

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

Anchorage - Central Middle School Ice Rink Reconstruction

State Funding Requested: \$ 15,000**House District: 23 - L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funds would refurbish the ice rink at Central Middle School of Science

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$15,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Funds would repair the ice rink at Central Middle School of Science. The rink is in poor condition, and the boards are broken and splintered in some areas. This grant would enhance the physical education program provided by the school. The Central ice rink is also used by the community for pickup hockey on the weekends. Grant funds would promote healthy lifestyles for students and enhance recreation opportunities in the community.

Project Timeline:

This project would be completed in the 2008-2009 school year

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

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

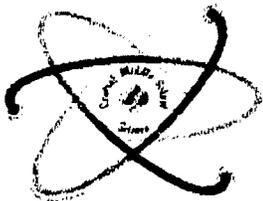
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



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March 3, 2008

The Honorable Johnny Ellis
Senate Majority Leader
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Rm. 9
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Dear Senator Ellis:

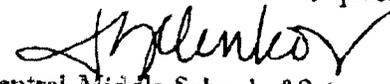
Thank you for inquiring about our request for the rebuilding of an ice rink for Central Middle School of Science. Our rink is used for school sports, PE Classes, community activities and as we have one of the largest military populations in the city, it is often the very first time military families have the opportunity to participate in ice sports.

Very few middle schools in Anchorage have an after-school, inter-mural co-ed hockey program and one that is as successful as ours with parental support. Being one of the oldest middle schools in Alaska, we have been trying to make do with a sub-standard ice rink that this year, only allowed our students to use the rink once during the hockey season- the rest of the time the kids had to walk downtown to use the city park because the rink conditions were unsafe with pitted, bumped up ice and doors that don't open and close properly for safe entering and exiting by students.

Without a cover over the ice rink the weather has an advantage over our resources to keep the rink clear and hazard free. The school district needs to prioritize ground maintenance and after all of the snow is cleared from parking lots then the rinks and other outdoor areas are taken care of. Our rink makes it even more difficult for the district to maintain because we don't have a proper door to open and close for the snow removal zamboni to operate. Instead, we have large boards that are pulled from between slots and often are not replaced and left on the ground to be discovered later. Community members also use the rink and we have found that they remove the doors as well, making it difficult for us to get the wooden pieces out of the ice and back into the "slots" that they are suppose to be replace back in. When the slats are replaced, it often takes more than one person to replace them because they are so long and heavy.

After a day of snow, our teachers are outside shoveling so the kids can skate during gym classes because we depend upon the outside rink to conduct class due to lack of space within the building. This has been time consuming and in some cases, dangerous. Within the last couple of years we had a coach fall because of the rink condition and he had to have shoulder reconstruction surgery.

We appreciate any help the Legislature can provide with replacing our community ice rink. Please call me directly at 907 742-5115 with any questions. Thank you.

Lisa Zelenkov, 
Principal of Central Middle School of Science