

RDA Grants Villages For Special Projects

JUNEAU—A total of \$29,000 in Rural Development Agency grants have been awarded to four Alaskan communities, according to the Office of Governor Keith H. Miller.

A grant of \$5,500 has been approved for Saxman for use in applying native art scenes on the Community Hall, improvement of the totem park, and for a foundation for the Fire Hall. Representative William K. Boardman, R-Ketchikan, was instrumental in obtaining the grant for Saxman.

The Village of Port Chilkoot will use an \$8,000 RDA grant for the development of a "living village"—a park with an Indian ceremonial house, totem carving facilities, and a staging area for Indian dancers.

In addition, the villagers plan to make displays of Indian artifacts, carve three 15-foot totems and a wall screen for the interior of the ceremonial house.

Representative Henry Reeves, R-Haines, has been working with the citizens of Port Chilkoot to obtain the grant.

RDA funding in the amount of \$8,000 has been approved for Klawock to be used in construction of a fire hall and rehabilitating totem poles.

Approximately 30 people will be employed. Representatives Boardman and Frank Peratrovich, D-Klawock, assisted the citizens in applying for the grant.

Goose Creek has been awarded \$7,500 in RDA funds to build a multipurpose community hall. Senator Jan Koslosky, R-Palmer, and Representative Jalmar Kerttula, D-Palmer, assisted the villagers in obtaining the grant.