

**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 - Houston Middle 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:**

These funds are needed to expand and upgrade current student computers that are heavily used by students for research, Microsoft Office Applications, and to work in the areas of graphic arts and multimedia. In our society's electronic age it is important that students have access to current applications used in most workplaces. We also need to provide exploratory opportunities within the technology area so students can begin to craft their own ideas for their future careers. Once the technology needs are met, remaining funds will be used to update some software to enhance our multimedia and graphic arts programs. Any remaining funds will be used to replace some damaged books throughout our library system which is a constant battle within our regular budget.

**Project Timeline:**

FY10

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

Houston Middle School.

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

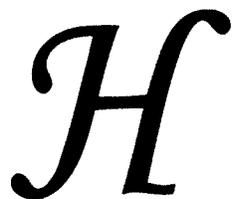
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$7,500  
Approved**

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# Houston Middle School

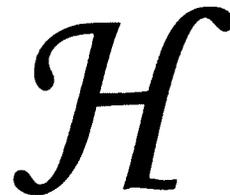
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February 27, 2009

Representative Mark Neuman  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 432  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Neuman:

The staff and students at Houston Middle School would like to request up to \$7,500 to replace and upgrade the current technology in our library/media center and our graphic arts center. These funds would go a long way in enhancing the educational opportunities of our students. These funds should also allow us to replace some of our current titles that are worn and/or damaged. Our library and graphic arts center are critical elements for student learning at HMS. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Andy Murr  
Principal