

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: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Anchorage School District - Winterberry Charter School Outdoor Programming Space Development

State Funding Requested: \$70,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Development of Outdoor Programming Space

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$70,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$70,000)
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 endorse by ASD leadership. All requests have been presented to 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

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**\$70,000
Approved**

Location Winterberry

Project Title: Winterberry: Development of Outdoor Programming Space

Amount of Funding Requested \$70,000.00

Total Funding to complete project \$70,000.00

Primary House District: 19 **Secondary House District(s):** 12,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21,22,
,23,24,25,26,27,28

Primary Senate District: I **Secondary Senate District(s):** F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N

Project Description

Principal's Priority

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Funding the development of Winterberry's outdoor learning environment including, but not limited to, an outdoor classroom, community amphitheater, cob outdoor oven, early childhood play yard, greenhouses, community gardens, and a running/walking track.

Winterberry Legislative Grant Request: Development of Outdoor Programming Space

Pertinent Facts:

- Over the past nine years Winterberry has moved from a K-6 school to a K-8 school and grown from 144 to 234 students.
- Both Winterberry Charter School and the Anchorage community at large are in need of additional outdoor educational space for use year-round in the form of in-school curricular resources, community gathering/co-created interactive/learning gardening space, and additional summer program options for Anchorage's families.
- With these funds we plan to purchase materials and construct as a community the following supplies and learning spaces:
 - Various recycled/reclaimed materials from Central Recycling Services to be used in the construction of an outdoor learning/experiential classroom, community amphitheatre and gardens, as well as an outdoor cob oven.
 - Various perennial plants, shrubs, and fruiting trees for to enhance the aesthetics of the area while also being utilized for expansion of learning opportunities.
 - Using natural materials an outdoor early childhood (pre-K – grade 2) space will be created to support and encourage imaginative play that is connected to the natural world.
 - Gravel, dirt, topsoil, sand, woodchips, and other necessary surface materials will be purchased for use in specific areas previously described as well as for the creation of the running/walking track.

In Conclusion:

As Winterberry grows we are committed to developing further options for connecting our students to nature as well as connecting our school community with the larger community of Anchorage. Using these funds we will further develop places where learning can happen not only during the school day and year but at all hours and times of the year. Additionally, we have proven ourselves to be great stewards of the earth and our school environment. We will continue to operate in this fashion providing a shining example of the benefit of investing in education.

Benefits if Project is Funded

If completed, Winterberry's students will greatly benefit from additional resources to connect learning with the natural world. Additionally, such upgrades would serve the Anchorage community at large in the form of a venue for local performances and future summer camp opportunities for community members in need of quality programs for their children.

Impacts if Project is not Funded

of Students impacted by project 240

Project Start Year 2014

Project Finish Year 2015

Project has matching funds are available No

Project has prior state funding available No

Project has federal funding available No

Project has had a public review process Yes

Request Contact Information

