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Referred: Community & Regional
Affairs and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the community legal assistance
7 fund."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 44.47.200 is amended to read:

10 ARTICLE 6. COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE [GRANTS].

11 Sec. 44.47.200. COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE [GRANT] FUND. (a)

12 There is created in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs
13 the community legal assistance [GRANT] fund. From legislative appro-
14 priations to the fund, the department may [SHALL] make grants to
15 eligible communities and regions for the purpose of enabling them to
16 obtain legal assistance.

17 (b) All legal assistance provided under this section shall be
18 rendered by private attorneys, except that the Department of Community
19 and Regional Affairs may contract with the Department of Law to
20 provide direct legal assistance to an eligible community or region for
21 legal assistance in ordinance codification and statutory interpretation
22 when that assistance is not related to litigation in which the eligible
23 community or region is a party.

24 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits an eligible community or
25 region from using the legal assistance provided under this section in
26 proceedings in which the state is a party.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 44.47.210 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 44.47.210. ELIGIBILITY. First and second class cities and
29 unincorporated villages, and regional associations of those communities,

1 may apply to the department for legal assistance [A GRANT] under sec.
2 200 of this chapter. Legal assistance [GRANTS] shall be provided
3 [MADE] only to those communities or regions that would otherwise be
4 unable to obtain legal assistance. No regional or village corporation
5 formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 92-203) is
6 eligible for legal assistance [A GRANT] under sec. 200 of this chapter.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47.220 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 44.47.220. COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE [GRANTS]. Legal
9 assistance [GRANTS] provided [MADE] under sec. 200 of this chapter
10 shall be used for a single legal project and not for the provision of
11 general legal counsel, except that the Department of Community and
12 Regional Affairs may contract with the Department of Law to provide
13 legal assistance in ordinance codification and statutory interpretation
14 when that assistance is not related to litigation in which the community
15 or region receiving the assistance is a party. The Department of
16 Community and Regional Affairs [DEPARTMENT] shall assure that any
17 [THE] grant made is spent for necessary legal assistance and that
18 appropriate accounting procedures are maintained. Grants may not
19 exceed \$20,000.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 44.47.230 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 44.47.230. REGULATIONS. The department shall adopt regu-
22 lations to carry out the purpose [PURPOSES] of secs. 200 - 220 of this
23 chapter.
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