

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030816****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Joe Redington Sr. Jr/Sr High School Utilities Extension

State Funding Requested: \$900,000**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project includes constructing a new Jr/Sr High School in the Knik area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. This funding request is to provide for utilities extension to the new school site: natural gas, electric, and communications.

Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$900,000 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$0) |
| FY2015 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$900,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit: | \$0 |

Funding Details:

\$65M school bond for design and construction; however, bond proceeds may not be used for required utility expansion. Voters passed a transportation systems bond package in October 2013 for \$1.625M that includes road improvements for Clay-Chapman Road/Knik Knack Mud Shack Road for road access to the new school. This bond is currently pending a 50% State match. MSB needs funds to bring in utilities to the school site.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This funding is requested to complete utilities (natural gas, electric, and communications) extension to the new school site on a 103 acre parcel. Funding for design and construction of the school, \$65M, is already in place and the State match is pending for a bond measure approved by voters in October, 2013, for improving road access to the new school site. This new site will ultimately host three schools. The construction of the Redington Jr/Sr High School will break ground in April 2014, followed by the construction of the Dena'ina Elementary School on an adjacent 10 acre parcel in late 2014. Utilities extension and road improvements will serve both new schools, which will be under construction in 2014. Redington Jr/Sr High School is scheduled to open for students in August 2015, followed by Dena'ina Elementary School in August 2016. In order for construction to proceed, and in order to limit additional costs of providing on site utilities during construction, the utilities extension must be completed during the summer/fall of 2014.

Project Timeline:

Summer/Fall 2014

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

Mat-Su Borough

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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