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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Fairbanks North Star Borough School Federal Tax ID: 92-6000096

District

Project Title: Project Type: Information Systems and Technology

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District - BEST Program Digital Technology & Safety Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$15,000 House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funds are requested for essential upgrades to school safety equipment as well as technology replacement and upgrades to support instructional delivery, online assessments, student learning, and building safety.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$45,910
Funding Already Secured: (\$30,910)
FY2015 State Funding Request: (\$15,000)
Project Deficit: \$0

Funding Details:

Previously secured funding is from district operating funds as well as prior legislative appropriation for safety and security.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Funding is needed for the following three purposes:

- New technology to improve content delivery in the classroom. Teachers are increasingly successful at engaging students in project-based learning that incorporates digital technology. A wide variety of digital classroom equipment is needed including video equipment, computers, printers, digital cameras, mobile computing devices and peripherals.
- Essential upgrades to school safety and security systems. The school needs funding for the purchase and installation of a variety of equipment such as door access systems, cameras, intercoms, and video surveillance equipment to monitor building security.
- Infrastructure improvements to the building's Local Area Network (LAN) -these upgrades are needed to support all of the following items: Wireless Access Points, Intercom Systems, Video Surveillance, FOB (keyless electronic lock) Systems, Security Systems, and VoIP (computerized phone) Systems. It is essential that we upgrade the school's wireless capacity in order to support the technology requirements of the State's new assessment system, support teachers in using instructional strategies that incorporate digital technology, and run the building's security system.

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Project Timeline:

This project will move forward as soon as funding is awarded. This is a time-sensitive project and it is our intent to have all equipment operational as early as possible in the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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