Shannon Bodolay 12/19/2025
Borough Manager	X Michael Brown Signed by: Mike Brown 12/19/2025
Borough Clerk	X Lonnie McKechnie Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie 12/19/2025

ATTACHMENT (S) : None

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Borough Manager has given his approval for the Borough Fire Services Areas of Sutton, Talkeetna, and Willow-Caswell, to submit online applications for Volunteer Fire Assistance grant funding through the State of Alaska, Division of Forestry. The applicants have requested funding for equipment in the following amounts:

- Sutton Fire Service Area: Communications Equipment - \$10,000
- Talkeetna Fire Service Area: Firefighting tools and equipment - \$10,000
- Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area: Water supply hose - \$8,792.55

The fire service areas must provide 10% matching funds in order to comply with the conditions of the grant and to receive the grant. The matching funds will be pulled from their fund balance at the time legislation is done accepting and appropriating any awarded funding.