

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Big Lake Elementary School Library & Technology Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$7,500**House District: 15 / H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

School Library/Technology Upgrades

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$7,500***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Funds will be utilized to facilitate additional upgrades in technology to the Library Media Center. Many students are working with older technology which cannot perform with modern software. We are trying to update our hardware so that students can access current information systems. It is important for all of our students to become familiar with technological opportunities to ensure full participation in our programs as they advance through the education system.

Similarly funding will be utilized to replace damaged books and replenish with new titles in the library. Books become worn, lost or out of date. Materials need to be available for our advanced students as well to offer opportunities for higher level reading.

Project Timeline:

FY10

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

Big Lake Elementary

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$7,500
Approved**

BIG LAKE ELEMENTARY

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Shari Mason, Secretary

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Dear Representative Neuman:

Big Lake Elementary School is requesting the following Legislative appropriations to facilitate needed upgrades for our school library/media center. Our school is one of the oldest facilities in the Mat-Su Borough and is great need of modernization. An enhancement to our Library/Media Center will provide our students with additional opportunities for academic growth.

As always, I do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Big Lake community. If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Vingoe
Principal