

**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: Other**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - School District Preschool Program

**State Funding Requested: \$500,000****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Requesting funding to continue the Alaska Pre-Kindergarten Grant funding for Mat-Su for underserved 4 year old children.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Only 54% of kindergarten students in Mat-Su have had the opportunity to attend 4 year old preschool. End of year kindergarten literacy scores demonstrate that students who have attended a district preschool outscored the entire group of kindergarten students by 30 percentage points. To further prepare the students of the MSBSD and honor parents as the first teacher of pre-school students, our district would like to secure resources to aide parents who choose home pre-school as an early childhood education option. Resources would include research based curriculum materials and professional development that subscribe to best practices.

**Project Timeline:**

Project will commence immediately upon receipt of funds.

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

Mat-Su Borough School District

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Total Project Snapshot Report

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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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