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April 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives Cotton, Guy, Gardiner, Itta
FROM: Donald E. Clocksin
DATE: April 11, 1975
RE: HE265-66, Community Legal Assistance Grant Program

I have an additional example of where the funds made available under these bills could be used. A Bethel area village, *Akolmiut*, wants to purchase its own boarding home in Bethel for the students from that village when they go to the Bethel Regional school. They need legal assistance to negotiate the purchase of the building, the transfer of title to the building, the acquiring of insurance appropriate for a boarding home, and the completion of foster home licensing applications. Much of the work that needs to be done for this village can only be done by an attorney. The project is beneficial because of the lack of boarding home facilities in Bethel - by purchasing the home the village will assure that its students have adequate living facilities while attending high school.

DEC:mjb

Put in file for the floor

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Reps. Cotton, Gardiner, Guy and Itta
FROM : Don Clocksin *DCC*
SUBJECT: HB 265-66, Community Legal Assistance Grant
Program - Floor Debate
DATE : April 3, 1975

When these bills come up on the House floor you may want to refer to this material.

1. Background. In June, 1974, a Conference on Justice in the Bush was held at Minto, Alaska. At that Conference residents of rural Alaska met with state officials to determine the needs of bush Alaska. To assure that the needs and desires expressed at Minto were carried out, a Monitoring Committee was established. Out of the work of that Committee came the recognition that many small villages and towns were being faced with increased responsibilities. One tool they often needed to help run their own affairs was legal assistance. The Local Government Specialists (LGS's) provided through the Department of Community and Regional Affairs were very helpful in the bush, but the fact they were not lawyers meant that some times there were problems they couldn't solve. A supplement to those LGS's was needed.

2. The bills. HB 265 would create the Community Legal Assistance Grant Fund in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. Grants could be made to villages or groups of villages that needed legal help not available through the LGS's and which they could otherwise not afford. Grants cannot be made to regional or village corporations created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and could only be made for special, one-time projects. Grants may not exceed \$20,000 each, and will, of course, usually be much less.

HB 266 appropriates \$50,000 for the fund. The amount is not enough, but since this is a new idea, it was felt the amount appropriated should be kept to a minimum.

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The Department of Community and Regional Affairs would adopt regulations to implement these bills. According to testimony, applications would be reviewed carefully to assure other funds were not available and to see that the money is used effectively.

Since only first and second class municipalities and unincorporated villages and groups of villages are eligible, this money could not go to the larger cities or to boroughs, for example, Eagle River, Anchorage, etc. (See attached list of eligible first and second class municipalities).

3. Support. The bill is an Executive Request and is supported by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the Attorney General's office, and the Bush Justice Monitoring Committee.

DEC:bg
Enclosure

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>INCORP. DATE</u>
<u>Home Rule Cities</u>		
Anchorage	78,929	1920
Cordova	2,114	1909
Fairbanks	32,975	1903
Kenai	4,028	1960
Ketchikan	7,468	1960
Kodiak	3,923	1940
North Pole	265	1953
Palmer	1,409	1951
Petersburg	2,386	1910
Seward	1,823	1912
Valdez	2,271	1901
Wrangell	2,787	1903
<u>First Class Cities</u>		
Barrow	2,307	1959
Craig	467	1922
Dillingham	1,025	
Galena	442	
Girdwood	210	1961
Haines	1,980	1910
Homer	1,243	1964
Hoonah	748	1946
Hydaburg	260	1927
Take	551	1952
King Cove	338	1947
Klawock	290	1929
Nenana	469	1921
Nome	2,488	1901
Pelican	169	1943
Saint Mary's	384	1967
Selawik	429	1963
Seldovia	612	1945
Skagway	710	1900
Soldotna	1,202	1967
Unalaska	510	1942
Yakutat	227	1948
<u>Second Class Cities</u>		
Akhiok	102	1972
Akiachak	330	1974
Akiak	186	1970
Akolmiut	608	1969
Alakanuk	495	1969
Aleknagik	208	1973
Ambler	217	1971
Anaktuvuk Pass	125	1957

CLASSIFICATIONPOPULATIONDATESecond Class Cities

Anderson	463	1962
Angeon	400	1963
Aniak	273	1972
Anvik	100	1969
Bethel	2,921	1957
Brevig Mission	130	1969
Buckland	125	1966
Chefornak	182	1974
Chevak	447	1967
Clark's Point	62	1971
Deering	78	1970
Delta Junction	703	1960
Diomede	90	1970
Eagle	105	1901
Eek	195	1970
Ekwok	103	1974
Elim	174	1970
Emmonak	502	1964
Fort Yukon	637	1959
Fortuna Ledge	200	1970
Gambell	380	1963
Glen Alps	75	1961
Golovin	118	1971
Goodnews Bay	228	1970
Grayling	167	1969
Holy Cross	212	1968
Hooper Bay	556	1966
Houston	69	1966
Hughes	85	1973
Huslia	199	1969
Kachemak	151	1961
Kaktovik	141	1971
Kaltag	240	1969
Kiana	300	1964
Kivalina	200	1969
Kobuk	61	1973
Kotlik	284	1970
Kotzebue	2,125	1958
Koyuk	122	1970
Koyukuk	124	1973
Larsen Bay	109	1974
Lower Kalskag	195	1969
Manokotak	230	1970
Mekoryuk	254	1969
Mountain Village	491	1967
Napakiak	279	1970
Napaskiak	200	1971
New Stuyahok	229	1972
Newhalen	68	1971

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<u>Second Class Cities</u>		
Nightmute	123	1974
Nikolai	82	1970
Nondalton	216	1971
Noorvik	483	1964
Nulato	311	1963
Old Harbor	327	1966
Ouzinkie	173	1967
Pilot Station	301	1969
Point Hope	404	1966
Port Alexander	36	1974
Port Heiden	66	1972
Port Lions	227	1966
Ruby	148	1973
Russian Mission	132	1970
Saint Michael	222	1969
The Aleut Community of St. Paul Island	488	1971
Sand Point	474	1966
Savoonga	380	1967
Saxman	272	1930
Scammon Bay	221	1967
Shageluk	172	1970
Shaktoolik	160	1969
Sheldon Point	127	1974
Shishmaref	309	1969
Shungnak	165	1967
Stebbins	272	1969
Tanana	406	1961
Teller	213	1963
Tenakee Springs	101	1971
Togiak	383	1969
Toksook Bay	304	1972
Tuluksak	202	1970
Unalakleet	550	1974
Wainwright	357	1962
Wales	111	1964
Wasilla	300	1974
White Mountain	87	1969
Whittier	186	1969
<u>Organized Under Federal Law</u>		
Metlakatla	1,050	1944
<u>Dissolution Recommended</u>		
Long Island	7	1965

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WE STRONGLY ENDORSE HB265 QUOTE CREATING THE COMMUNITY
LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM UNQUOTE AND
HB266 ACCOMPANYING APPROPRIATION FOR THIS PROGRAM.
YOUR FAVORABLE REACTION TO THESE BILLS WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUESTS.

GORDON JACKSON EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ACCEPT THIS AS RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM'S
FULL ENDORSEMENT OF HB 265, PROVIDING FOR A LEGAL ASSISTANCE
GRANT FUND. LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS A CRITICAL NEED THROUGHOUT
THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF MOVEMENT
TOWARD LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. HB 266 PROVIDING DLRS 50,000 FOR THE PROGRAM
IS A GOOD STEP; HOWEVER, IF MORE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IT
WOULD BE NEEDED. GRANT FUND CONCEPT APPROVED BY BUSH JUSTICE
CONFERENCES, WASILLA MEETING, ETC. STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS
BILL EXISTS STATEWIDE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

PHIL SMITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RURAL CAP