

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage School District****Federal Tax ID: 999999****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage School District - Northern Lights ABC School Technology for Classrooms

State Funding Requested: \$42,500**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase 34 iMac computers for classroom instruction and use.

Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$42,500 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$0) |
| FY2015 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$42,500)</u> |
| Project Deficit: | \$0 |

*Funding Details:**No prior year funding has been received for this project.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

In 2007, all of the computers in the Northern Lights ABC Computer Lab were replaced. The computers ran the latest Operating System (OS) Apple had which was OS 10.6.8. However, this year, the Anchorage School District will be modifying them to OS 10.8 (the current District-wide operating system). While they will still operate, the computers will run very slowly. For classroom use, these computers will run OS 10.8 slowly but adequately. However, in the computer lab, our staff and students are getting frustrated with the performance of the computers. Logging in is extremely slow and applications are slow to open, if they open at all. All of this makes for the very limited time spent in the computer lab, as almost ineffectual time.

Because of budget shortfalls, the Anchorage School District has eliminated any hardware upgrades for schools at this point. The result will be trying to instruct our kids with outdated machines that can only be used at the present, slow state which can limit future investments in special software or online applications.

Every class uses the computer lab and we feel that it would be the best use of resources to upgrade the entire computer lab. Upgrading the computer lab will reduce stress and frustration for teachers and students.

The Anchorage School District has made it clear that there is no available funds for machine replacement. Classroom machines that cannot be upgraded are replaced by computer lab machines and computer lab machines cannot be replaced unless an alternative funding source is secured.

The Anchorage School District has provided the following cost estimate for Northern Lights ABC:

iMacs: (no CD burner, 3.7 GHz processor, 8 MB Ram) is estimated to cost \$1250.00 For 34 iMacs to replace computers in the computer lab, this will cost \$42,500.

Project Timeline:

If funding is received in FY 2015, the computers will be purchased in time for the start of the 2014/2015 school year, which begins in August of 2014.

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

Northern Lights ABC

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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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