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**Legislative Hearing**  
**Department of Community & Economic Development**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
**26 April 2001**

**Program Goals:** The Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) is designed to reduce and/or prevent poverty through community-based educational activities which lead to a greater degree of self-sufficiency on the part of low-income persons.

**Purpose of Hearing:** The CSBG law requires that at least once every 3 years a public hearing be held to accept public comment on the proposed uses of CSBG funds. A hearing has not been held in the last two years which means one must be held this year to be eligible to receive funds.

**Use of Funds:** By law the only eligible recipient of CSBG funds are Community Action Agencies. RurAL CAP is the sole direct recipient of CSBG funds in Alaska. Approximately \$2 Million dollars will be distributed this year.

RurAL CAP proposes to use FFY 2002 funds in five general areas that are:

- Administrative Services (Program Support)
- Child Development
- Community Development
- Community Planning and Housing Services
- Public Policy and Advocacy

David Hardenbergh from RurAL CAP will elaborate more specifically about what they do under each program activity.

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