

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

Anchorage - Willow Crest 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 Willow Crest 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 Willow Crest 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



Willow Crest Elementary

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Dear Representative Doogan:

Willow Crest Elementary School submitted a legislative grant to assist our school in upgrading our library and outdoor playground facilities. As a Title I school celebrating its 50th anniversary, we need to refresh and update our facility to meet the challenges and demands of educating a diverse and growing student body.

Approximately two years ago we had a library resource audit done and were informed that the average book age was nearly twenty years old. In addition, the high turnover rate of our students results in many lost books that need replacing. While we have been updating books, reference materials, etc., along the way with the yearly funding we have, we are requesting a major update of library items. In addition to the resources for students and staff, the library sorely needs an update of technology. In order to keep up with the ever-changing use of technology in education, we are requesting the purchase and installation of an interactive whiteboard for the librarian to use in her student instruction and staff development. Our librarian aligns her lessons with our core reading program, district/state/national library standards, and content areas such as science and social studies. The interactive whiteboard is an excellent tool for encouraging research for science fair projects and can serve as an engaging way to help students and parents learn about Internet safety.

Willow Crest Elementary School has served students and families of Spenard for fifty years. With over 400 students, the playground and fields are used daily by many physical education classes and recess students. Our after-school 21st Century Community Learning Center students use the playground and field facilities for many of their fitness and group activities, and our school physical education teachers and staff members organize and coach numerous after-school sports activities, including skiing, soccer, basketball, track and field, and football. The Willow Crest playground is used on a regular basis by community groups for sports and recreational activities. With no other recreational facilities in our neighborhood the children and families make great use of our school play area.

This year we were fortunate to be able to open a preschool within our school. This addition places new demands on our school as we strive to make our facilities developmentally appropriate for four-year-olds. We will use part of our requested

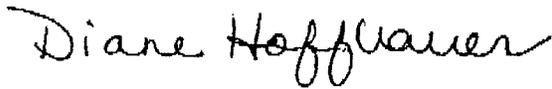
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funding to make our playground developmentally appropriate for this age group as well as purchasing library materials to serve preschoolers and their families.

Thank you so much for considering Willow Crest's request for funding. We believe our upgrades for the library and playground facilities are necessary for academic and health/fitness improvements. We look forward to serving our community for another fifty years! Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Hoffbauer".

Diane Hoffbauer, Principal
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