

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 20, 2025

NUMBER: 26-074

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Accept USDA Grant
Funding for Districtwide
Fire System Replacement,
6 Sites

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities
Goal 4: Operational Improvement
Objective 1: Optimize Business Operations

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is acceptance of USDA grant funding for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 sites.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

In mid-2025, Administration applied to Representative Begich's office for Congressionally Directed Spending funds. The funding was included and passed through Congress, to be administered through USDA. Grant is for \$847,568. This grant covers all of the DEED required match except \$475,000. \$455,000 of that was committed by Borough and spent on replacement of Noorvik's Fire Alarm in 2025. \$20,000 was committed by District through Memo 24-115 in March 2024. Together, all three funding sources provide the \$1,322,568 in required match to the DEED grant. Work replaces the fire alarms in Ambler, Noorvik, Buckland, JNES & KMHS and Shungnak. Shungnak will also get a new sprinkler system.

FUNDING SOURCE(S):

US Department of Agriculture grant, NWA Borough and Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept \$847,568 in USDA grant funding for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites project as presented;
2. Disapprove acceptance of \$847,568 in USDA grant funding for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites project as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

4. The administration recommends the Board accept \$847,568 in USDA grant funding for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites project as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None