

# First Alaskans Foundation

*Progress for the next ten thousand years*

July 30, 2001

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RE: Community Planning & Development Program  
Project No: 0018-DC-1999-E4  
Performance Report For the Period April 30, 2001 through June 30, 2001

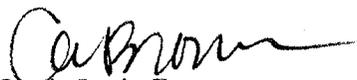
Dear Michelle:

Enclosed is a progress report on the First Alaskans Foundation's Community Planning and Development Program, funded by the Denali Commission. This report covers the project period from April 30, 2001 through June 30, 2001. This report includes all grant expenditures for this period, as well as project status updates and accomplishments.

As you now know, Jason Metrokin is working for the Foundation as Director of Programs. He will be our first point of contact for the Community Planning and Development Program.

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

Sincerely,  
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**PROGRESS REPORT TO THE DENALI COMMISSION**  
**Submitted by**  
**FIRST ALASKANS FOUNDATION**  
**Community Planning & Development Program**

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**Project No:** 0018-DC-1999-E4

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

**Grant Award Date:** January 29, 2001

**Reporting Period:** April 30, 2001 through June 30, 2001

**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.

Grants selections were made available in the following areas:

- 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  
Ten (10) Grants, Maximum Funding \$25,000

Grants still available in the following area:

- Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning  
Two (2) Grants, Maximum Funding \$125,000

Total Proposals Received:

Community Development: 14

Community Economic Development: 13

Statewide Visioning: 1

Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning: 1

Community Infrastructure Construction: 7

## II. MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since our initial progress report to the Denali Commission, First Alaskans Foundation has drafted and mailed Terms of Grant Agreements to all selected project coordinators. FAF has also worked to complete the initial funding of all awarded proposals. We are still communicating with the Organized Village of Saxman to sign and return their Agreement. Attached to this report is an update of Grant Reports and status.

Other activities include a final version of the Press Release due to go out to statewide publications and media August 1<sup>st</sup>. Continued work with the Alaska Humanities Forum and the development of the Visioning Project and the drafting of a second RFP for the Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning Grants.

Specific outcome measurements for each program component as outlined in the program proposal to the Denali Commission will be reported on as selected projects are begun and implemented.

### Quarterly Grant Updates

Of the 22 funded Community Planning & Development Program grants, we have received and reviewed 12 as of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Many of the reports were lacking updated information as either funding was received in recent months or no work has been done on the project.

*Attached to this report is a list of all grants and reporting status.* Of those reviewed, the following is a short list of accomplishments and/or challenges:

- Native Village of Barrow – Community Court is now in process without a Coordinator. New hire should be up and working in July.
- Native Village of Eyak – Handicap Access Project has been contracted out and \* should be completed soon. Final disbursement check went out on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Aniak – Materials have been ordered for VPSO housing project. City had to \* find new location for the house as the original sight was showing signs of erosion.
- City of Atka – The City has contracted an engineering firm to complete a water and sewer improvements study for the Health Clinic.
- Ketchikan Indian Corporation – New valves have been installed and hatchery \* raceways are up and running. Other improvements will help water quality for raising fish.
- North Slope Borough – Nothing to report.
- City of Toksook Bay - Nothing to report.
- Agdaadux Tribe - Nothing to report.
- Chenega IRA Council - Nothing to report.
- Organized Village of Kwethluk - Nothing to report.
- Native Village of St. Michael - Nothing to report.
- Chickaloon Village Tribe – Nothing to report.

### III. PROJECT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

#### Statewide Visioning Grant

As outlined in the Request for Proposals, the purpose of the statewide visioning grant (maximum funding \$100,000) is to develop a statewide process for planning for the future of Alaska's indigenous people and communities (both rural and urban). After receiving only one proposal from the Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority that was deemed ineligible, the First Alaskans Foundation developed a partnership with the Alaska Humanities Forum's *Alaska 20/20 project*, a project developed specifically for the development and implementation of a Statewide Visioning process. It is anticipated that the Alaska Humanities Forum would be the primary organization for implementation of the project, with significant input and involvement (particularly regarding Alaska Native and rural issues and input) from the First Alaskans Foundation's newly formed Alaska Native Policy Center. This project was anticipated to begin in May 2001. We are now looking at the Fall of 2001 for both implementation of the Policy Center and strategic planning meetings with Alaska Humanities Forum.

#### Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning Grants

It is now our intent to re-define and clarify the grant criteria and send out a Request for Proposals soliciting specific applications to this grant category by September 2001. While the purpose of the Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning grants is to seek new and better information on the desirability and viability of multi-community infrastructure development, we feel with a new RFP process, funds can be awarded to qualified applicants who best fit the scope of this grant category.

### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTING

The following report provides a snapshot of the Community Planning & Development Program to date financially. While First Alaskans Foundation was issued a check for \$799,347.00 on 5-25-01, only half of those funds were disbursed to grantees by conditions of the signed agreements. FAF has \$374,632 available at this time for additional disbursements as necessary. It is required by agreement for grantees to furnish quarterly reports and invoices to receive additional monies.

Initial funding		\$	1,175,000.00
Initial program outlays - 4/30/01	\$	799,347.00	
Less: Cumulative program income	\$	-	
Net program outlays	\$	799,347.00	
Total federal funds available		\$	<u>375,653.00</u>
FAF funds disbursed	\$	(424,715.00)	
FAF funds available	\$	374,632.00	

## **V. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

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

- Complete development of Visioning Project scope and begin implementation with the Alaska Humanities Forum
- Solicit proposals for the Regional/Sub-Regional Infrastructure Planning grants, and complete project selections
- Reporting and monitoring of selected projects, as well as additional funds disbursements as outlined in grant agreements
- Continued program outreach, including program information inclusion on First Alaskans Foundation and Denali Commission websites
- Finalize agreement and distribute funds to the Organized Village of Saxman

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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grant Reports  
 Denali Commission 2001-2002

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Report Received</u>
01-03-2001	CD	Local Governance/Recognition Project	Chickaloon Village Tribe	
01-05-2001	CD	Strengthening Togiak Tribal Court	Trad Council of Togiak	
01-06-2001	CD	Community Court	Native Village of Barrow	7/16/01
01-07-2001	CD	Atka Helath Clinic Planning and Prelim Design	City of Atka	7/08/01
01-08-2001	CD	Village Environmental Planning for Capacity Bldg	North Slope Borough	7/18/01
01-13-2001	CD	Water & Sewer Utilities Master Plan	City of Toksook Bay	7/16/01
02-01-2001	CED	Koyukon Basin Economic Development Initiative	City of Galena	
02-05-2001	CED	King Cove/Cold Bay Transportation Cooridor	Agdaadux Tribe	7/30/01
02-06-2001	CED	Comprehensive Econ Development Update & Mkt Plan	Chenega IRA Council	7/25/01
02-10-2001	CED	Local Community Econ Development Plan	Rampart Trad Council	
02-11-2001	CED	Deer Mountain Tribal Hatchery & Eagle Ctr Repair	Ketchikan Indian Corp	7/13/01
02-12-2001	CED	Comprehensive Econ Development Update & Mkt Plan	Allakaket Tribal Council	
03-02-2001	CON	Aniak VPSO Housing Project	City of Aniak	7/20/01
03-03-2001	CON	Kwethluk Community Building	Organized Village of Kwethluk	7/21/01
03-06-2001	CON	Community Building Contruction	Native Village of St. Michael	7/12/01
03-09-2001	CON	Fort Yukon Building Renovation	Native Village of Fort Yukon	
03-11-2001	CON	Community Center Renovation	Iqurmiut Traditional Council	
03-12-2001	CON	Capital Improvements for Proposed Saxman Tribal Office	Organized Village of Saxman	not processed
03-13-2001	CON	Tribal Government Building	Chickaloon Village Tribe	7/20/01
03-14-2001	CON	Boardwalk Completion	City of Port Alexander	
03-16-2001	CON	Community Handicap Access Improvement Project	Native Village of Eyak	7/30/01
03-22-2001	CON	Wind Energy Development for Community Freezer	Ambler Traditional Council	