

State general fund is active

Money from Alaska's General Fund and two State Retirement Systems has been active in the mortgage market during 1976 and the mortgages purchased are yielding excellent returns both in dollars and social benefits to Alaskans.

"We are helping Alaskans get the financing they need at a price they can afford while obtaining a good return on the State's money," said Commissioner of Revenue Sterling Gallagher.

The Department has invested over \$5 million in the Fairbanks Elderly Housing Project built

by the Alaska State Housing Authority and has committed an additional \$6 million to build a like facility in Anchorage. It has also invested \$2 million in the Fairbanks Community Hospital addition.

The Department also purchased more than \$45 million in veterans loans, small business loans, and tourism loans from the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

The State Teachers' and Public Employees' Retirement Systems invested over \$36 million last year in mortgages

yielding from 9.5% to 11%. They also are investing \$1 million in the Fairbanks hospital addition.

"The retirement systems purchase mortgages not only for the high yield available but also to help Alaskans obtain loans that might not otherwise be made because the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) has a limit of \$87,500 on individual mortgages," said Gallagher.