

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 375 (2008-2009)

June 22, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: IDEA STIMULUS FUNDS

ASD Goal: *Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Department of Education and Early Development the requested budget and budget narrative for the district's FY2010 ARRA-Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) funding indicated in the following award amounts:

ARRA Title VI, Part B, Special Education Services - \$12,213,236

ARRA Section 619, Preschool Disabled Services Programs - \$495,359

The total amount for both grants combined is \$12,708,595 based on the attached budgets (Attachments A and B).

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Title VI-B grant is federal funds available to supplement the District's efforts to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. These funds are intended to ensure that services for children eligible for special education and related services are provided in compliance with the federal law and regulations. The Act requires that funds be used exclusively for excess costs to provide for (1) under-served children with disabilities, (2) services to the most severely disabled and under-served, and (3) for other requirements of the program. The grants covering the period of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011, provide the following supplemental services:

Title VI-B Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Grant

ARRA grant funds will be utilized to increase teacher effectiveness by redesigning teacher professional development to ensure that teacher learning opportunities are

sustained, job-embedded, collaborative, data-driven, and focused on student instructional needs. The grant will fund added days and added duty to provide intense professional development over two years, and additional training to highly effective teachers and administrators who will be able to serve as expert instructional leaders and coaches in the future. Professional development for special education and general education teachers on evidence-based school-wide strategies in reading, math, writing, science, and other subject areas, and positive behavioral supports will improve outcomes for students with disabilities. These funds will also provided expanded after-school and summer learning opportunities including one-on-one and small group instruction, and other activities to address the specific needs of low-performing students.

The grant will fund contracted services to launch an easy-to-use online Individualized Education Program (IEP) system for students with disabilities that is aligned with state academic standards and can be used by educators to create content-rich IEPs that are aligned with the general education curriculum. Contracted services are included to support agreements and contracts with individuals and agencies to provide services to students through collaborative agreements and support training and staff development activities. Supply and material funds will provide alternative curricula and support professional development activities. Equipment funds provide current and updated technology for individual students and the staff serving them.

Preschool Incentive Grant

The Preschool grant funds will provide added days and added duty to implement professional development for the administrators, preschool teachers, and paraprofessionals who support highly effective early intervention and will increase capacity to serve students diagnosed with autism and mental disorders. It will also provide extended day and extended year learning opportunities for students.

Contracted services are included to support agreements and contracts with individuals and agencies to provide services to students through collaborative agreements, support training and staff development activities, and to provide increased opportunities for parent training. Supply and material funds will provide alternative curricula and support professional development activities. Equipment funds provide current and updated technology for individual students and the staff serving them.

CC/RG/JS

Attachments

Prepared by: Jerry Sjolander, Executive Director, Special Education

Approved by: Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Program Budget

Attachment "A"

Grant Recipient: Anchorage School District

Grant Number: _____

Grant Title: ARRA Title VI, Part B, Special Education Services

UNIFORM CHART of ACCOUNTS		Account Title	Budget Amount		
Required	Optional		Initial/Current Budget	Revisions (+ or -)	Approved Budget
310		CERTIFICATED SALARIES	0.00		4,832,000.00
	314	Director/Coordinator/Manager			
	315	Teacher			
	316	Extra Duty Pay			4,832,000.00
	317	Certificated Substitutes			
	318	Specialists			
320		NON-CERTIFICATED SALARIES	0.00		0.00
	321	Director/Coordinator/Manager			
	322	Specialists			
	323	Aides			
	324	Support Staff			
	329	Substitutes/Temporaries			
360		EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			2,023,133.00
380		HOUSING ALLOWANCE			
390		TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE			
410		PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL			3,000,000.00
419		CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT			
420		STAFF TRAVEL			
425		STUDENT TRAVEL			
430		UTILITY SERVICES			
440		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES			
445		INSURANCE & BOND PREMIUMS			
450		SUPPLIES/MATERIALS/MEDIA			1,002,378.00
480		TUITION & STIPENDS			
490		OTHER EXPENSES			
510		EQUIPMENT (<\$5,000 per unit)			1,000,000.00
		UNALLOCATED** ---->			
Subtotal Direct Costs			0		11,857,511
Indirect Rate			3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Indirect Amount			0.00	0	355,725
Equipment >\$5,000 per unit (no indirect charges)				0.00	
TOTAL			0	12,213,236	12,213,236

**** UNALLOCATED FUNDS MAY NOT BE ENCUMBERED OR SPENT. A BUDGET REVISION IS REQUIRED.
A narrative explanation is required for ALL budget revisions.**

District Approval: _____

Signature

Date

Name & Title

Date

Telephone Number

	Balance	Actuals	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	FINAL
310	4,832,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
314							
315							
316							
317							
318							
320	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
321							
322							
323							
324							
329							
360	2,023,133.00	-					
380	0.00	-					
390	0.00	-					
410	3,000,000.00	-					
419	0.00	-					
420	0.00	-					
425	0.00	-					
430	0.00	-					
440	0.00	-					
445	0.00	-					
450	1,002,378.00	-					
480	0.00	-					
490	0.00	-					
510	1,000,000.00	-					
	11,857,511.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
	355,725.33	0	-	-	-	-	-
	0.00	0					
	12,213,236.33	0	-	-	-	-	-