


SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------|
| Title: | Resolution 12-13-4 to Support Application for Alaska Community Block Grant Program | | |
| Date: | November 6, 2012 | Item Number: | 11a.(5) |
| Administrator: | Steve Atwater, Ph.D.  Superintendent of Schools | | |
| Attachments: | | | |

Action Needed **For Discussion** **Information** **Other** _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The overall mission of the State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income residents, particularly in rural Alaska. The CDBG Program fulfills this mission by acting upon its defined goals and objectives such as providing financial resources to communities for public facilities, planning, and special economic development activities which encourage community self-sufficiency, reduce or eliminate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of local residents, and reduce the costs of essential community services.

Borough and school district staff have met with residents of Kachemak Selo, Fox River Census District Precinct, who have expressed the need for a public school for their children. Currently, classes are taught in three converted homes, which are leased to the school district. The process for constructing a new school includes community involvement and input from the initial public meeting that describes possible funding sources to the multi-year process to complete the project.

The borough and the school district wish to apply for CDBG funds to complete the required educational specification document, a process that records community and educators' input for the purpose of guiding project feasibility. Additionally, this process is an essential support document needed for the grant application to the Alaska Department of Education, which may fund design, engineering and construction.

In order to apply for CDBG funds, the grant program requires: a resolution of support from the governing body; that Kachemak-Selo residents qualify for low to moderate income level at 62.9%; documentation that the project and potential funding have been presented to the residents in a public forum; and twenty-five percent cash or in-kind services be provided as a matching contribution to the project.

Upon award, the school district and borough staff assigned to the project will document time and effort to a project number which will be calculated for in-kind services. The school district will contribute the cash balance to meet the twenty-five percent match requirement.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Approve resolution as presented.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-13-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Program (CDBG) is a flexible source of competitive funding for a broad range of community development projects that benefit low and moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Kachemak-Selo, Fox River Census District Precinct, have expressed the need for a public school facility to house kindergarten through twelfth grade students; and

WHEREAS, elementary and secondary education is currently taught in three houses that have been converted to classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the borough and the school district intend to apply for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for the purpose of completing the Educational Specification Process, which will guide class instruction and classroom design; and

WHEREAS, the school district and the borough staff will document time and effort which will be calculated for in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the school district will provide the cash contribution required to meet the twenty-five percent match; and

WHEREAS, it is in the borough's best interest to apply for the CDBG funds for the purpose of this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION:

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents required for granting and managing funds awarded by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to execute subsequent amendments to said grant agreement to provide for adjustments to the project within the scope of the project.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.

Joe Arness, President
Board of Education
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

ATTEST:_____
Debbie Tressler
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My Commission Expires 07/16/2016