

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Anchorage**

**Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Airport Heights Elementary School Multi-Media Equipment for Classrooms

**State Funding Requested: \$ 10,000**

**House District: 23 - L**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Purchase video equipment and multi-medial carts for 18 classrooms; improve school instructional program

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$35,000**

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:**

This project is the number one priority for Airport Heights Elementary School and has been reviewed by the Airport Heights PTA and the Anchorage School District. The funding is requested as a means of sustaining and developing current programs that have been implemented through the U.S. Department of Education Reading First program and to support Airport Heights Elementary School's commitment to be a leader in education for students and in the development of high quality teachers, paraprofessionals, and community members.

The school facility is aging and has not been renovated in over 20 years. It is lagging in terms of technology capacity and is in need of developing a technology program that is aligned with State Standards and on a par with other Anchorage School District Facilities. Classrooms are in need of VCR/DVD players and display/ projection devices. There is currently no cable T.V. service in Airport Heights' classrooms, while other schools have complete cable service with closed circuit broadcasting capacity. The school is working to incrementally upgrade these systems and provide a comprehensive education program that utilizes technology as a tool for instruction and assessment in the development of students that are prepared to compete in the 21st century workforce. There is also a need to update old equipment throughout the building including projection screens, desks and tables. Current equipment is in disrepair, obsolete, or missing.

The school is seeking a Capital Improvement allocation in the amount of \$35,000 for technology and equipment upgrades that will facilitate improved instructional practices and maximize the capacity of our aging facility. Airport Heights Elementary would use the funding to bring state of the art multi-media systems to the school and regenerate aging equipment. These improvements are designed to maximize the potential of current and future resources of the school by supplementing existing inventories and developing digital delivery systems designed to support teachers in the

administration of researched-based, data-driven curriculum objectives and content for students. Airport Heights Elementary will also utilize Title 1 funding to support technology integration in the school.

**Project Timeline:**

2008-2009 School Year: Technology and Multi-Media Upgrades  
Summer 2009: Building Facility Upgrades

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

Airport Heights Elementary and Anchorage School District

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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