**MISSION**
To recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, natural resources, and cultural landscape of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor, and to promote and facilitate the public enjoyment of these resources.

**VISION**
To discover, preserve, and enable the unique relationships between the communities, resources, and landscape of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.

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### GRANTS AWARDED

- **24** received
- **18** completed
- **16** awarded

**DOLLAR AMOUNT**

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### GRANTS COMPLETED

- **5280 FT** EXISTING TRAILS MAINTAINED
- **8712 FT** LENGTH OF TRAILS COMPLETED

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GRANTS AWARDED BY CATEGORY

- $12,479 IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION (12%)
- $15,010 IN SIGNAGE (14%)
- $26,060 IN EDUCATION (24%)
- $26,271 IN PUBLICATIONS (24%)
- $28,010 IN TRAILS & RECREATION (26%)

KMTA’s grant support has provided us with a way to engage our local youth, through our summer camps and trail renovations on the Historic Lower Iditarod National Trail, with the beauty and diversity of their backyard, and to provide them with the hands-on learning experiences that will add to their appreciation of the natural world around them.

- Erin Leighton, Program Coordinator, Four Valleys Community School
LEARN MORE: kmtacorridor.org/fourvalleys2019/

321,505 VISITORS THROUGH THE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

302 YOUTH ENGAGED IN NATIONAL HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

84 VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN HERITAGE AREA PROJECTS, PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

$101,311.47

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

3298

146% SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS INCREASE

99 KMTA PARTNERS
KMTA National Heritage Area’s logo and brand has undergone a significant transformation! While our core mission remains the same to preserve, protect, and promote the unique history, culture, and natural resources that make up this beautiful area, we’ve taken our original look and updated our brand to reflect the vibrant, rich, and welcoming characteristics of KMTA NHA.

MINESHAFT

Fifty racers in the inaugural Mineshaft Grinder struck gold last fall in the KMTA community of Hope. The Grinder was a celebration of the mining history of Hope, a fundraiser for Hope School and local National Heritage Area grants, and a broad community effort. The Mineshaft Grinder served to raise $1,000 for Hope School, thanks to registration fees and community sponsors. KMTA caught race fever from a fortunate day and will be holding the 2nd Annual Mineshaft Grinder in August 2020. Check out the National Park Service’s Blog feature to LEARN MORE: www.nps.gov/articles/kmta-mineshaft-grinder.htm

HELLO, WATER BOOK

This past year KMTA helped bring to life a new children’s picture book Hello, Water! by Taylor Hoku Hayden and illustrated by Molly Trainor. With lively text and vivid illustrations, the book demonstrates the changing features of water as it appears across the landscape of KMTA Corridor. Each spread features three characters – Water, Raven, and an iconic Alaska bush plane and includes a kid-friendly map of KMTA. Many of the illustrations are in recognizable locations within the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our partners, grantees, board members, community groups, and visitors that have made the KMTA NHA a richer and more vibrant place to recreate, learn, share, and enjoy.