

# AFN Granted \$90,000 for Job Plans

Plans for more jobs and improved living conditions in several areas of rural Alaska have moved one step closer to fruition as the result of a \$90,000 grant recently received by the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Granted by the Economic Development Administration, the money will be used to try to implement plans drawn up last year.

As explained by the executive director of the AFN, Al Ketzler, the organization received an \$84,000 grant from the Economic Development Administra-

tion last year.

With this money, staff members were hired to develop regional planning boards in the North West district, the Kuskokwim, and the Yukon.

Then plans for economic development projects in these three areas were drawn up by the boards in coordination with federal and state agencies.

With the money received this year, the staff will write and submit proposals for grants and loans to fund the plans.

"None of the money," Ketzler explained, "will go directly to the projects but rather will be used as seed money to stimulate their development."

The plans center on increasing jobs and family income and providing improved housing, utilities, community services and education for rural residents.

In addition to the EDA funds, the AFN will contribute a \$32,987 in goods and services making the total program an almost \$123,000 effort.