

SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Report - Grant Applications February 2025

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Since January 2025, Southeast Island School District has submitted nine major grant applications to support critical district needs:

Rasmussen Foundation Grant (\$255,000) Submitted in January 2025 for district vehicle fleet replacement. This grant would fund the replacement of nine vehicles across our district to ensure safe, reliable transportation for students and staff. Decision expected by April 2025.

First National Bank Alaska Community Development Grant (\$170,000) Submitted in February 2025 to support a comprehensive Indigenous cultural and language program serving all students across our six schools, fostering understanding and appreciation of Haida and Tlingit heritage. Decision expected May 2025.

McCarthy-Dressman Education Foundation Grant (\$20,000) Submitted in February 2025 to enhance our district-wide Special Education. This two-year grant (\$10,000 per year) would provide materials and equipment for hands-on science and technology education across all sites for a three-year program implementation. Decision expected June 2025.

Hunter Safety Education Grant (\$48,750) Submitted in February 2025 to implement a comprehensive hunter safety education program across district schools, including teacher certification and equipment. ***Grant awarded***

Federal Legislative Grants through Senator Murkowski's Office:

1. School Infrastructure Rehabilitation (\$16,586,000)
2. Bus Barn/Food Service Facility (\$6,850,000)
3. Teacher Housing Infrastructure (\$5,850,000)

Submitted Feb 2025.

These comprehensive infrastructure requests address critical facility needs across the district. Initial decisions expected Fall 2025.

DEED Grant - Naukati School Improvements (\$49,000) Submitted February 2025 to update the multipurpose room - library and lab. Decision expected May 2025.

CAPIS Vehicle Replacement Grant (\$372,000) Submitted February 2025 to replace aging district vehicles essential for student activities and staff travel. This would provide eight reliable vehicles for six school sites and district office use. Legislative decision expected during the 2025 session.

Total Grant Funding Requested: \$31,200,750

AHFC Thorne Bay Housing Grant and Forest Service Wood Boiler Grant. We are sending out RFPs for these projects now.

Migrant program Raingear/Winter gear/Personal Floation Device/MOB buy is almost at it's conclusion. Thank you so much to Theresa Randall for all of her hard work!

*All applications align with our district's strategic plan and address critical infrastructure and operational needs. I will continue to monitor these applications and provide updates as decisions are received.