

Taxing villages to receive payments

Persons who live in Bethel, Dillingham, Galena, Kotzebue, Saint Mary's and other Bush communities can expect tax relief or other financial assistance under legislation recently signed into law.

Communities which levy property taxes are encouraged to use the allocation to cut taxes. Cities that do not can use the money for local capital improve-

ment projects or operating expenses.

Bethel will receive \$483,818 from the state; Dillingham, \$322,893; Galena, \$137,810; Fort Yukon, \$94,123; Kotzebue, \$301,675; and Saint Mary's \$116,276.

In many cases, homeowners might expect a large cut in the millage rate that may result in a several hundred dollar savings in property taxes per household.