

AHFC Supplemental Housing Development Program**FY2001 Request: \$6,000,000****Reference No: 6323****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/30/2000 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Corporate (AHFC) funds to supplement Federal (HUD) funds to construct decent, safe and sanitary houses for rural Alaskans under the federal Indian Housing program, NAHASDA. This request also includes funding for the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) and the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB).

Funding:	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
AHFC Div	\$6,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$52,000,000
Total:	\$6,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$52,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2000 - \$3,868,000 Corporate; FY1999 - \$4,000,000 Corporate; FY1998 - \$6,000,000 Corporate; FY1997 - \$7,000,000 Corporate; FY1996 - \$10,000,000 Corporate.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of the program is to supplement federal housing funds provided to Regional Housing Authorities to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing throughout Alaska.

The projected outcomes are:

- Construction of 320 affordable homes in 20 urban and rural communities for 320 families
- On-site water and sewer facilities
- Roads to project sites
- Electrical distribution systems
- Energy-efficient design features in homes
- Leverage \$4.0 million in Indian Health Service/Public Health funds for offsite water and sewer facilities
- Support the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA)
- Support the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) through the Rural Alaska Sanitation Coalition (RASC)

AHFC is limited by State statute to contributing 20% of HUD's Total Development Cost (TDC) of a project.

Funds are used for on-site water and sewer facilities, roads to project sites, electrical distribution systems, and energy-efficient design features in homes constructed by the regional housing authorities. HUD regulations prohibit the use of development funds for construction of access roads, electrical distribution systems and certain other infrastructure costs.

Since its inception, the state has appropriated more than \$100 million to augment over \$500 million in HUD funds and \$50 million in Public Health Services funds to build a total of 6,373 houses in 250 communities.

Supplemental Housing Grant funds reinvests funds into communities by creating 300 local jobs statewide, creating nearly 100 training and apprenticeship opportunities in local labor pools, and purchase of supplies from local vendors.

The Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) was incorporated in 1977 to work for the regional housing authorities and all Alaskans. Its purpose is to secure funding and develop programs tailored for Alaska's conditions, which will increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary housing for Alaskans. The grant to AAHA will be used fund a director and continue its goals and activities.

Alaskans living in more than 135 rural communities throughout the state have substandard and inadequate water and sewer facilities. This lack of basic facilities results in many rural Alaskans drinking untreated water from ponds, creeks or rivers and having to use a bucket as a toilet or an outhouse as a bathroom facility. This often results in sewage pooling in close vicinity to homes, liquid wastes leaching into the water used for drinking and exposing children to raw sewage in their play areas.

The Rural Alaska Sanitation Coalition (RASC) serves as "the voice of rural Natives and community members living with the daily impacts of poor sanitation conditions." RASC's mission is to bring about positive, long-term change in the substandard water, sewer, solid waste, and related environmental health conditions existing in Alaska villages. This requires listening to the needs of rural households, keeping village residents informed of rural sanitation efforts and encouraging their active involvement in community water, sewer and solid waste projects, and consistently, diligently, and persistently participating in federal and state sanitation related decisions and strategies.

The RASC has provided a mechanism to ensure that federal and state resources aimed at improving village sanitation conditions incorporate Alaska Natives and rural community input at the policy making level. Programs will have a much greater impact and rate of success with the involvement, input, guidance and control of village residents and regional organizations. Alaska Natives and rural community members want 'strategies, findings, and recommendations', which can be embraced and implemented as their own.

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation support of this proposal will enable the RASC to sustain RASC's village communications through distribution of Highlights and other activities. AHFC will help RASC continue to coordinate efforts in a consistently professional manner. Duplication and distribution of basic and current sanitation program materials will continue. Further development of rural sanitation web site to include the creation and implementation of a vendor advertising section of the web site will be accomplished. RASC will be able to design and pay for a travelling sanitation information booth, support members' participation in specific state and national meetings when necessary, supplement RASC members' participation in RASC's face-to-face meetings.