


**SUBJECT:** INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGERS SIGNATURE ON, AND SUBMITTAL OF, AN ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH GRANTS.GOV, UNDER THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ALASKA FUELS MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, REQUESTING \$150,000 IN FUNDING TO EXTEND THE SAW CREW WORK SEASON AND PROVIDE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AROUND SCHOOLS AND PARKS IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.






**AGENDA OF:** March 15, 2022

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

Presented to the Assembly  
3-15-22 

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** For information only.

**APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:** 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - P. Graham		
	Finance Director		
	Borough Attorney		
	Borough Clerk	 3/1/22	

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** None

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance program solicited applications for funding that will assist with fuels management and community fire assistance program activities to reduce the risk and impact of hazardous fuels. If awarded, this grant will be used to extend the Saw Crew work season, increasing the number of schools and parks where wildfire hazard risk will be reduced.

Recent federal program changes have substantially increased the amount of grant funding possibilities for wildfire hazard mitigation projects. This grant funding would be applied the Saw Crew project for fuel reduction work necessary to mitigate the high priority bark beetle infestation at Borough public facilities.

The grant application, with a submittal deadline of March 11, 2022, does not include a match requirement. In order to meet the application submittal deadline the manager reviewed and signed the paper application, and authorized the Grants Coordinator to submit the electronic application through the Grants.Gov portal.