

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - New Generator and Switchgear for Swanson Elementary School

State Funding Requested: \$75,000

House District: 13 / G

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

New generator and switchgear is needed to replace a failing generator at the school.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$75,000

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

After our Su-Valley High School burned, the local senior center and the local area seniors allowed the school district to place our temporary school on their site and use their senior center building.

We soon discovered the power in the area was not very dependable so we installed a standby generator to assure the buildings had dependable power.

The generator used at the senior center was a generator scheduled to be installed at Swanson Elementary School to replace their older and inadequately sized existing one. It was understood that the generator would be removed and returned to Swanson Elementary when the new school was completed.

Installing the generator at the senior center was a major project but paid off by saving the day many times in the last 2 years when local power went down for various reasons.

The need for standby power is still essential at the senior center, because power goes off often in that area.

It would be more expensive to remove this generator and install a new one then it would be to leave that one there and buy a new one for the school district to install at Swanson Elementary.

The school district is grateful for the senior center stepping in and allowing the high school to use their Center. The school district does not like to leave them without a generator, which would be placing them in danger of freezing their building.

We ask that we receive \$75,000 to purchase a generator and necessary switchgear. This would allow the district to leave the senior center with a generator and replace the failing one at Swanson Elementary.

Project Timeline:

We would hope to have the generator installed by October of 2010

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

The Mat-Su Borough School District

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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