

Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools

FY2014 Request: \$3,000,000

Reference No: 55631

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Education

Category: Education

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2506

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide grant funds to be distributed to school districts to purchase healthy, Alaska grown food products to be served for school meals. This pilot program was started in FY2013, and is meant to encourage Alaska school districts to purchase nutritious food sources that are grown or harvested in Alaska. The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) will administer the allocations and distribute funds to the school districts. This project provides healthy and nutritional meal options for Alaskan students, promotes healthy lifestyle choices, and creates an additional market for locally grown and harvested Alaskan food products.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

Grant funds from the appropriation will be apportioned two separate ways. 53% of the funds will be allocated according to the 2012-2013 school year Average Daily Membership of the school districts. The remaining 47% of the funds will be apportioned according to the 2012-2013 School District Cost Factor. The two amounts are added to for each school district, and the sum is how much will be available to each school district for reimbursement of purchases under this program.

Under the Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools program, a school district makes its purchases and submits a reimbursement request to DCCED. The request would detail quantities purchased, cost, and proof that products were Alaskan grown, or caught/harvested in Alaskan waters. DCCED would then issue a reimbursement payment to the school district for the cost, up to the amount of the district's allocation. For this FY2014 funding, school districts would have until June 30, 2014 to

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request reimbursement. Any remaining funding would be distributed to districts based upon their 2012-2013 average daily membership.

The following items would qualify for reimbursement under the Nutritional Food for Alaskans program:

- Finfish or shellfish caught/harvested in Alaskan waters
- Livestock raised in Alaska
- Milk produced from livestock in Alaska
- Fruits and vegetables grown in Alaska
- Native produce and berries commercially harvested in Alaska
- Transportation and shipping costs of the above goods.