

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Yakutat School District****Federal Tax ID: 92-0139570****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Yakutat School District - 4-Wheel Drive Van

State Funding Requested: \$35,000**House District: 5 / C**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Purchase a 4-Wheel Drive twelve passenger van for students and staff for field trips and extracurricular activities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$35,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

To the best of my knowledge we have never received state funding for a school vehicle.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Yakutat School District currently leases two vans from a local company. These are not 4-Wheel Drive Vehicles. We are in need of a 4-Wheel Drive twelve passenger van owned by the school district for safety purposes. The district has numerous educational field trips that include Seaweed and Outdoor Skills week. In addition, we have itinerant staff that travel to our site and numerous athletic teams. The project justification is the safety of our students, staff, parents and educators and/or teams that travel to Yakutat.

Project Timeline:

When funded we would request bids from three car dealerships and bring those bids to our school board to select which company we'd be purchasing the 4-wheel drive van. We would like to purchase this van in the summer of 2012.

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

The Yakutat School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Total Project Snapshot Report

2012 Legislature

TPS Report 55347v1

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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Yakutat Board of Education

Purchase Van for Student Transportation Resolution No. 2010-05

WHEREAS, the Yakutat School District has limited transportation resources for student field trips and activities.

WHEREAS, the Yakutat School District surrounded by a place based education teaching methodology can provide an array of Science knowledge and research.

WHEREAS, the Yakutat School District staff and students partake in educational events such as Sea Week and Outdoor Skills Week and currently do not have the needed vehicles to transport our students, staff, and chaperones.

WHEREAS, the Yakutat School District has schools visiting to participate in athletic competitions and Rose Urban Rural Exchange Program and currently does not have the means to transport students, coaches and chaperones to enjoy our natural beauty while they are visiting or transportation to and from the airport.

WHEREAS, the Yakutat School District is in need of twelve passenger vans to accommodate the numerous transportation needs educationally and athletically.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakutat School District supports the purchase of twelve passenger vans.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakutat School District will seek funding sources to purchase twelve passenger vans.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yakutat Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools supports the purchase of twelve passenger vans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to local, state or federal organizations as needed to secure funding for these vans.

Date signed by all parties and approved by the Yakutat School Board at their business meeting on June 29, 2010.

Attest:


Cecilia Ryman
Board President


Shannon Jensen
Board Member

Jonathan Jensen
Board Member




Rebecca Nichols
Board Member

April Newlun
Board Member



Rod Schug
Superintendent of Schools





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January 5, 2011

Dear Legislative Leaders:

I'd like to take this opportunity to commend you and your colleagues on your dedication, care and concern for all communities in our great state. Your tireless efforts are respected and appreciated.

The Yakutat School District is submitting requests for new playground equipment, a twelve passenger 4-wheel drive van and funding to support our youth center. I am honored to write this letter of support for the Yakutat School District. On behalf of the Yakutat Ranger District, we support the Yakutat School District's three funding requests summarized below.

The current playground equipment is old, out dated and in need of upgrades to support healthy youth and a healthy community. Due to the alarming rate of obesity in our children, having an array of recreation opportunities is vital for the future of our community, state and nation. Not only can this equipment be utilized during the academic day, but also families can enjoy play with their children after school, weekends and in the summer, which results in strengthening family bond and unity.

The school district currently leases two vans from a local company. They are very appreciative of this opportunity, however, they are in need of a twelve-passenger 4-wheel drive van to support student field trips, sports activities and educational opportunities that arise throughout the school year, such as Outdoor Skills Week and Seaweek.

One of the key ingredients to building and supporting youth in a community is providing numerous after school programs for our students. Keeping youth active and involved in positive programs curbs the peer pressure to make unsound decisions. The funding would also support a part-time person to oversee the Youth Center, during the school year and in the summer. The district currently has a modular building that is being converted into a "Youth Center." The district has committed several thousand dollars purchasing items that will provide fun and educational opportunities for "all" students. However, this modular building is in need of some well-deserved repairs, upgrades and equipment to make an inviting and safe environment. They include, but are not limited to: 1) New steps into the building with an enclosure for safety from snow and rain; 2) New carpet; 3) Paint for the inside and outside of the modular; and 4) Five computers for students to do homework and research projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Yakutat School Districts requests as we work collectively to build our schools for the children of today and those entering our schoolhouse doors in the years ahead.

Respectfully,

LEE A. BENSON
District Ranger





YAKUTAT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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January 11, 2011

Dear Legislative Leaders:

As the Acting Health Director for the Yakutat Community Health Center, I write this letter in support of the Yakutat School District's CIP requests for new: 1) Playground Equipment, 2) Twelve Passenger Van and 3) funding to build our "Youth Center". I am honored to write this letter of support for the Yakutat School District.

The Yakutat Community Health Center has partnered with the YSD on several occasions and completes all sports physicals for the school district and has noticed a high rate of obesity within our youth. Type 2 Diabetes has traditionally been regarded as a disease of adults, but the prevalence is increasing among AN/AI youth. Potential reasons for the increase include: loss of traditional diet, obesity, and inactivity. We see the playground equipment as a positive step towards combating obesity and inactivity within our youth. Our School District gives time during recess for the youth to get needed exercise, even during the worst snow days.

The school district currently leases two vans from a local company which is not cost effective on a dwindling school budget. The YSD encounters field trips, sports activities and educational opportunities such as Outdoor Skills Week and Sea Week where the van is needed. Your support in helping with the purchase of a new van that is safe and cost effective for our District would be greatly appreciated.

We are very proud of the YSD in building a Youth Center for our youth. On the 2005 CBY Opinion Survey a Youth Center was identified as a need in Yakutat along with a new Public Safety Building, Senior Center Building and Cultural Center. Since then the Public Safety built a new building and the Senior Center is currently being built. The Yakutat School District currently has a modular building that is being converted into a "Youth Center." The building is very outdated and is in desperate need of some well-deserved repairs, upgrades and equipment to make an inviting and safe environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and your colleagues on your dedication and concern for all communities in our great state of Alaska. Your tireless efforts are greatly appreciated. We highly recommend you consider this important proposal request on behalf of the youth of Yakutat, Alaska. Please don't hesitate to call if you should have any questions. We appreciate all your continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rhoda Jensen".

Rhoda Jensen
Acting Health Director



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January 13, 2011

Rod Schug
Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Mr. Schug.

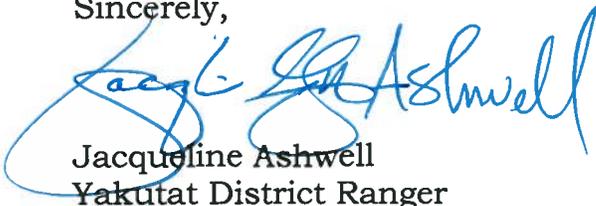
I am writing in response to your request for a letter of support for a number of initiatives, including new playground equipment and vehicles.

New playground equipment will help to encourage outdoor play, not only for students of the school but for families with children of all ages in the community. Outdoor activities contribute to both physical and mental health. Healthy youth who are comfortable playing outside are more able to enjoy activities in the national parklands surrounding Yakutat.

We have very much enjoyed our long partnership with the Yakutat School District, highlighted each spring by Outdoor Skills Week and Sea Week, as well as our work with the summer school. Having a vehicle that enables students to come to our visitor center for programs or to join rangers in the field for walks, demonstrations, or learning activities is instrumental to the continued success of these events.

I am therefore writing to express the park's support for your upcoming application for these funds.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Ashwell
Yakutat District Ranger



Yakutat Healthy Community Coalition

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Mission Statement

"To help our youth achieve healthy, productive, and drug-free lives by planning and advocating for policies, programs, and services that reduce substance abuse and provide opportunities for personal growth, development, and healings."

Sponsored, in part, by the Substance Abuse
& Mental Health Services Administration
& the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

January 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to support the Yakutat School district on 3 different resolutions:
(2010-06, 2010-7, and 2010-5)

As the new Yakutat Healthy Community Coalition project coordinator we have worked with the Yakutat School District for the last 3 years in order to create an atmosphere that supports and promotes a healthy and progressive environment in our community.

Unfortunately we are lacking in areas of updated and safe playground equipment. Upon visiting the school frequently we do observe how much the children enjoy and benefit from being outside. The weather in Yakutat rarely keeps children from being outside in this community. We encourage and promote outdoor activities as much as possible being SAMHSA/DFC funded. We also help incorporate two programs at the school *Girls on the Run* and *Big Brothers Big Sisters*.

The school district unfortunately leases two vans that do not have 4-wheel drive while some groups recently had to utilize transportation for the area. It was very obvious the need for a 4-wheel drive van. This seems crucial for the safety of the school members and groups travelling in the areas. We appreciate your support in this area as well. In some of the rural areas ice is a large concern and does require a 4-wheel drive vehicle in order to be safe.

A Youth center has been something the community has strived to achieve in the last 12 years. We continue to run into struggles and challenges in this area. We ask for your monetary support in order to complete a goal that we are very close to completing. The areas of safe steps, new flooring and painting the building will bring the Youth center to a reality. We as a community have all pulled together to make as many improvements and changes as necessary. Now we need your help. Thank you for your time and consideration on all three of these resolutions.

Sincerely,

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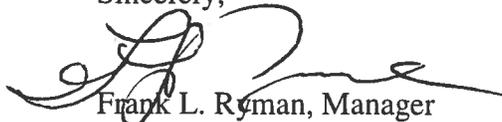
To Whom It May Concern:

As manager for the City and Borough of Yakutat I am pleased to express our support for the capital projects submitted by the Yakutat School District. For every one of my fifty five years in Yakutat the education and general welfare of our children has been this community's first priority.

The Yakutat School Board and district staff have worked hard to present a reasonable, necessary and affordable project list.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Ryman, Manager
City and Borough of Yakutat