

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

# Anchorage - Steller Secondary School Book and Technology Grant

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

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This grant will enable Steller Secondary 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 Steller Secondary School 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



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*"Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions."*

*Harlod A. Green, Principal*

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Representative Mike Doogan  
Alaska Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 112  
Juneau, AK 99801-1187

Dear Representative Doogan:

Thank you for your consideration of the projects submitted by Steller Secondary School for legislative review. We appreciate your interest in our school and our students, both of which are valuable assets to our community and state.

As the only secondary school in the Anchorage School District with students in grades 7 through 12, Steller serves a unique population. Our projects are as varied as our students. For example, many of our textbooks are now outdated. Due to our varied student population, replacing textbooks and technology is a costly endeavor. \$15,000 will go a long way to replacing out of date books and technology for our students.

We also have a very limited library. The shelving and furniture is old. While our library is not the size of the comprehensive schools, it is utilized by our students on a daily basis. Updating the shelving and furniture would enable our students to continue to utilize the library for research and general reading. Along that same venue, \$1,000 would replace the chairs in our library, providing a more ergonomic setting for our students.

We are also asking for \$500.00 to be used to replace the incandescent lighting in our building with compact fluorescent bulbs. This initial outlay will bring the cost of lighting our building down, and provide a longer lasting light source for our students.

Steller's computer lab needs to be rewired. The estimated cost to do this is \$20,000.00. The current wiring is very old, and wiring standards have changes since the implementation of the lab.

Steller is requesting a mobile computer lab, at an estimated cost of \$38,000.00. This would enable technology to travel to the classrooms. We are looking at purchasing 25 - 30 laptops and a cart to store them in. With only one computer lab, and the increasing use of technology in the classrooms, this would enable more students to utilize technology in the classroom.

Finally, Steller's water heater should be replaced. The current heater cannot always keep up with the needs of the school. This became more apparent this year, with increased hand-washing to prevent the spread of flu throughout the school. The estimated cost to replace the water heater is \$12,000.00.

As a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School (Fall 2005) and one of Newsweek's "America's Best High School medal", it is very important to the students, staff and our community that we continue the long standing tradition of academic excellence at Steller. We appreciate your support of education and our school as a part of Alaska's overall community.

Sincerely,



Harlod A. Green