

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS

1. **Project Number:** 0025-DC-2001-17
2. **Project Title:** Community Priorities Program
3. **Name of Recipient Organization:** Department of Community & Economic Development, Division of Community & Business Development
4. **Project Officers:** Nelda Warkentin for Pre-Applications and Jo E. Grove for Grants at DCED and Paul McIntosh for the Denali Commission.
5. **Funding:** \$4,500,000 in Federal funds and \$450,000 in local match
6. **Award Period:** April 9, 2001 through April 8, 2005
7. **Period Covered by this report:** January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The intent of the Community Priorities Program is to provide grants to communities through the Department of Community & Economic Development for fixed infrastructure and capital projects which are construction-ready and which have been identified in the community's development plan as a top priority. This program specifically excludes energy-related projects and health facilities.

The CPP program will fund no more than 2/3 of the total cost of any proposed project and the community must provide a minimum of a 10% local cash match. Communities must demonstrate a commitment to operation and maintenance costs of proposed facilities. CPP is intended to be funding of last resort. There is a maximum grant amount of \$500,000.

During this report period several changes in the administration of the program have occurred. The Denali Commission modified the eligibility criteria in order to limit applicants to distressed communities as identified by the Commission OR communities with populations of 1500 or less. The criteria was also modified to reflect that CPP should fund basic community infrastructure rather than optional recreational facilities.

The application process for CPP consists of two steps. First communities are required to submit a Pre-Application. This is a simple 2 page form. If all threshold criteria appear to be met based on information included in the Pre-Application, the community is invited to submit a Full Application. Full Applications are reviewed on a Pass/Fail basis. If the community has demonstrated that the proposed project has met all the CPP requirements, and there is funding available, the project is funded.

The first Pre-Applications for this program were made available in May 2001. The Department advertised and made program forms available on its web-site as well as initiating press releases and mail outs.

Department staff have made presentations about the program to various audiences during the past 6 to 7 months. Brochures were developed and distributed which explain the program to interested parties.

Through June 2002, a total of 60 Pre-Applications have been received. A total of 20 of those Pre-Applications have met the criteria and have been invited to submit a Full Application. Nine projects have been awarded funds; an additional 4 Full Applications remain "Active".

PROJECT STATUS

As mentioned earlier, 9 projects have been awarded funds to date. These include the following:

- 1. Native Village of Kwethluk:** The Department awarded \$100,000 to the Native Village of Kwethluk to complete construction of a Community Center building. The building will be 4800 square feet and will be used for community gatherings, conferences and activities, and office space for social service programs. The total project budget is anticipated to be \$1,043,500 with other funding coming from the Community Development Block Grant Program (both State and Indian); the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Disaster Grant Program; Administration for Native Americans; First Alaskans Foundation; and Kwethluk Housing Authority. The community has provided a local match of 10% or \$10,000. The grant agreement was finalized in January 2002. The majority of CPP funds will be used to purchase and install materials needed for the interior of the building, so it is expected that work can continue on the project throughout the winter months. Anticipated completion date is October 31, 2002. To date, expenditures of \$91,432 have been reported.
- 2. Igiugig Tribal Village Council:** The Department awarded \$401,500 for construction of a road/landfill project in the community. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4,044,734 with other funds coming primarily from Village Safe Water and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribal Council is providing \$40,000 in local match.

The grant was finalized in May 2002. It was delayed due to environmental reviews. Scheduling of activities and ordering of materials has begun; on-site construction will take place in the following six to seven months; and the project is scheduled for completion by November 2002.

- 3. North Pacific Rim Housing Authority:** The Department awarded \$350,000 for a "Mixed Use Supportive Housing" project in Port Graham in November. The project will construct an assisted care facility with a two bedroom family/visitor unit and a one bedroom caretaker unit. There is currently not an assisted living facility in the community. Elders and disabled persons are moved to larger hub communities such as Homer or Anchorage when they require care beyond what they can receive at home. This project will allow elders and other disabled persons to remain in the community and contribute to the culture and values of Port Graham. The grant was executed in January 2002 and is expected to be completed by September 2002. The total project cost is expected to be \$550,000 with a 10% local cash match provided by the NPRHA. Other funds are provided by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. Through March 31, 2002, expenditures of \$23,400 (all matching funds) have been reported. This grantee reports quarterly so we expect another report within days.
- 4. City of Cold Bay:** The Department awarded \$322,000 for construction of a Visitor and Community Center facility. The facility will consist of a kitchen and a large room for display of wildlife and World War II artifacts. The facility will be built to accommodate alternative possibilities for its use and will be flexible enough to respond to community needs. It will be used as a visitor center for tourism development including a place for cruise ship passenger activities and exchanges; Fish and Wildlife Service activities; and as the Cold Bay Izembek Wildlife Refuge Information Center. It will also be available for use as a community center for such public gatherings as town meetings, potluck dinners, fundraisers, and as a teen center. The grant was executed in May 2002 and is expected to be completed by February 2002. The total project cost is estimated to be \$493,000 with the Aleutians East Borough and the City of Cold Bay providing local match in the amount of \$96,000. As of this date, a total of \$125,000 in federal funds have been reported as expended.
- 5. Tribal Government of S. Paul:** The Department awarded \$221,157 for construction of the St. Paul Tribal Government Business Development Center. Total project cost is expected to be \$1,584,536 with \$271,408 in local cash match provided by the St. Paul Tribal Government through materials and labor contributions. The grant was executed in June 2002 and is expected to be completed by the end of December. Funds from the CPP Program will be used to complete interior construction of the center. The center is a modular unit purchased and shipped from Elmendorf Air Force Base. It was reassembled and placed on a foundation in St. Paul. The facility will provide 14,757 square feet of space with over half donated to tribal government offices and government operations. The rest of the building will be used to provide low cost space for lease to entrepreneurs from the community who wish to establish new businesses. The new center will allow for more convenient and efficient operation of Tribal services and will allow for expansion of services to meet the growing community need. The central court will provide a community shopping mall atmosphere creating new jobs and diversifying the local economy. To date a total of \$25,795 in federal funds and \$2,884 in local match have been reported.

- 6. City of Galena:** The Department awarded \$175,000 for the purchase and set up of a modular building to be used for the Vocational School/Cosmetology Center in Galena. The building was purchased from Inland Homes and shipped by barge to the community. The Cosmetology Center serves both secondary and post secondary students as part the Galena City School District and the Adult Vocational Program. It is located on the Galena Air Base which was downsized in 1994. The Vocational School occupies buildings that were vacated by the Air Force. It offers post secondary technical programs in aviation, automotive repair, culinary arts, and cosmetology. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2 Million with local cash match provided by the Galena School District in the amount of \$175,000. The project is expected to be completed by September 2002.
- 7. Matanuska-Susitna Borough:** The Department awarded \$325,000 to the Borough for the Denali Arts Council to renovate the historic Don Sheldon airplane hanger for use as an arts and community center for the Northern Susitna Valley. The interior of the hanger will be reconstructed keeping the architectural style of the Talkeetna Historic district. The interior will be renovated to function as a community and performance center. Total project cost is estimated to be \$631,750. The Mat-Su Borough will provide the required 10% local match. This grant has not yet been executed. The award was made in March and staff are working to finalize grant details and budget. We hope to have the grant in place by the first of August.
- 8. City and Borough of Juneau:** The Department awarded \$500,000 to the City and Borough for the Treadwell Ice Arena. The award was finalized on June 19, 2002 and contract negotiations are underway.
- 9. Haines Borough:** The Department awarded \$167,792 to the Borough for completion of the New Library Facility on May 21, 2002. Staff are in the process of finalizing the grant agreement and we expect it to be executed shortly. Total project cost is anticipated to be \$2,530,073. Local match is provided through donation of land/space and several state capital matching grants.

PROJECT SPREADSHEET

Please see attached.

Quarterly Report
Community Priorities Program
June 30, 2002

Grantee	CPP Amount Awarded	Other Local Cash	Total Project Cost	CPP Reimbursement	Local Cash Reported
Native Village Of Kwethluk	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$1,043,500	\$91,431	\$10,000
Igiugig Tribal Village Council	\$401,500	\$40,000	\$4,044,734	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Pacific Rim Housing Auth.	\$350,000	\$35,000	\$555,000	\$0.00	\$34,045
City of Cold Bay	\$322,000	\$96,000	\$493,000	\$125,000	\$0.00
Tribal Government of St. Paul	\$221,157	\$271,408	\$1,584,536	\$25,794	\$2,884
City of Galena	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$2,000,000	\$168,000	\$200,000
Matanuska Sustina Borough	\$325,000	\$32,500	\$631,750	\$0.00	\$0.00
City & Borough Juneau	\$500,000	Finalizing figures	Finalizing figures	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haines Borough	\$167,792	\$16,772	\$2,530,073	\$0.00	\$0.00

Community Priorities Program (CPP) Applications

Funds provided by Denali Commission and administered by State DCED, Division of Community Business Development.

Community	Distress	Org Type	Project	Project Type	Pre-App Amount	Invite Full	Pre App Decision	Status	Award
Awards:								Balance:	\$1,937,529
Cold Bay	No	City	Visitor & Community Center	Com Cntr	\$322,000	Yes	6/8, 9/7, 12/3/01	Award	\$322,000
Galena	Yes	City	Cosmetology Classroom	Educ	175,000	Yes	6/8/01	Award	175,000
Haines	Yes	Borough	Library/Muni & School District Offices	Educ	167,792	Yes	6/8/01	Award	167,792
Igiugig	Yes	Tribal	Landfill	Landfill	369,863	Yes	6/8/01	Award	401,522
Juneau	No	Borough	Ice Arena	Rec	500,000	Yes	6/8, 9/7/01	Award	500,000
Kwethluk	Yes	Tribal	Community Center	Com Cntr	100,000	Yes	6/8/01	Award	100,000
Port Graham Hous Auth	No	Reg'l NP	Mixed Use Supportive Housing	Care	350,000	Yes	6/8/01	Award	350,000
St. Paul	No	Tribal	Tribal Gov't & Business Dev Center	Bus Cntr	221,157	Yes	9/7/01	Award	221,157
Talkeetna	Yes	Borough	Theater-Sheldon Hangar Renovation	Art	325,000	Yes	9/7, 6/8/01	Award	325,000
Active (Decision Pending):									
Bethel/AVCP Region	Yes	Reg'l NP	Aviation & Information Technology Training Center	Educ	500,000	Yes	3/14/02	Invited Full	Active
Cordova	No	Tribal	Community Wellness Center	Com Cntr	500,000				
Fairbanks	No	City	Detox Expansion Project	Care	400,735	Yes	3/14/02	7/17/02	Active
Kasilof	Yes	Reg'l NP	Community Center (Ionia/Long House)	Com Cntr	70,000	Yes	6/4/02	7/15/02	Active
Thorne Bay	Yes	City	South Thorne Bay Subd Road Upgrade	Trans	27,300			from City (6/13)	Active
Inactive (INVITED to Submit Full):									
Aniak	Yes	City	VPSO Housing	Housing	20,000	Yes	6/8/01	Received Full	Inactive
Funny River	No	Borough	Fire	Safety	250,000	Yes	12/3/01	pending	Inactive
Marshall	Yes	City	Community Center	Com Cntr	500,000	Yes	3/14/02	Received Full	Inactive
Mountain Village	Yes	Tribal	Housing Project	Housing	500,000	Yes	9/7, 6/8/01, 3/11/02	Received Full, Denied	Inactive
Port Graham	No	Tribal	Harbor-Floating Skiff Dock	Harbor	45,000	Yes	6/8/01	1 per comm	Inactive
Skagway	No	Tribal	Daycare	Care	250,000	Yes	9/7/01	Funded by USDA	Inactive
Seward	No	City	Fire Station	Safety	478,405	Yes	9/7, 12/3/01	Denied 3/02,	Inactive
Tatitlek	Yes	Reg'l NP	Assisted Care/Housing Authority	Care	350,000	Yes	6/8/01	Withdrawn	Inactive
Inactive: NOT invited to Submit Full Application									
Aleutians	No	Reg'l NP	Aleutian Housing Authority Homeownership Program	Housing	500,000	No	3/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive

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Anaktuvak P	No	Borough	Landfill Road Completion	Trans	473,116	No	6/24/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Buckland	No	City	Community Realignment	relocation	380,000	No	3/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Chenega	No	Reg'l NP	Sm Boat Harbor Repairs & Upgrades	Harbor	25,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Chevak, Hooper Bay, Napaskiak, Pilot Station, Marshall	Yes	Reg'l NP	Head Start Facilities/RuralCAP	Educ	125,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Circle	Yes	Comm NP	Museum Display/Historical Society	Art	50,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Copper Center	Yes	Tribal	Learning and Recreational Center	Educ	500,000	No	9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Cordova	No	Comm NP	Sheridan Alpine Association	Rec	25,000	No	5/13/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Cordova	No	Tribal	Renovate Eyak Multi-Purpose Facility	Com Cntr	500,000	No	3/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Deering	No	City	Equipment	Equip	No budget	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Deering	No	City	Tour Van and Storage	Equip	No budget	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Dillingham reg	No	Reg'l NP	Family Resource Center & Head Start	Care	100,000	No	12/1/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Fairbanks	No	Comm NP	Detox Center Expansion/Native Assoc	Care	333,464	No	6/8, 9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Fort Yukon	Yes	Tribal	Tribal Hall	Com Cntr	500,000	No	6/8, 9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Galena	Yes	City	Utilidor	Utility	100,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Kasilof	Yes	Comm NP	Community Center (Ionia/Long House)	Com Cntr	\$70,000	No	5/15/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Kipnuk-Tumunak	Yes	Reg'l NP	Housing in 7 Villages/AVCP Hous Auth	Housing	500,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Kobuk-Shungnak	No	Reg'l NP	13 Home Design-Build/NW Hous Auth	Housing	467,000	No	3/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Kotlik	Yes	City	Police Station w/courtroom	Safety	500,000	No	2/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Kotlik	Yes	City	Containerized Fish Processing Plant	Fish	500,000	No	2/14/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Kotlik	Yes	City	Community Center	Com Cntr		No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Kotzebue	No	Borough	New Borough Office	Gov't Off	200,000	No	6/7/02	Pre-App	Inactive
Koyukuk	Yes	City	Multi-Purpose Building	Com Cntr	450,000	No	9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Marshall	Yes	City	Utilities to New Community Center	Utility	174,000	No	9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Nanwalek	Yes	Tribal	Wellness Center	Care	500,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Napaskiak	Yes	Tribal	Infrastructure	Utility	500,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Nelson Lagoon	No	Tribal	Community Center	Com Cntr	81,000	No	9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Noorvik	No	City	Landfill	Landfill	500,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Port Graham	No	Tribal	Public Safety Building	Safety	150,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Sand Point	No	Tribal	Airport Terminal Services	Trans	338,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive

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Scammon Bay	Yes	Tribal	Community Hall (Youth/Elder Facility)	Com Cntr	734,938	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Seward	No	Tribal	Cultural Center	Art	203,030	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Soldotna	No	Comm NP	Funny River Fire/Disaster Station	Safety	250,000	No	6/8, 9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
St. Mary's	Yes	City	Training and Conference Center	Educ	500,000	No	9/7/01	Pre-App	Inactive
St. Michael	Yes	City	Community Center	Com Cntr	250,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Thorne Bay	Yes	City	Townsite Paving	Trans	324,377	No	12/3/01	Pre-App	Inactive
Wasilla	No	Comm NP	Housing 8 Unit Apartment	Housing	330,000	No	6/8/01	Pre-App	Inactive