

Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools

FY2015 Request: \$3,000,000
Reference No: 55631

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Education
Location: Statewide
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

Project Type: Education
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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 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>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</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 type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P4 L7 SB 18 \$3,000,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P5 L24 SB 160 \$3,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

This pilot program began in FY2013, and is meant to encourage Alaska school districts to purchase nutritious food sources that are grown or harvested in Alaska. Grant funds will be apportioned two separate ways. Fifty-three percent of the funds will be allocated according to the 2013-2014 school year average daily membership of the school districts. The remaining 47 percent of the funds will be apportioned according to the 2013-2014 School District Cost Factor. The sum of the two amounts 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 the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED). The request details quantities purchased, cost, and proof that products were Alaskan grown, or caught/harvested in Alaskan waters. DCCED then issues a reimbursement payment to the school district for the cost, up to the amount of the district's allocation. For this FY2015 funding, school districts have until June 30, 2015 to request reimbursement. Any remaining funds are distributed to districts based upon their 2013-2014 average daily membership.

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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.