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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Federal Tax ID: 92-6000034

Project Type: Equipment and Materials **Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Birchtree Library

State Funding Requested: \$30,000 **House District:** Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding for this project will be used to purchase library books for Birchtree Charter School.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$30,000 Funding Already Secured: (\$0)FY2013 State Funding Request: (\$30,000)**Project Deficit:**

Funding Details: No funding history

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Birchtree is in its second year of operation and currently enrolls 289 students. Funding the cost of our library has been challenging due to the lack of start-up funds for new charter schools in Alaska. Currently, Alaska's charter school laws do not allow new Alaska charter schools to receive federal start-up funds. Therefore, Birchtree opened with no additional revenue to purchase needed start-up items (i.e. desks, text books, office supplies, furniture, etc). Providing these essential items continues to be a necessary use of our operating budget. During FY11, a legislative grant in the amount of \$30,000 was allocated to Birchtree to support the initial purchase of a library collection. An additional grant would allow us to continue the development of a collection for all of our students in grades K - 8.

Project Timeline:

Project will commence immediately upon receipt of funds.

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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

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