RDA Grants \$18,500 to Villages

JUNEAU-Rural Development Agency grants totaling \$18,500 for four Alaskan villages were announced last week by Governor Keith H. Miller's office.

The village of Tuluksak, lo-

cated on the Kuskokwim River near Bethel, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant. According to John Napoka, Jr., Village Council President, who made application for the grant, the money will be used to construct a community hall.

Repairs to the community building at Kiana, near Kotzebue, will be accomplished with a Rural Development Agency grant of \$2,500. Percy Jackson, Sr., is the Kiana Village Council President. The entire village of Minto will be moved to the northern side of Rock Island Lake upon receipt of \$8,500 from the Rural Development Agency. Minto is located near Nenana on the Tanana River.

The relocation of the village will protect the villagers from annual flooding by the Tanana River. Chief of the Minto Village is James Alexander.

Akhiok, located on Kodiak Island, on Alitak Bay, has received a grant of \$2,500 to build a dam that will serve the village with water by gravitational flow. Walter Siminoff is the Akiok Village Council President.

In each of these projects, the village citizens will provide the work force to accomplish the project.