Mini Grant Prog.-

Sought to Fund 42 Villages

-According to Ralph Amouak, Projects Director of the Alaska Mini Grant Program, 122 applications have been submitted to the National Institute on Alcohol, Abuse, and Alcoholism National Review Board for consideration Nov. 19 and 20.

This is in addition to the 45, five to ten thousand dollar mini grants already approved earlier

this summer.

Amouak stated that because of the funding status of NIAAA only 80 of the 122 grants sub-

mitted will be funded. Currently, other funding sources are being sought to fund 42 villages which will again be left out.

When the National Review Board makes their decision, the villages receiving grants will be notified directly from the Washington, D.C. office. The notification of grant approval will be received in early December.

Amouak feels that without the help of Rural Alaska Community Action Program alcoholism counselors and RURAL CAP Regional Offices the deadline for submitting the grants would not have been realized.

Once a village award has been made, site visits will be made by Mr. Amouak to monitor individual programs and provide assistance to the villages.

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