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Dorothy,

By now you have probably needed to draft your letter, but I have continued to work with our Admin staff to come to agreement on an approximate number for your use. At this point, I have their concurrence with the following statement:

From 1977 to 2009, the state of Alaska made approximately \$572 million in state funding available for rural water and sewer projects.

Although we haven't been able to confirm this number exactly, we believe it is close.

Most of this funding was made available as a required state match for federal funding. I don't know the percentage used for "first service" projects vs. upgrades and improvements to existing systems, but I would guess a little more than half was used on first service projects. None of the funding was spent on "operation and maintenance" or "maintenance" projects, since funding was not appropriated for such purposes, and maintenance remains the responsibility of each individual community.

I'm sorry for the delay in sending this to you. Hopefully you can still use it in your final letter. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

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