

Kawerak Programs—

# Bering Straits Eskimo Arts and Crafts Co-op

By MARGIE BAUMAN  
NOME, ALASKA — They called it "Kawerak," for the Eskimos of the Seward Peninsula, but what it has grown to mean is wide-ranging programs and services for the economic benefit of the entire region.

From the little red office building just off the shore of the Bering Sea have emerged a credit union, day care center and education services that even include flying in instructors to outlying villages.

Then there's Bering Straits Eskimo Arts and Crafts Cooperative, Nome Receiving Home and Kawerak Accounting Services.

The list goes on and on.

Kawerak, Inc., non-profit corporate entity of the Bering Straits Native Association, has come a long way since its organization back in October, 1972. Its goal remains to fit sorely needed social services to the needs of today's people.

At its start, the little social services organization had as its sole responsibility operation of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) for the Bering Straits region. Funded through the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, the program aimed at improving health and economic conditions for the area's people.

Today a visitor to the offices of Kawerak, Inc., on Front Street in Nome may be inquiring about joining the Bering Straits Federal Credit Union, doing business with Bering Straits Tannery or waiting to discuss financial matters with the head accountant for Kawerak Accounting Services.

Several blocks down Front Street is the Bering Straits Eskimo Arts and Crafts Cooperative, which buys ivory carvings and other crafts from village people for resale in the shop, other cities in Alaska and points far beyond. Some artists come right to the shop to sell their work; others make the transaction in their village, when representatives of the coop come out on sales trips.

The cooperative offers these artists a better place than their work may command elsewhere and in turn adds only a small mark-up, to cover shop costs, so the purchaser gets a good deal. Artists from the cooperative are promoted through a publication about the shop and also on sales trips made by shop staff outside the area.

The coop got its start in 1975 under a federal disaster relief grant to help the area recover from a heavy storm which caused

extensive damage to Nome and some surrounding villages in November, 1974. It has to date contributed to the income of just about every artist in the area.

Education, as well as art, plays a major role in the activities of Kawerak, Inc.

Under government contract, Kawerak operates the area's boarding home program and recruits village parents to work as house parents in Nome during the school year.

Bering Straits Education Center is involved in supportive services for the University of Alaska courses and operation of a vocational education center. Kawerak Education services operates village programs and flies in instructors to teach in the villages.

In conjunction with the operation of boarding home facilities at Nome Beltz High School, executive director Robert Madden of Kawerak, Inc. this summer is operating the school dormitory and cafeteria as a profit-making venture to house and feed area construction workers.

Profits will go toward the maintenance of the facilities and other needs of boarding home students not covered by federal and state funding.

What will Kawerak do next? Who knows.

At the helm of the operation is a board with representatives from each of 20 rural communities in the area. At the receiving end are some 5,200 area residents, whose need for self-help training programs and social services will continue for some time to come.

So the task continues, to make of the region's traditional subsistence economy a financially competitive one for today.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the UNALAKLEET NATIVE CORPORATION has pursuant to Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, filed its Selection Application No. F-14952 encompassing the following lands:

All available public lands in the following sections and townships located within the Katedik River Meridian, excluding all valid existing rights:

- T16S, R9W, Sec. 13, 22-28, 33, 34, 35
- T16S, R10W, Sec. 6, 7, 18
- T16S, R11W, Sec. 1, 5-8, 11-15, 17-24, 26-33
- T16S, R12W, Sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36
- T17S, R9W, Sec. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16-20, 30, 31
- T17S, R10W, Sec. 13, 24-26, 35, 36
- T17S, R11W, Sec. 5-8, 17-21, 27-30, 32, 33, 34
- T17S, R12W, Sec. 1, 11, 12
- T18S, R9W, Sec. 6-34
- T18S, R10W, Sec. 1-36
- T18S, R11W, Sec. 1-5, 8-16, 21-28, 34-36
- T19S, R9W, Sec. 5-8
- T19S, R10W, Sec. 1-12, 16-21, 27-34
- T19S, R11W, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 10-14, 23-26, 35, 36
- T20S, R10W, Sec. 2-11, 14-22, 27-30, 34, 35
- T20S, R11W, Sec. 1, 2, 11-15, 22-28, 32-35
- T21S, R10W, Sec. 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17
- T21S, R11W, Sec. 4-9, 17-20, 30
- T21S, R12W, Sec. 1, 23-25, 34, 35, 36

Pursuant to 43CFR section 2650.7, any claimant who claims the aforementioned land adversely to the UNALAKLEET NATIVE CORPORATION may file their objections to the conveyance of said land with the Anchorage Land Office, Bureau of Land Management, 555 Cordova St., Anchorage, Ak. 99501, and must also serve a copy of their objections and evidence of such claim to the UNALAKLEET NATIVE CORPORATION, Box 100, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684. Dated this 23rd day of July, 1975.

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UNALAKLEET NATIVE CORPORATION  
P.O. Box 100  
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684  
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## ANCESTORS AND FATHER OF TED MALA



TED'S ANCESTORS — Ted Mala's grandmother, center, is flanked by his great grandmother and great grandfather.



MAKING AN ARCTIC PICTURE — Ray Mala, upper left, is dressed in Eskimo garb while making a picture about Eskimo life in Alaska.

## PUBLIC NOTICE (Amended)

PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL SERVICES PROGRAM PLAN  
FOR  
STATE OF ALASKA  
PROGRAM YEAR: OCTOBER 1, 1975 — JUNE 30, 1976

In compliance with Federal regulations the State Title XX proposed plan and display advertisement are being amended. The following corrections are submitted for public review:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR PROGRAM YEAR:	
Maximum Federal Allotment to the State	\$3,000,000
Estimated State expenditures in addition to Federal Allotment	\$1,834,500
Local Government expenditures	\$220,134

**ELIGIBILITY** — Income status eligibles will be those individuals whose annual gross family income is less than 80% of the State median income, as adjusted for family size. For a family of four this would be a gross annual income of less than \$13,778. Individuals may apply for services and have their eligibility determined at the local Family and Children Services District Office (See address below).

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE** — Services to protect adults who are unable to protect themselves are being included in the State plan under existing service programs.

**REPORTS** — Quarterly reports will be sent to appropriate elected officials, on or about February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year.

**CORRECTIONS** are being made in the final plan to show changes in the number of clients served and in the Federal State and local dollar amount of expenditure for each service program, to accurately reflect the nine month program year.

A complete copy of the amendments is available without charge at your local Family and Children Services District or Regional Office (see addresses below) or from:

Title XX Specialist  
Division of Social Services  
Pouch H-05  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Or, telephone: Ask the long distance operator for Zenith 3300 (no charge to caller).

Comments from the general public will be received for a period of 45 days, from 13 August 1975 to 29 September 1975. Comments may be sent directly to the address listed above, or to the appropriate regional or district office.

District Office Address:

- Fairbanks, 510 Second Avenue (Chena Bldg.), Fairbanks 99701
- Aniak, Box 488, Aniak 99557
- Barrow, Box 587, Barrow 99723
- Bethel, Box 365, (City Office Bldg.), Bethel 99595
- Fort Yukon, Box 149, Fort Yukon 99740
- Galena, Box 21, Galena 99741
- Kwigillingok, 99622
- Mt. Village, General Delivery, Mt. Village 99632

Regional Office Address:

- NRO, 604 Barnette (State & Court Bldg.), Fairbanks 99701
- Francis S.L. Williamson  
Commissioner  
Department of Health & Social Services

## HELP WANTED

Position Vacancy Announcement

TITLE: Contracting Compliance

OFFICE: WHERE: AFN, Inc., Health Affairs

DIVISION: AVAILABLE: August 15, 1975

RESPONSIBILITY: To assist the

Director of the Health Affairs Division

in contract compliance with the

Subcontractors to insure expenditures

are pursuant to contract provisions;

prepare reports and assessments

pursuant to terms and conditions of

contracts; to travel to Subcontractors

when deemed necessary to evaluate

contract compliances; and to provide

technical assistance to Subcontractors

on fiscal requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS: Two years

experience as Compliance Officer.

Should be familiar with Federal

Procurement regulations Service

Contracts.

SALARY & FRINGE BENEFITS:

Depending on experience, group

medical and Dental provided.

CONTACT: Carl Jack, Director,

Health Affairs Division

670 West Fireweed Lane

Anchorage, Alaska 99503 274-3611

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

August 15, 1975.