

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Houston High School Football Field Lights

**State Funding Requested: \$100,000**

**House District: 15 / H**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Additional funding needed to support lights for the football field used for school and community events.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$240,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$140,000	07 08				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Project was funded in FY07 at 40,000. This was not enough to even do design work. In FY09, another \$100,000 was awarded, but was still short of what was requested. So the project has been on hold awaiting the balance of the funding needed to complete the project.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Additional funding is needed to purchase lights for the football field used for school and community events. A partial State grant of \$40,000 was awarded in FY07, but the school cannot purchase the lights until full funding is awarded. An FY08, funding request was fully vetoed. Due to the project delay caused by the veto, the cost of completion is \$49,000 more than quoted in

FY08. This was added to the FY09 funding request to match the current bid of \$225,000 to move forward and complete the project.

This project was included in SB256 supplemental bill as part of the capital projects that were vetoed in the prior year and not funded. In FY 09, \$100,000 was funded, but this was still short of what was requested and needed.

The Houston High School football field is used for both school sports programs and community activities. However, the field currently can only be used during daylight hours. This funding will show support for the growing community of Houston and intramural sports.

**Project Timeline:**

If funded, this project can be completed by September 1,2010

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

\$100,000  
Approved

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

Mat-Su Borough School District

**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

**Karen Sawyer**

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**From:** Norman Bouchard [Norman.Bouchard@matsuk12.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 29, 2008 3:51 PM  
**To:** Sen. Charlie Huggins  
**Subject:** Houston Football Lights Estimate

**Attachments:** MusCo Field Lights Bid.xls



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Hello Senator Huggins,

Here is the follow up bid for the Football lights at Houston High School. The total bid will be \$225,000, if you subtract the \$40,000 we have already been allocated we are asking for an additional \$185,000. Thank you for the time an effort you have put into this project. Norm Bouchard, Head Football/Athletic Director Houston High School



50 fc system Installed	\$225,000
Remarks	Energy Efficient
Local Contact	Hot Wire
Number of Poles	4
Pole Type and Height	Galv Steel / 70'
Pole Base	Pre-cast Cement
Light Type	1500W MH
Number of Lights	28ea - 30fc / 44ea - 50fc
Pre-Aimed	Yes
Reflectors/Glare	Yes
Remote Ballast	Yes
Cable Routing	Inside Pole
Track Included	\$10K more , 10 fc
Meter/Distro panel Included	Control cabinet only
Warranty	25 yr 10,000 hrs
Wireless Capability	Yes





# Houston Football

**2007-2008**

Dear Senator Charlie Huggins,

I first want to thank you for helping fund the football field lights project. I know how important this money is and how hard it is to find projects worthy of consideration. I believe that by putting lights on the Houston High football field, we will have the same opportunity as other schools in the district to provide a variety of needs in the community. The lights will be used not only for sports but also community activities that would otherwise go by the wayside. It will also provide a sense of pride that shows both the Borough's and State's respect for the community of Houston.

As I mentioned before we are grateful for the original \$40,000. However, we are asking that you consider the total cost of the most up to date quote for this project and help us as you have throughout your tenure as a public servant. Without the continued help from the State it would be many years of fundraising and saving while seeing the cost escalate beyond our reach. We do not want the \$40,000 to be redistributed for other projects before we come up with a way to fully fund this endeavor. We are asking for additional monetary support to meet the total cost of the Houston High School football field lights project. Thank you again for all you do for us here in the Mat-Su Borough.

Sincerely

Norman Bouchard  
Athletic Director/  
Head Football Coach  
Houston High School

