

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kids Voting North Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 92-0171529****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Kids Voting North Alaska - Project Expansion and Outreach

State Funding Requested: \$10,000**House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Develop, distribute and provide materials for classrooms and the public to encourage youth and families to participate in civic.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$10,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$10,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Kids Voting North Alaska has been self funded through private donations, sponsorships and fundraising events throughout its 23 year history save for one grant from the state for "Program Revitalization" in FY 2012.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kids Voting North Alaska is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that fosters an informed, participating electorate by educating and actively engaging young people and their families in voting and other elements of effective civic engagement. Kids Voting North Alaska is the only entity in the state associated with Kids Voting USA and undertaking the task of engaging K-12 students in voting and civic participation. For the past 23 years, we have successfully and proudly participated in local, state and national elections, both big and small.

This grant will supplement our corporate and individual sponsors and will allow us to provide new opportunities for teachers and students as well as expand our public outreach efforts.

With these funds we will also be able to distribute additional teacher incentive grants. These are small grants available to any teacher, librarian, public school or home school to apply for funds directly from Kids Voting North Alaska. These teacher incentive grants provide supplies or materials they need to educate their students about the voting process, provide additional civic learning materials, or books about how our local, state and federal government operates. We anticipate issuing approximately 10 teacher incentive grants for a total of \$1,000.

Kids Voting North Alaska will be distributing scholarships to graduating seniors for the first time. As with all of our efforts, these will be available to all public, private, and home school students in the Borough planning to attend post secondary education or training. We also sponsor civic education projects and competitions throughout the year and distribute prize

money to the winners as incentives to become and stay active in our community. These two efforts combined will cost a total of \$1,000.

Lastly, these funds will go towards our election year publication. This publication will be distributed across the borough, online and in classrooms. It provides parents and teachers with materials to discuss the upcoming election with their children, information about the candidates and ballot propositions and election process, practice ballots, information about civic projects and opportunities across the state and country. Printing and distribution of this publication is anticipated to cost approximately \$7,000.

Other materials and projects that will be supported by this grant:

- Provide an authentic voting experience for all Fairbanks Borough K-12 students through our locally developed online voting system
- Provide curricular training sessions for all teachers in public, private, and home schools
- Provide support for information sessions for parent groups
- Support other civic education projects

Kids Voting North Alaska has been supported almost exclusively by our private sponsors. We will continue to solicit these individual and corporate donors to provide the funding for our annual operating expenses.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will occur from May 2014 through May 2015. Kids Voting North Alaska will be providing the scholarship for 2014 from our own savings and the 2015 scholarship from the state grant. All other expenditures from this grant will be spent during the school year starting August of 2014.

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

Kids Voting North Alaska

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