

Request for funding for the Homer Intermediate SCA group.

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Dear Mr. Rob Corpora:

I am writing to you in regards to the American Rescue Plan funds that will become available to Cortland County. I am in my second year of service to the Homer Intermediate SCA. As an officer of the Homer Intermediate SCA, I am requesting \$35,000 of these funds.

The Homer Intermediate SCA is a group of community members that either have children or family in the Homer Central School District, as well as staff in the district. The SCA provides mini grants to teachers for supplies in their classrooms (some examples of these are supplies for projects, stylus' for Chromebooks, headphones, basic school supplies, and much more), the purchase of yearbooks for all students and staff, provides after school enrichment programs for students such as our HASE (Homer After School Enrichment) program, funding for teacher and bus driver appreciation days/weeks, funding for PARP (Pals as Reading Partners) reading programs that offers prizes to students and classrooms for reaching reading goals, funding for field trips, hosting book fairs and other after school events such as dances and family nights, we also provide funding for end of the year parties for each grade level. There are many more things that the Homer Intermediate SCA helps provide support to throughout the school year to make sure our children/students have a successful and fun year!

The Homer Intermediate SCA is requesting \$35,000 in funds to help us continue to provide everything we can to support our school. With the current health pandemic our fundraising activities were not as successful in the past year and a half as we were unable to do them. We are starting this year with less than half the budget we have had in the past. If we are awarded this funding, we can ensure that our group can continue to provide our students and staff with the support they need. Approximately \$20,000 of the funding would go towards 2 years of our budget. We would also love to be able to purchase picnic tables for classes to use and create an outdoor classroom atmosphere. This project would use approximately \$15,000 of the funding.

I want to thank you for your consideration to give us funding. You would not only be helping our group but the Homer Intermediate School community as well. School is the one consistent thing in most children's lives, this past year and a half has really tested that and will continue to do so in the following months. We would love to get that feeling back for our young students!

Sincerely,

Kristina Welsh