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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY / POUCH A — JUNEAU 99801

March 24, 1972

The Honorable Mike Miller
House of Representatives
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Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Miller:

This office has summarized for the first time the total 14-year history of the Rural Development Agency grant program.

We have broken down the state-wide totals into the five recognized geographical areas in which we have field offices. I hope this will be convenient for you to review the grant history of rural communities in your district.

The following resume is intended to acquaint you with our funding procedures as outlined under AS 44.19.610 and in using our policy guidelines to administer grants.

Grants are made to communities with village or fourth-class status under 2,500 populations or cities of a higher class under 2,000 population. A single annual grant cannot exceed \$10,000 and the average is \$6,000. Preference is given to low-income communities with an inadequate tax base that cannot fund their own small public works projects, nor obtain them from other sources.

We prefer the proposed project to be of a community-development nature that we hope will foster and encourage the learning process in the smaller communities to become more astute in local government and become more acquainted with other agency programs.

In most communities that have received RDA grants, we are the single source of funding for whatever local improvements have been made. Small community halls, boardwalks, garbage pits, sanitary land fills, some small airstrips, boat landing facilities, improvements to simple community-owned electrical distribution systems, and sawmill operations are but a few of the examples of programs funded.

Labor grants have been made for digging drainage ditches, bank or beach erosion control, to help construct facilities where materials may have been supplied by another agency, and for projects such as sawmill operation training.

Grants are made upon receipt of application from the community if the project appears feasible and if we have available funds. From 1972 fiscal year funds of \$339,500, 62 grants have been made to date and the balance is nearly exhausted. Most applications were funded this year.

A different picture appears evident for this next fiscal year. We anticipate 150 to 200 applications from communities and less than half of these can be given grants in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range. This program is becoming increasingly popular and there has been a substantial increase of community awareness of the program.

This is not a make-work program, nor is it designed to perpetuate itself. We who work with it feel that it is a most viable operation and is the only source of public works-grant funds for most of Alaska's small communities.

A total of \$3,739,439.89 has been provided for 185 community grantees in 887 separate grants since Fiscal Year 1959. We serve a rural population of approximately 75,000, or one-fourth the State's total population. This total amount is less than today's costs of 50 miles of new gravel roads or a small airport, yet the impact has been significant.

In addition to the RDA grant program, we administer three separate Neighborhood Youth Corps contracts (OEO funded) through the United States Department of Labor and an adult work-experience program called Operation Mainstream with the same funding source.

Last summer 2,200 youth and adults received work-experience training through our federally funded programs, and more than 500 adults worked on RDA grant projects. All of these combined programs have a very limited amount of hours per person and for the adults, earnings serve to supplement other seasonal income.

Representative Miller

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As this is but a brief narrative, I hope you will seek us out for additional information if you have any questions. We are enthusiastic and see a great potential in the future of rural Alaska. Development will become more noticeable and more significant when land claims funds become available.

Sincerely,



Don Perkins
Director

March 3, 1972

S O U T H E A S T

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Hoonah	10	748	\$81,216.00
Hydaburg	13	214	75,000.00
Angoon	11	205	69,700.00
Kake	9	448	66,337.70
Craig	8	272	60,075.00
Klawock	8	213	58,500.00
Saxman	8	135	53,500.00
Yakutat	10	190	53,390.00
Klukwan	11	103	44,869.89
Port Chilkoot	8	220	40,500.00
Metlakatla	6	1,050	38,560.00
Wrangell	4	2,029	31,000.00
Petersburg	3	2,042	21,000.00
Baranof	2	under 25	11,163.22
Tenekee Springs	4	86	8,000.00
Kasaan	2	30	5,500.00
Haines	1	463	5,000.00
Elfin Cove	1	49	5,000.00
Pelican	1	133	5,000.00
19	120		\$733,311.81

Total Number of Grantees 19

Number of Grants 120

Current Eligible rural population 7,100

Total Amount of Grants \$733,311.81

Average Single Grant \$6,110

Amount per Capita \$79

N O R T H W E S T E R N

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Stebbins	8	231	\$49,088.00
Kiana	10	278	48,472.17
Kivilina	10	188	39,307.20
Kotzebue	9	1696	37,130.00
St. Michael	8	207	35,890.88
Wainwright	7	315	34,000.00
Point Hope	9	386	33,570.00
Shishmaref	9	267	33,074.00
Nootak	7	293	29,460.00
Savoonga	7	364	29,200.00
Shaktolik	10	151	28,614.20
Earrow	3	2104	28,000.00
Gambell	6	372	27,450.00
Elim	10	174	26,668.80
Wales	9	131	25,600.00
Golovin	8	117	25,302.36
Anaktuvuk	6	99	24,420.00
Selawik	7	429	23,400.00
Brevig Mission	8	123	23,207.00
Noorvik	7	462	23,120.00
Unalakleet	5	434	20,836.00
Koyuk	8	122	18,025.60
Teller	6	220	17,921.00
Nome	2	2488	17,000.00
Deering	8	85	16,380.00
White Mountain	7	87	15,692.00
Buckland	7	104	15,230.00
Ambler	7	169	15,227.62
King Island	1	(Nome)	10,000.00
Little Diomed	3	84	9,500.00
Shungnak	2	215	4,885.00
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Total Number of Grantees 31

Number of Grants 214

Current Eligible Rural Population 10,358

Total Amount of Grants \$785,672.33

Average Grant \$3,671

Amount Per Capita \$75

S O U T H C E N T R A L

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Cordova	5	1,164	\$38,500.00
English Bay	11	58	37,740.00
Port Graham	6	107	25,500.00
Copper Center	4	206	22,524.30
Unalaska	4	336	22,000.00
Old Harbor	3	290	20,076.00
Ouzinkie	4	160	19,000.00
Tatitlek	3	111	17,500.00
Karluk	4	98	16,971.23
Atka	5	88	16,176.00
Tyonek	4	232	16,000.00
Whittier	2	130	13,000.00
Larsen Bay	3	109	12,946.50
Ahkiok	3	115	10,724.00
Kodiak (59-60)	1	3,798	10,000.00
Palmer	1	1,140	10,000.00
Willow	2	38	10,000.00
Mentasta	4	68	9,740.00
Port Lions	3	227	9,500.00
Goose Creek	1	No Census	7,500.00
Chenega	2	Moved to Tatitlek	7,000.00
Wasilla	2	300	7,000.00
Chistochina	2	33	6,500.00
Ivanof Bay	1	48	6,500.00
Kenney Lake	2	No Census	6,234.00
Seldovia	1	437	5,250.00
Akutan	1	101	5,000.00
Butte	1	448	5,000.00
Eklutna	2	25	5,000.00
Perryville	2	94	4,264.00
Cantwell	2	62	3,500.00
Chignik Lake	1	117	3,500.00
Belkofski	1	59	2,500.00
Chignik	1	83	1,500.00
Chignik Lagoon	1	Unavailable	1,500.00
Knik	1	Unavailable	1,500.00
Sutton	3	76	10,200.00
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37	99		\$426,846.03

Total Number of Grantees 37
 Number of Grants 99
 Current Eligible Population 32,000
 Total Amount of Grants \$426,846.03
 Average Grant \$4,311
 Amount Per Capita \$13

C E N T R A L

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Fort Yukon	9	440	\$55,000.00
Nulato	7	308	34,000.00
Minto	7	168	32,112.00
Nenana	4	362	30,500.00
Galena	5	302	30,416.00
Venetie	7	112	29,836.00
Northway	5	40	26,742.00
Tanacross	5	84	26,480.00
Koyukuk	6	124	26,184.00
Kaltag	8	206	23,214.50
Tanana	4	406	20,700.00
Chalkyitsik	6	130	20,551.20
Allakaket	6	174	20,497.60
Tetlin	8	114	19,920.00
Arctic Village	5	85	17,350.00
Stevens Village	3	74	16,800.16
Tok	4	214	14,000.00
Ruby	3	145	10,500.00
Beaver	3	101	6,250.00
Eagle Village	2	Under 25	5,500.00
Birch Creek	1	Under 25	5,000.00
Huslia	1	159	5,000.00
Dot Lake	1	42	4,000.00
Eagle City	1	36	3,000.00
Canyon Village	3	Under 25	2,800.00
Rampart	2	36	2,200.00
Kaktovik	1	123	1,000.00
27	117		\$489,553.46

Total Number of Grantees 27

Number of Grants 117

Current Rural Eligible Population 8,700

Total Amount of Grants \$489,553.46

Average Size Grant \$8,766

Amount Per Capita \$55

W E S T E R N

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Dillingham	7	914	\$46,800.00
Bethel	7	2416	43,940.00
Fortuna Ledge	10	175	38,324.25
Holy Cross	6	199	37,000.00
Chevak	7	387	33,610.00
St. Mary's	5	384	32,800.00
Koleganik	7	142	30,798.00
Kwethluk	6	406	30,500.00
Ekwok	9	103	30,296.00
Nondolton	7	184	30,264.00
Kotlik	6	228	30,204.00
Anvik	8	83	29,172.00
Pedro's Point	5	70	28,676.80
Mountain Village	6	419	28,440.00
Clark's Point	7	95	28,183.02
Hooper Bay	8	490	27,534.00
Quinhogok	7	340	26,280.00
Manokotak	8	214	26,000.00
Shageluk	6	167	25,704.00
New Stuyahok	6	216	25,096.00
Toksook Bay	7	257	24,570.00
Russian Mission	6	146	22,800.00
Tuntutuliak	7	158	21,428.20
Akiachak	5	312	21,236.00
Napakiak	6	270	20,000.00
Napaskiak	6	259	20,000.00
Grayling	4	139	18,952.00
Goodnews Bay	8	Not Available	18,522.80
Nikolai	6	112	18,250.00
Aniak	3	205	18,000.00
Kongiganek	2	190	18,000.00
Tununak	6	274	17,921.00
Emmonak	5	439	17,563.00
Akiak	4	171	17,560.00
Tuluksak	5	195	17,480.00
Pilot Station	4	290	17,264.00
Kipnuk	5	325	16,903.50
Egegik	3	148	16,880.00
Aleknagik	3	128	16,864.00
Lower Kalskag	6	183	16,500.00
Kasiglik	4	Not Available	16,272.00
South Naknek	5	154	16,156.80
Nunapitchuk	4	Not Available	16,137.00
Russian Mission	2	120	16,000.00
Kwillingok	5	148	15,500.00

W E S T E R N

Grantees Name	Number of Grants	Population	Amount
Chefornak	6	146	14,135.89
Scammon Bay	6	166	13,600.00
Kokhanok	5	85	13,500.00
Newhalen	5	88	13,264.00
Alakanuk	3	265	13,100.00
Kalskag	5	122	12,500.00
Mekoryuk	5	249	11,420.00
Pedro Bay	6	65	10,892.00
Atonautluak	2	Not Available	10,480.00
Eek	5	186	10,421.00
Akolmuit	1	526	10,000.00
Stony River	2	74	10,000.00
Newtok	3	114	9,500.00
Togiak	3	383	9,264.00
Crooked Creek	3	59	7,836.00
Levelock	3	74	7,440.00
Pilot Point	3	61	7,176.00
Andreafski	1	Not Available	6,528.00
Nightmuit	1	127	5,480.00
Naknek	1	187	5,532.00
Ugashik	3	Under 25	3,966.00
Iguigig	2	36	3,000.00
Chgsenahale	1	80	3,000.00
Port Heiden	1	66	3,000.00
Platinum	1	55	1,500.00
Ekuk	1	51	1,088.00
71	337		\$1,304,055.26

Total Number of Grantees 71

Number of Grants 337

Current Eligible Rural Population 18,434

Total Amount of Grants \$1,304,055.26

Average Grant \$3,869

Amount Per Capita \$70