

# Grants Available To Boroughs

JUNEAU — Governor William A. Egan announced the disbursement of \$18,500 under the state's municipal organization grant program to 45 incorporated local government units throughout the state.

In addition, a \$25,000 organization grant was issued previously to the North Slope Borough upon its recent formation, Egan said.

The grant program, administered by the state's new Department of Community and Regional Affairs, became effective last September 10 in conjunction with enactment of Alaska's new municipal code.

"The purpose of the grant program," department Commissioner Byron Mallott said, "is to provide assistance in defraying the cost of the transition to borough or city government.

"Additionally, the organization grant enables newly incorporated municipalities to conduct interim governmental operations until permanent local sources of revenue have been established."

Prior to enactment of the new municipal code and amendment of the grant program, only incorporated boroughs were eligible for organizational grants.

The program now includes cities incorporating after January 1, 1968.

A minimum grant of \$25,000 is available to organized boroughs and to first-class cities outside of organized boroughs which, upon incorporation, assume the responsibility for a school system.

The grants for cities are computed on basis of \$10 per voter voting in a city's incorporation election.