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Public Hearing: 06/21/16  
Adopted: 06/21/16

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 16-054**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING THE SCOPES OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR THE GOVERNMENT PEAK RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN, THE RIDGE TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN, PROJECT 15013, AND FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT 15015.

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WHEREAS, the Assembly reappropriated \$55,000 from the Land and Resource Management Division fiscal year 2016 operating budget with the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 16-076; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly reappropriated \$16,000 from the Community Development Department fiscal year 2016 operating budget with the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 16-076; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received an increasing number of applications for new recreational amenities at the Government Peak Recreation Area each year; and

WHEREAS, there is no site layout guidance provided by the existing plans for the area; and

WHEREAS, a master plan will provide layout drawings for the next 15 years to minimize potential conflicts between recreational uses and increase efficiencies in space utilization by maximizing the recreational amenities that can be accommodated in the limited space near the chalet; and

WHEREAS, a public process will help ensure all interest groups have an opportunity to represent their recreational needs for the area; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge Trail is an important asset for the community of Talkeetna; and

WHEREAS, it is both a recreation trail for residents and visitors as well as an important transportation corridor for many people living outside the community; and

WHEREAS, the community has a desire to come up with a plan for this trail system to guide management/use, investment and protect this important community resource; and

WHEREAS, the community has secured \$10,000 in grant money towards the planning effort, and another \$15,000 is required to complete the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Land Management Division, with nearby natural resources, desires to work cooperatively with the community to complete the plan; and

WHEREAS, Land Management has funds available in its fiscal year 2016 operating fund to assist the community; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Department proposes a \$15,000 grant to the Talkeetna Community Council to complete the funding for a Ridge Trail Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation (Foundation) mission is to fund a connected trails and parks system to promote healthy lifestyles, enrich residents' quality of life and provide economic value by enhancing recreation, tourism, and business opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, towards these ends, the Foundation has directly funded \$165,343 in parks and trails project in the borough over the past two years which have netted and additional \$667,558 in match for improving parks and trails in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's primary funding source in the past and into the future is the Mat-Su Health Foundation who has shown a strong financial commitment to the Mat-Su Trails and Park Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Foundation has received a grant from the Rasmussen Foundation to support its efforts; and

WHEREAS, any Borough funds contributed will be leveraged at more than 1:1 by Mat-Su Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been a partner with the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation since the Foundation was founded in May 2011, and the Borough actually provided \$100,000 in seed money to assist in getting the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation started; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has contributed no funding since the initial funding was provided in November of 2011; and

WHEREAS, since all Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation funds are expended in the Mat-Su Borough on projects directly benefiting Borough residents and Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation has been successful in augmenting the limited funding the Borough has available to enhance parks and trails, the Community Development Department is supportive of the Foundation's request. Community Development proposes a \$16,000 grant to the foundation to be taken from the Community Development Department's fiscal year 2016 operating funds, fund 100, areawide Fund; and

WHEREAS, no expenditures can be made until a scope of work and budget has been approved by the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly hereby approves the following scope of work and budget for the Government Peak Recreation Area Master Plan.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Development of the Government Peak Recreation Area Master Plan.

**BUDGET**

Government Peak Recreation Area Master  
Plan  
Project 15013  
Land and Resource Management Division  
Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget \$ 40,000.00

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Grant to Talkeetna Community Council for the Ridge  
Trail Master Plan.

**BUDGET**

Ridge Trail Master Plan  
Project 15013  
Land and Resource Management Division \$ 15,000.00  
Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget

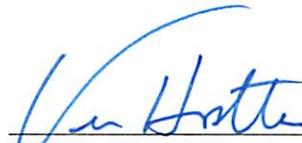
**SCOPE OF WORK**

Grant to Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation for trail  
development and marketing.

**BUDGET**

Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation  
Project 15015  
Areawide Community Development  
Department Fiscal Year 2016 Operating  
Budget \$ 16,000.00

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this  
21 day of June, 2016.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



YES: Beck, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke

NO: McKee

