

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Project Title:

Anchorage - Kincaid Elementary School - New Computers for Computer Lab

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000

House District: 27 - N

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase new computer lab equipment; improve school instructional program.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$50,000

<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
There is no other funding needed					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kincaid Elementary School has a population of approximately 500 students. In addition to the student body, Kincaid is a Primary and Intermediate Intensive Needs site, hosts a Gifted Education Program consisting of students from neighboring schools, and serves Primary and Intermediate Special Education students.

With its current computer lab, Kincaid is unable to meet the technology needs of the students and the technology standards set forth by the ISTE. Presently, Kincaid has a computer lab of 28 iMac computers, all of which are six years old. At the beginning of the 2007- 2008 school year the lab totaled 30 computers, but two of the machines have been deemed irreparable by the ASD Audio/Visual Department. On average, four computers per month are sent to be repaired, leaving only 24 computers operational in the lab. This is problematic as several Kincaid classes have rosters totaling 30 or more students. Day to day wear-and-tear of peripheral equipment (headphones, keyboards, and mice) has led to students having to share or go without these tools.

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technology into all aspects of curriculum, allowing for differentiation and enhancement of instruction.

Project Timeline:

Equipment will be purchased and installed when funds are made available.

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

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Janet Wells, PTA President

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Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

Computer Lab Replacement & Computer Lab Printers

Brief Description of the Project:

Kincaid is in need of a complete upgrade of the technology in the computer lab. This will include 32 computers and 3 printers and will allow Kincaid to meet the current technology standards set forth by the International Society for Technology in Education.

Total Cost of the Project:

\$50,000

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