

CITC gets homeless grant

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., (CITC) and Catholic Social Services have been awarded an Emergency Shelter Grant for the Brother Francis Shelter, as the result of a collaborative effort between the two agencies.

The grant of \$110,000 will provide a new service to the homeless population in Anchorage; Emergency Support Services for homeless Natives, particularly the long-term homeless, who use the Brother Francis Shelter.

Two case workers will be hired, one to help homeless Natives move out of the shelter system and the second to provide support once they are living independently. The new service is designed to help up to 40 clients at any given time. Until now, the shelter was only able to offer case management services with 1.5 case workers for 2,170 people.

Administrators from both agencies met recently to review the grant award and consider minor

budget revisions.

Hillary Morgan, Brother Francis Shelter Program Director said, "I'm looking forward to a long and successful relationship with Cook Inlet Tribal Council. The Natives at the shelter will be greatly impacted by this grant and hopefully our efforts will have a long-lasting effect on their lives."

Leroy Bingham, Acting Executive Director of CITC said, "We are very pleased to support the Brother Francis Shelter. This signifies a new era of cooperation between agencies providing services in Anchorage."

The Brother Francis Shelter is the largest single homeless shelter in Alaska, and houses up to 312 homeless individuals each night. Yearly the shelter serves 2,100 separate people, 30 percent of the total number served are classified as long-term homeless (homeless for more than a year).

The shelter operates 365 days a year, opening its doors for gen-

eral services from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.. The shelter is available for case management services, clothing and emergency needs from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. People are denied entry to the shelter only if they are severely intoxicated or violent.