

SISD Grants and Federal Programs Board Report

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RUS (Rural Utility Services) grant is open now and SISD will join Hydaburg City School District's grant. We applied last year with Hydaburg but the grant was not funded apparently due to some documents not being uploaded correctly. The federal posting states the "Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density." In our case this grant will pay for our VTC equipment that needs to be updated and replaced every 6 years or so. It is vitally important to the way we deliver high school classes to our small school sites. The grant requires a match and for our district this will be approximately \$23,000. Priscilla has communicated with Lucienne about this commitment.

Naukati School Improvement Implementation grant –

We have applied for the next step in the School Improvement process. It is called an Implementation grant and will be in the amount of \$50,000. This grant has not been officially approved yet but is non-competitive, like the Planning grant. We expect to hear within a few weeks. It may purchase curriculum specifically to address the school's needs, as well as provide for more training of the paraprofessionals and staff time to collaborate on instructional strategies. Nick and the Naukati staff are working with a 'coach,' Joan Walser from Juneau who is proving to be a huge help and wealth of knowledge.

As we face budget cuts, grants become even more important to the district and I am continuing to look for suitable funding sources to address our needs. The "survey monkey" results for the Strategic Planning survey will show the priorities identified by stakeholders.

If people know of funding sources I might be missing, please contact me.

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