

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kake City School District****Federal Tax ID: 92-6001322****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials****Kake City School District - School Bus****State Funding Requested: \$25,000****House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase 35 passenger used school bus and install automatic chains.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$25,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Currently the Kake City School District enrollment is 93 students. The school currently provides a morning and afternoon bus run to a group of 20-30 students. The current school bus is 16 years old and is starting to need repairs that go beyond the service available in Kake. Currently the bus was down 30 days so far this school year due to repairs. A draw back of the current bus is it only has 10 seats + 1 driver. Each seat can comfortably seat two students, however in an effort to provide service to as many students as possible, we currently sit 3 students to a seat in most rows with the 3rd student hangin in the aisle. Often the bus will have to do an additional separate 2nd and 3rd run to pick up all students needing bussing service. If we were to obtain a bigger dependable bus we would alleviate the 2nd and 3rd run which would save fuel and reduce wear and tear.

We have contacted First Student to find out the regulations for the state on the age of buses; we also contacted the state bus inspector about our bus. First Student had only 15 year old 65 passenger buses for sale. They gave us the name of Allied bus sales company where they purchase their buses.

The solution to our bus problem is to purchase a new bus anywhere from a 35-45 passenger school bus. We received a quote for a used 35 passenger school bus from a Missouri company for \$23,000 (includes shipping) and a quote for a new 42 passenger bus for \$82,200 (Includes shipping). We would also like to have the bus be equipped with automatic chains due to the hazardous weather conditions that are faced each school year. Chains would help ensure we can make it up the hills when roads are icy and would help maintain safer driving conditions.

Project Timeline:

Purchase will be made as soon as funds are available.

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

Kake City School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Title:	Superintendent
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Phone Number:	(907)785-3741
Email:	Cguardipee@kakeschools.com

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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February 14, 2012

Kake City Schools
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Dear Mr. Kookesh:

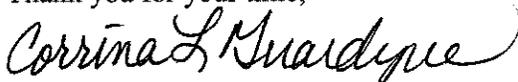
Currently our school enrollment is 93 students. We provide a morning and afternoon bus run to a group of students ranging from 20 – 30 kids. Our school bus is 16 years old and is starting to need repairs that go beyond the service available in Kake. A limitation of this bus is that it has 10 seats + 1 driver. The seats are comfortable for 2 students. In an effort to provide service to as many students as possible, we currently sit 3 to a seat in most rows with the 3rd student hanging in the aisle.

We are proposing a newer bus that is mechanically more feasible for our small District. A 35 passenger bus would allow kids room to ride comfortably and safely. Most school buses do not have seat belts (including our current bus). The justification is that the seats are made taller to protect students in an accident. Currently, we would have students coming down the aisle if there was a major accident.

Lastly, we would like to request that the Bus be equipped with automatic chains. This year the road conditions changed in the middle of the morning run. The tacky frozen roads warmed just enough to get really slick. The school bus had picked up all but 2 students. When the driver attempted to go up the final hill back to the school the tires broke free and he ended up backing/sliding down the hill. We ended up dropping off the students as close as we could get them to the school and having them walk the rest of the way. Automatic chains would allow us to use chains on the hills and as conditions change so quickly in Southeast. Typically we end up running our chains on bare asphalt for $\frac{3}{4}$ of our bus run so that we can make it up the icy hills. It would be better for our roads and the life of our bus chains if we were able to engage and disengage them as needed. Many of the buses in Juneau are equipped with automatic bus chains.

We greatly appreciate your help in this matter. We know that providing safe transportation to school helps boost our attendance and protects our greatest asset, our children. We will include several proposals for you to review.

Thank you for your time,



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To: Albert Kookesh,
Fr: Kake City School Board
Re: Funding for a newer school bus

Project Description: Newer bus

1) Need

Currently our school enrollment is 93 students. We provide a morning and afternoon bus run to a group of students ranging from 20 – 30 kids. Our school bus is 16 years old and is starting to need repairs that go beyond the service available in Kake. Currently our bus was down 30 days so far this school year due to repairs. A limitation of this bus is that it has 10 seats + 1 driver. The seats are comfortable for 2 students. In an effort to provide service to as many students as possible, we currently sit 3 to a seat in most rows with the 3rd student hanging in the aisle. Often we have to take 2 and sometimes 3 separate bus runs to pick all students needing bussing services. If we were to obtain a bigger bus we would alleviate the 2nd and 3rd bus run and save fuel.

2) Previously

We have contacted First Student to find out the regulations for the state on the age of buses; we also contacted the state bus inspector about our bus. First Student had only 15 year old buses 65 passenger buses for sale. They gave us the name of Allied bus sales company where they purchase their bus.

3) The solution

The solution to this problem is to purchase a newer bus anywhere from a 35-45 passenger school bus.

4) Two Proposal:

a. Used bus – 35 passenger bus 2002 (last about five years)	\$15,000
Shipping from Missouri	\$ 8000
Total Cost:	\$23,000

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b. New bus – 42 passenger bus 2012 (last about 15 years)	\$75,550
Shipping Cost to Seattle	\$ 3,850
Shipping Cost from Seattle	\$ 2,800
Total Cost:	\$82,200

- 5) Timeline: Proposed timeline to have in place by the beginning of 2012/2013 school Year.

- 6) Anticipated outcome: fuel savings and students would be safer with a new or newer bus. Staff, students and community will benefit from this purchase.

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Kake City School District School Board Resolution

WHEREAS: Kake City School District supports the purchase of a 35-45 passenger new to newer school bus.

WHEREAS: The old bus is a 10 seat bus, taking our bus driver 3 separate trips to pick up students and is getting harder to pass inspection due to the age of the bus.

WHEREAS , a newer bus will be safer and more cost efficient. This will alleviate our students from standing in the southeast weather for longer periods of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kake City School Board, Kake, Alaska does hereby proclaim that we will put forth every effort to purchase a new/newer school bus for the health and safety of all our students.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF KAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, KAKE,
ALASKA**

BY: Kenneth Jackson
Kenneth Jackson, School Board Member

ATTEST: Corrina L. Guardipee ED. S.
Corrina L. Guardipee ED. S., Superintendent of Schools

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From: Cozort, Danny <Danny.Cozort@firstgroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 1:37 PM
To: cguardipee@kakeschools.com
Subject: First student bus in Missouri

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Price FOB Nixa Mo. \$15,000.00

Danny Cozort
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\$ 8,000⁰⁰
Shipping cost
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Corrina Guardipee

From: Crystal Jones <cjones@quessak.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 1:56 PM
To: CGUARDIPEE@KAKESCHOOLS.COM
Subject: Bus Quote

An estimated cost for a new bus FOB North Carolina, 35-45 passengers will be approx. \$75,550.00.
Freight to Juneau area approx. 6650.00

Thanks,

*Crystal Jones
Assistant General Manager
Quality Equipment Sales & Service
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