

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Haines Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000098****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Haines Borough - Haines High School Gymnasium Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$250,000**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Abate asbestos found in gymnasium floor and replace old bleachers with new ADA compliant ones.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$250,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$250,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Last year, the Haines Borough School District received a Legislative Capital Appropriation of \$250,000 for the replacement of the Haines High School gymnasium floor.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Last year, the Haines Borough School District received a Legislative Capital Appropriation of \$250,000 for the replacement of the Haines High School gymnasium floor. This was to replace a wood floor that was installed when the original building was constructed in the 1970s. It is worn out. The underlayment has exceeded its life span and hardened so that the floor has no cushioning. It presents a safety issue for students and community members who use the gym.

As we moved forward to plan the replacement of this floor, we were asked by the architect to send out a sample piece of the floor, along with the underlayment and glue, to test for asbestos. This test proved positive. This put a halt to our initial plans to replace the floor for the 2011/12 school year. When we finally received an estimate to have the current wood flooring removed and abated, it turned out to be \$135,520. This is over half of the \$250,000 appropriation we received for this project. Initially we had thought we could save money by removing the floor ourselves. We anticipated making a little money by selling sections of the floor to alumni and other community members. Finding asbestos was a serious setback for us.

We have exhausted all options to find cheaper methods of abatement. Without additional help, this project will be difficult to initiate and complete in time for use during the 2012/13 school year.

In further consideration of the gymnasium project there has been a lot of community interest in replacing the bleachers -- which have also been in place since the school was constructed in the 70s. Besides being worn and difficult to pull open and close, they are not ADA compliant or friendly for our senior citizens. There have been several falls recently as people have made the large step from the top of the bottom bench to the floor. This is a safety hazard. We have received a quote of approximately \$100,000 for replacement of those old bleachers with new ADA compliant ones that are similar to what has been put into newly constructed school gymnasiums such as Metlakatla, Thunder Mountain High School in Juneau, and many other rural schools throughout the state.

Project Timeline:

If funded we would start work the summer of 2012 to have the project completed by the time school begins for 2012/13.

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

Haines Borough 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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

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February 10, 2012

Dear Representative Thomas:

The Haines Borough School Board is most appreciative of your efforts in behalf of securing a new resilient floor for the Karl Ward Gymnasium. As you may know, asbestos was discovered in the underlayment of the current floor. Abatement of this situation will add to the costs of floor replacement.

In addition, the bleachers in the gymnasium have reached the end of their useful life. They are worn, difficult to move, are not ADA compliant, and are extremely difficult for senior citizens or disabled persons to navigate. Personally, the addition of shallower steps or handrails would make attending functions in the gymnasium entirely more possible.

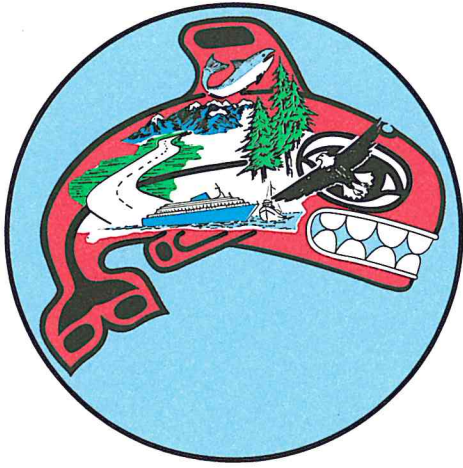
Would you be willing to consider helping us with additional funds for abatement and bleachers? The school and community alike would be extremely grateful for any funds you might be able to secure for these additional expenses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

Carol Kelly

Haines Borough School Board President



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February 14, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Haines High School Gym Floor Replacement

The Haines Borough recognizes the importance of this project to the Haines Borough School District and the community as a whole. The discovery of asbestos in the existing floor dramatically increases the scope and cost of the replacement. The Haines Borough supports the efforts of the School District to secure the additional funding needed to successfully complete this project before the beginning of the next school year.

The Haines Borough also supports the idea of replacing the aging bleachers in the gym. The existing seating is not as accessible to the elderly and handicapped as it should be. The cost of removing and reinstalling the old bleachers is already in the original bid so it makes some economic sense to install new bleachers as part of this project.

Please feel free to contact me or Brian Lemcke, Public Facilities Director at 907-766-2257, should you have any questions or need additional information. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Mark Earnest
Borough Manager

cc Michael Byer, Superintendent, Haines Borough School District