

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage School District****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000078****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Anchorage School District - Chugach Optional Elementary School Playground Addition & Green Area

State Funding Requested: \$60,000
One-Time Need

House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)

Brief Project Description:

Playground Addition & Green Area

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$60,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$60,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For project detail please refer to attached document. This request was developed at the school level, reviewed by District technical staff and endorsed by ASD leadership. All requests have been shared with the School Board.

This project may require municipal approval of a site plan amendment. ASD will initiate the site plan amendment process if the project is funded.

Project Timeline:

Please refer to attached document.

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

Anchorage 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

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

As a Chugach Elementary School former student, parent, and now PTA President I am thankful to be part of a community doing what's best for kids. As I walk down the halls of the school I'm always impressed at the warm and welcome environment. I'm also impressed at the inspiration, motivation, and conversations of those I meet.

In one of our bigger community conversations the past few years there has been a discussion about playground upgrades. Many would like to see more green space with a learning environment focus. The idea is to add meaningful upgrades.

Over the past year I have met with students, staff, and parents to come up with a design that is not only for the school, but also for the downtown community. Based on parent feedback this playground gets usage by a lot of groups. I know for a fact that when my family plays there in the summer many neighborhood kids are playing there too.

We have a commitment from various business partners, local neighborhood residents, and parent volunteers ("Friends of Chugach") that will make this project less expensive. We have also asked and got assistance from the Anchorage Park Foundation; The Anchorage Park Foundation Mission is building *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. They have informed us they will help in any way they can. One way to get these groups involved is to advertise a "Day of Caring" weekend that brings together the entire community to shovel dirt, move material, and make this project happen.

Moreover, we will get corporate and volunteer support to help cut costs. I am working with a parent, Paul Provencio, toward this goal. This gets the project started and moving through additional phases if necessary.

What will it cost? Based on free research from an approved Landscape Architecture - Planning - Environmental Firm "Earthscape" of the "Anchorage Parks and Rec" and "Anchorage School District" – it has been determined the total cost is \$200,000. We are just asking for the capital cost at \$70,000. With this money we will leverage additional funding and resources from the "Friends of Chugach". The commitment from others would cover the final design, environmental work, safety review, site prep and instillation would be covered by "Friends of Chugach".

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you.
Wiley Bland – PTA President
Chugach Elementary School