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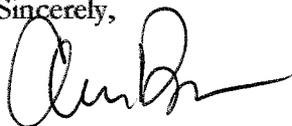
RE: Community Planning & Development Program
Project No: 0018-DC-1999-E4
Financial Status Report

Dear Michelle:

Enclosed is 1st quarter 2004 financial and narrative status report on the First Alaskans Institute's Community Planning and Development Program, funded by the Denali Commission. These reports cover the project period from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004. These reports include all grant expenditures for this period.

If you have any questions about the Program, or should you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carrie Brown
Senior Vice President

Enclosures

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE DENALI COMMISSION

Submitted by

FIRST ALASKANS FOUNDATION

Community Planning & Development Program

Project No: 0018-DC-1999-E4

Grant Period: December 1, 2000 to September 30, 2004

Grant Award Date: January 29, 2001

Reporting Period: January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over a two-year period, this program will build capacities of Alaska Native individuals and communities statewide through the development of local decision-making, management and governance skills necessary to plan and implement sustainable community development efforts. This program will impact Alaska Native communities, organizations, and individuals statewide through statewide visioning efforts; a minimum of 2 regions/sub-regions of rural Alaska through specific infrastructure development efforts; and, a minimum of 24 individual Alaska Native villages statewide through specific community development, community economic development, and community infrastructure construction projects.

- **Community Development**
Six (6) Grants, Maximum Funding \$50,000
- **Community Economic Development Planning**
Six (6) Grants, Maximum Funding \$50,000
- **Statewide Visioning**
One (1) Grant, Maximum Funding \$100,000
- **Community Infrastructure Construction**
Fourteen (14) Grants, Maximum Funding \$25,000
- **Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning**
Two (2) Grants, Maximum Funding \$125,000

II. MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since our last progress report to the Commission, we have been given authorization to reprogram the remaining project to help communities with their initiatives that involve youth and cultural activities. This funding was designated for infrastructure or capital improvements that otherwise might not be available. We required a 10% matching contribution, end dates of August 31, 2004 and no more than \$25,000 each. These awards are assigned based on the following chart:

Project Name	Organization	Award amount	Matching funds	total project
Klukwan Traditional Knowledge Camp				
Long House Project	Chilkat Indian Village	\$25,000.00	\$57,980.00	\$82,980.00
Winterization of Kitchen/Dining Facilities	Cultural Heritage Education Institute	\$11,735.60	\$1,303.46	\$13,039.06
Ahtna Historical Village (Construction Phase)	Ahtna Heritage Foundation	\$20,815.00	\$32,923.00	\$53,738.00
Savoonga Youth Center	Kawerak, Inc.	\$24,990.00	\$9,000.00	\$33,990.00
Minor Repairs on Youth Center	Native Village of Brevig Mission	\$10,704.62	\$1,070.46	\$11,775.08
		\$93,245.22	\$102,276.92	\$195,522.14

III. PROJECT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Overall, First Alaskans Institute received resounding gratitude from the various communities that benefited from this program. There have been several administrative issues that we are currently ramifying. They are lack of feedback; fulfilling reporting requirements; more requests for extensions than anticipated; and difficulty making contact with grantees. Aside from these challenges, the benefits far outweigh the issues at hand. Several specific areas are listed below.

Community Economic Development Strategy

Allakaket has not expended any funds, communication has been nearly nonexistent, and reports are delinquent. This grant is being co-managed by contractor, First Alaskan Management and Marketing Inc., Valerie Munz, (907) 456-5134, firstalaskan@gci.net. Communication is improving because the tribe has a volunteer who is working to close this project out. Anticipate that it will be remedied by the end of second quarter.

Community Infrastructure Construction

Ambler has changed the scope of the project after several early delays. Reports are delinquent while they requested an extension on the expiration of the grant. Sent letter to First Chief, Truman Cleveland stating the recall status and notice of non-compliance and delinquency. Request funds returned or a final report

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTING

First Alaskan's Institute

Program Expenditures

Year to date through March 31, 2004

Denali Commission

	Qtr to Dat	Year to Date	Grant to Date	Grant	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries/Fringe	4,521	4,521	45,901	64,000	18,099
Postage	191	191	933		(933)
Printing	-		936		(936)
Travel	-		1,070	8,000	6,930
Supplies	-		1,171	1,500	329
Contractual	-		1,068,162	1,175,000	106,838
Outreach	-		8,183	1,500	(6,683)
Indirect	452	452	14,829	12,000	(2,829)
Total expenditures	5,164	5,164	1,141,185	1,262,000	120,815
Revenues over/(under) expe	(5,164)	(5,164)	(1,141,185)	(1,262,000.00)	(120,815.26)

V. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

During the next reporting period, the Community Planning & Development Program anticipates accomplishing the following major activities:

- Execute agreements and establish online and hardcopy records
- Authorize payment to Community Infrastructure program awardees
- Site visit to Ketchikan Indian Community to evaluate project and performance based on indicators as outlined in original award documents.
- Site visit to Louden Tribal Council and CATG, to evaluate the sub-regional and planning awards, performance based on indicators as outlined in original award documents.
- Site visit to Chickaloon to evaluate the infrastructure and governance awards performance based on indicators as outlined in original award documents.
- Begin Case study of the Alaska Humanities Forum Alaska 20/20 project.