

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

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

**Project Title:**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Snowshoe Elementary School: Library/Technology Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$ 7,500**

**House District: 16 - H**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Library/Technology Upgrades

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$7,500**

	<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>
State Funds	\$7,500	fy08				
Total	\$7,500					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition, these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing, current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format, it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

**Project Timeline:**

FY 2009

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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**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



# Snowshoe Elementary School

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Suzanne Cyr, Principal

Dear Representative Stoltze,

I was very pleased to hear about the two projects at Snowshoe. Thank you very much for the considerations. Donna Cooley, our education technology person, has been in contact with James Armstrong discussing what our technology needs are.

As to the proposed funding for carpeting in the school, the entire upstairs portion of Snowshoe has the original carpeting installed when the school was built in 1979. This carpeting is frayed, discolored, worn and has a distinct odor, especially when it gets wet. It is a safety hazard wherever the carpet unravels and becomes unglued. The carpet always looks dirty, even after it has been cleaned. It is an embarrassment. The library's carpet is also old and worn. Five years ago, the downstairs of the school had the carpet replaced, except for the library.

If there is more information you need, please contact me. Again, thank you so much for including Snowshoe in the capital budget proposals.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Cyr