

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**  
**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**  
**Grant Recipient: Anchorage**

**Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Chinook Elementary School Winter Physical Education Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$ 10,000**  
 One-Time Need

**House District: 27 - N**

**Brief Project Description:**

Outdoor winter gym equipment is needed for physical education classes. Equipment will include ice skates, cross country skis, and snow shoes as well as secure storage units for these items.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$10,250**

	<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>
Other	\$250	09				
Total	\$250					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*PTA provided funds for equipment purchase*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

As a school that serves largely low income students (65% receive free or reduced lunch), the majority of the school population lacks the opportunity to engage in healthy outdoor activities or learn life-long healthy behaviors outside of school time. Teaching students to enjoy physical activity is essential to their health as adults. The equipment purchased will allow students the opportunity to learn healthy behaviors they will likely not learn outside of school. This equipment purchase also falls within the district wellness policy.

**Project Timeline:**

On-going through FY09 to acquire new and used equipment. Equipment be purchased as cost-appropriate equipment becomes available throughout the year.

**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

**Deborah Brevoort**

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**From:** Traci D [ice\_traci@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2008 11:20 PM  
**To:** Deborah Brevoort  
**Subject:** Capital Requests from Chinook Elem.  
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Dear Mr. Buch,

It's that time of year again when you will be receiving many requests for funding. Most of these, I'm sure, will be worthy requests for new technology. I, however, am making a bit more of an old-fashioned Alaskan request.

Here at Chinook Elementary, we are in need of ice skates for our students to use on our reconditioned ice rink, as well as other outdoor winter equipment such as cross country skis and snowshoes.

Ideally, we want to outfit one or two classes of third, fourth, fifth and/or sixth graders at a time for their gym class. Having enough sets will also allow us to provide an opportunity for the children to check out some equipment for recess or weekend use as well.

Especially in today's high tech society, where nearly everything children encounter is video generated or computer related, we feel it is vitally important to introduce our children to as many healthy outdoor activities as possible. With the district wellness policy and the current trend in the health of students, the more children are exposed to at a younger age, the more likely they are to adopt a healthier lifestyle as they get older.

Local socio-economic factors indicate that many of our children may not benefit from the chance to learn these healthy winter activities without first being introduced to them through their school. Chinook is a Title 1 school which currently has approximately 65% of our students that receive free or reduced lunch.

As a life-long Alaskan myself, I can say that using the skates and skis at school are some of the memories that stand out most from that time for me.

I am requesting \$10,000 on behalf of Chinook Elementary School in order to outfit the various shoe sizes of third through sixth graders and to build the storage units needed for such vital equipment.

Please consider assisting us in our effort to create long lasting, productive, active and healthy lifestyles for our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we greatly appreciate all you do for the community.

Sincerely,  
Traci D. Dearing  
Chinook PTA President

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