

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000034****Project Title:****Project Type: Information Systems and Technology**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Sutton Elementary School Equipment and Upgrades

**State Funding Requested: \$65,500****House District: 12 / F**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding for this project will be used to purchase a mobile computer lab, Promethean boards, dry erase boards, sound system, storage building, and other educational equipment for Sutton Elementary.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$65,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$65,500)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**No funding history***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Additional technology is needed so that Sutton Elementary can group students so they are being taught at their instructional level. The additional labs will enable teachers and staff to reinforce curriculum by providing immediate feedback through technology-based assessments.

Funds will be used to purchase computers for three mini labs and one mobile lab. In addition other technology items and education equipment will be purchased. All classrooms have chalkboards at this time. Dry erase would be beneficial for ease of instruction in the classroom. Chalkboard residue can create an unsafe environment for students with allergies. Dry erase boards also serve double duty as they can be used as projection screens.

An upgrade to the sound system in the music room will also be made. Funds would be used to install Bluetooth capable speakers and cord system, Bluetooth capable sound system with MP3 option, and omnidirectional microphones.

Currently, there are four staff members without Promethean boards. A Promethean board is an interactive whiteboard that enhances students' ability to learn visually. Providing these teachers a board will create equal learning opportunities for all students at Sutton and allow them to be actively engaged in learning.

A heated storage building will be purchased to store snow removal equipment. It will take less time to plow and groom snow when the machines do not sit in the cold. They will not have to warm up and idle as long before they are ready. Additionally, parts will not break as often on the machines if they are not subjected to cold weather continuously.

**Project Timeline:**

Project will commence immediately upon receipt of funds.

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

Matanuska-Susitna 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