

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

# Anchorage - North Star Elementary School Book and Technology Grant

**State Funding Requested: \$15,000****House District: 25 / M**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This grant will enable North Star Elementary School to purchase books and technological equipment.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$15,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This is an education priority. A book and technology grant will allow North Star Elementary to keep up with the ever-growing list of technological and computer accessories and equipment that have proven to be useful in teaching. It will also allow the school's classrooms and library to purchase books and audio books, which are used to increase literacy rates.

**Project Timeline:**

The grant funds will be expended during the 2010-2011 school year, in FY11.

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

Anchorage 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

# North Star Elementary School

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February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Re: Capital Requests

Dear Senator Hollis French and Representatives Doogan and Holmes,

North Star Elementary recently submitted a legislative grant application in the amount of \$20,000. The reason for this request is to help North Star address a growing need for increased access to technology. This grant would help meet a fundamental educational need: increased student access to technology for the direct purpose of educationally based enrichment.

The Anchorage School District is currently in the first year of implementing the **RTI (Response to Intervention)** model district-wide this 2009-10 school year. Our district decided to use a portion of the 2-year stimulus money to purchase several technology based programs. These programs provide additional academic support to students in several subject areas, such as math, reading, and writing. All of these subject areas are very critical to student success, and are all areas that our students, based on current SBA (Standards Based Assessment) data, need additional support in now. We have access to these wonderful programs, but a limited amount of equipment to access these programs.

The acquisition of a **Portable Mac Lab (approximately \$20,000 for 20 13inch MacBook Laptops)** will play a large role in helping increase student access to technology in our school. Our staff and district recognize that technology can be a powerful teaching aid. Technology is something that we have to consistently improve upon in our building so we can set students up for the best opportunity to achieve academically.

Sincerely,

*Marcus Wilson*

Marcus Wilson, North Star Principal.