

Six Bristol Bay Communities Get Funds

JUNEAU — Six Bristol Bay communities, Newhalen, Clark's Point, Ugashik, Nondalton, Togiak and Pilot's Point, have been granted Rural Development Agency funds for a variety of public projects, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said this week.

The six communities are in an area of the state hard hit two years in a row by poor fishing seasons.

A grant of \$3000 has been approved for Newhalen, a village with a population of about 87. Newhalen residents will construct a multi-purpose building to house a community hall and a generating plant. Materials for the hall will come from four buildings of an abandoned school halfway between Newhalen and Illiamna.

A grant of \$2000 has been approved for Clark's Point where villagers will repair and replace road to an Alaska Packer's Cannery. The old road has been washed out by tidal action. The cannery is the sole place of employment for the villagers and houses the village's sole grocery store.

RDA has approved a grant of \$800 for Ugashik. The funds will pay the wages of villagers clearing drains and culverts and

filling soft spots on the airfield.

At Nondalton, where a grant of \$3000 has been approved, villagers will gravel and retrench a road, repair two bridges, paint the community house and replace telephone poles.

A grant of \$3000 has been approved for Togiak. The funds will pay the wages of villagers graveling a walkway and digging a well for the village.

Villagers at Pilot's Point will haul gravel from a pit two miles

from the village, level a road bed and lay the gravel. The village has been plagued in the past by deep mud during spring thaws.

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