

RurAL CAP
2009 ARRA CSBG Funds
Plan Overview

RurAL CAP will utilize CSBG funds for two programs—Energy Burden Reduction and Alaska Foreclosure Prevention. Energy Burden Reduction will utilize locally-hired and trained Alaskans to help communities and home owners reduce operating costs for their residences and facilities. We will target homes not scheduled to benefit from weatherization programs in the near future. The program will focus on improving the efficiency of electrical use and utilizing energy saving tools. The program already exists through our Community Development Division. Stimulus funding would be used to train more Alaskans and to reach more homes and facilities in a shorter amount of time, bringing valuable energy cost savings to Alaska more quickly. This program would create 150 new jobs and serve 25 communities. The 25 communities will be Akiak, Alakanuk, Chevak, Copper Center/Kluti-kaah, Haines, Homer, Hooper Bay, Hydaburg, Kake, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kwethluk, Marshall, Mountain Village, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Pilot Station, Savoonga, Seward, St. Mary's, Stebbins, Sterling, Tanacross, Toksook Bay and Tok.

Alaska Foreclosure Prevention will partner with consumer credit service providers in the state to directly deliver financial counseling to traditional homeowners in Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla, Kenai, Soldotna and Homer who are struggling with financial literacy and are challenged by mortgage payments. The program will provide support for 10 credit counselor positions to deliver at-home services to more than 1,000 Alaskans struggling with maintaining homeownership in the current economic crisis.