

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS,
THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

Anchorage School District and Anchorage Police Department Partnership Grant; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Governor's Grants for Drug and Violence Prevention, for \$39,752 for a twelve-month project. Superintendent's Office; Mountain View, Tyson, Williwaw, and Wonder Park elementary schools; and Clark Middle School. This project is a partnership between the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Police Department (APD) to implement research-based prevention strategies for drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse and violent behavior. APD Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers and APD Canine Unit officers and police dogs will partner with the schools to deliver classroom-based prevention curricula. This project has been funded.

NEA Innovation Grant; to the Foundation for the Improvement of Education, for \$1,750 for a nine-month project. Wonder Park Elementary: Sixth grade students at Wonder Park Elementary will participate in a "exchange" service learning project with seniors from a local senior citizen center.

Baxter Business Buddies or the "BX" Team; to Xerox Alaska, for \$1,500 for a three-month project. Baxter Elementary: A school business partnership between Baxter Elementary School and Xerox Alaska establishes a lunchtime "Baxter Business Buddy" club for Baxter students to learn from Xerox employees about hobbies, sports, or other enrichments. This project has been funded.

New Faces; to the Cyrus M. Quigley Foundation, for \$2,000 for a three-month project. Susitna Elementary: To support a native mask-making project with ten at-risk students.

Anchorage Smaller Learning Communities Implementation Grant; to the U.S. Department of Education, for \$2,473,876 for a three-year project. Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, East, Service, and West high schools: To restructure for smaller learning communities that can ensure, for all students, academic success and a strong foundation for post-secondary life. The objectives address reading, writing, and math proficiency, failure and drop-out rates, enrollments in Advanced Placement, suspensions and expulsions, school climate, and curriculum and instruction. This project has been funded.

Alaska Science and Technology Foundation Direct Grants To Teachers; to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, for up to \$5,000 each for one-year projects. Nine projects were submitted and five have been funded. They are: *The Valley of the Moon Plant Research*, Central Middle School of Science; *Romig After-School Robotics Club*, Romig Middle School; *Westchester Lagoon Environmental Monitoring*, West High School; *Mission to Mars*, Kasuun Elementary; and *After School Technology Club*, West High School.

RARE-T Project; an HIV/AIDS Prevention Project, to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, for \$18,000 for a one-year project. ASD Health/Physical Education Program in Curriculum and Evaluation: Continues the RARE-T peer education program. This project has been funded.

Reading Excellence Act Local Reading Improvement Sub-Grants, to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Three ASD elementary schools were eligible and applied to this competition: Mountain View, Fairview, and Tyson.

Fairview, for \$279,916 for two years: To research and select a core and supplemental reading program that meets the requirements of the Reading Excellence Act. The Family Literacy component of this project will be provided by Nine Star Enterprises Incorporated. This project has been funded.

Mountain View, for \$265,485 for two years: To supplement the SRA Reading Mastery Program through the Wright Group Supplemental materials and promote family literacy through the Impact Family Literacy Program (Even Start)/Anchorage Literacy Project and Child Care Connection. Nine Star Enterprises will provide instruction in adult basic education and English proficiency. This project has been funded at \$241,043.

Tyson, for \$331,519 for two years: To expand the Success For All reading program into the neighborhood Head Start and daycares, and to promote family literacy and parent involvement through ESL classes onsite. This project has been funded at \$273,916.

Statewide WIA School Youth Program; to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, for \$60,600 for a three-month summer project. Alternative Career Education (ACE) Program: To provide vocational assessment, pre-employment skills, and occupational skills training for youth in the ACE/Adult Community Transition/Community Based Vocational Services Programs. This project has been funded.

Alaska Early Intervention Hearing Resource; to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, for \$174,104 for a one-year project. Alaska Early Intervention Hearing Resource Program, Alaska State School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: To renew a grant for services for Alaskan families and their children ages birth through two years.

2002-3003 Artists in Schools Grant; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, Artists in the School Program, for \$2,100 for a four-week residency in February or early April of 2003. College Gate Elementary: To hire a local artist, Eddie Woods, to provide music instruction from cultures around the world. The project also involves school staff and local community members.

Youth-Directed Peer Education Media Initiative; to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Highway Safety Office, for \$96,115 for a one-year project. Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program: To expand the Youth-Directed Peer Education Media Initiative campaign to encompass print, television, and radio. The campaign theme will continue to address underage drinking and drunk driving during seasons that have high risk potential for youth. This is the third year of the project.

Wendler Middle School YouthServe Program; to the Alaska State Community Service Commission, for \$19,998 for a one-year project. Wendler Middle School: To continue for a third year to provide service learning projects.

Guiding Educators and Reaching Students (GEARS); to the National Science Foundation, for \$3,766,700 for a five-year project. ASD Science Department in Curriculum and Evaluation, in partnership with Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and the University of Alaska Fairbanks: To improve the performance of teachers and students through broad-scale professional development for science and math teachers in grades K-8 in Anchorage and Fairbanks; and to specifically reduce the science and math achievement gap for low-performing students in grades K-8.

Elementary School Foreign Language Incentive Program; to the U.S. Department of Education. ASD World Languages Department in Curriculum and Evaluation: To provide incentive awards to support the foreign language programs at Chugiak, Government Hill, and Sand Lake elementary schools. Amounts are based on the number of eligible students in a school.

Teaching American History Project; to the U.S. Department of Education, for \$722,053 for a three-year project. ASD Social Studies Program in Curriculum and Evaluation: To improve teachers' knowledge and understanding of American History through a three-year professional development initiative for elementary and high school grade levels where U.S. history is in the adopted curriculum. Major partners in this project are the ASD, University of Alaska Anchorage, and the Alaska Humanities Forum. A three-year series of institutes and colloquia will bring together a cohort of teacher leaders and scholars to examine content and pedagogy in light of the national history standards. This project is coincidental with and will contribute to the ASD elementary social studies curriculum adoption.

Physical Education for Progress (PEP); to the U.S. Department of Education, for \$389,485 for a one-year project. ASD Health/Physical Education Program in Curriculum and Evaluation: To support the delivery of the ASD adopted Physical Education curriculum. The project will provide a broad-based mentorship approach to teacher training; articulation of fitness, dance, and adventure education curriculum strands across grade levels; and fitness equipment.

Anchorage Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative; to the U.S. Department of Education for \$8,158,689 for a three-year project. Instructional Division: To address problems of alcohol and drug use and violence that are manifested in our schools. The goals of this project address: a comprehensive community initiative for positive youth development in Anchorage; safe and drug-free schools; positive learning environments; and services for youth in grades 7-12 who are expelled or on long-term suspension.

Foundations for Reading Success; a continuing High Intensity Summer Reading Program project, to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for \$219,372 for a one-year project. ASD Literacy Program in Curriculum and Evaluation: To provide intervention for struggling readers in 9th and 10th grade with a view to the Alaska High School Qualifying Exam. This program is part of ASD's high school summer school. This project has been funded at \$219,372.

Mini grants

Middle School Girls Math Conference; to British Petroleum, for \$912 for a one-month project. Math Program in Curriculum and Evaluation: To fund refreshments and supplies for the full-day Middle School Girls Math Conference. This project has been funded at \$500.

Delta Kappa Mini Grants:

Chugiak High School: *Fun Faculty Book Grab to Promote Student Pleasure Reading*; funded at \$250.

College Gate Elementary: *Real People – Real Books: Books That Will Make A Difference*, submitted for \$250.

Alaska State Literacy Association Mini Grants:

College Gate Elementary: *Books Behind the Headlines*. Funded at \$150.

Partnership Grants

2002 ALPAR Youth Litter Patrol; to Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling, for \$4,000 for a four-month project. Gruening Community Schools: To support youth patrollers and their adult supervisors in clean up efforts in Eagle River. This project was funded for \$4,000.

COPS in Schools 2002; to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for \$1, 625,00 for a three-year project. Anchorage Police Department, in partnership with the Anchorage School District: To involve law enforcement in the effort for safe and drug-free schools. This project will provide a police substation staffed with two full-time police officers at each of the six large high schools; and will support programs to reduce truancy, drug and alcohol use, and bullying. The project includes traffic enforcement in school zones, enforcement of bus stop violations, smoking suppression tactics, and threat assessment. Notification of final award is pending.

Alaska Railroad Youth Summer Employment Program; Memorandum of Agreement between the Anchorage School District and the Alaska Railroad for \$18,000 for the summer of 2002. Supports supervised summer employment for youth through a partnership between the Alaska Railroad and Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center.

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