

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs gives notice of the procedure it intends to follow in implementing legislation passed by the Second Special Session of the Eighth Alaska State Legislature authorizing financial assistance to municipalities for public services critically affected by activity associated with construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Municipalities demonstrating extraordinary municipal and educational operating expenditures beyond the municipalities' reasonable capability to meet from growth in receipts from current municipal revenue sources are eligible to receive discretionary grants authorized by this legislation. Municipalities making application for a discretionary grant will be asked to provide the following information to the Department:

(1) a statement containing

(a) a comprehensive description of the public service need for which financial assistance is sought

(b) the specific amount of assistance requested through the period ending June 30, 1975

(c) a description of local effort and/or financial resources which are to be committed to meeting the public service need for which State financial assistance is sought

(d) evidence that other potential sources of fiscal support (local, state, and federal) have been exhausted or are otherwise unavailable, and

(e) a description of anticipated use of funds sought with special reference to scheduled disbursement of discretionary grant funds applied for;

(2) an estimate of population of the municipality on July 1, 1973, and projected population growth figures for each calendar quarter through July 1, 1975;

(3) a copy of the municipality's audit or, in the case of second class cities, a statement of income and expenditures for the municipality's Fiscal Year 1973 and, as available, audit or statement of income and expenditures (as appropriate) for Fiscal Year 1974;

(4) a copy of the municipality's budget for Fiscal Year 1974, and, as available, a copy of the budget adopted by the assembly or council for the municipality's Fiscal Year 1975; and,

(5) a statement of the outstanding general obligation bonded indebtedness of the municipality as of June 30, 1974.

Recipients of direct grant assistance provided in the State's Fiscal Year 1973 general appropriations act must also submit a certification as to use or intended use of direct legislative grants.

The statute provides that discretionary grant proceeds may not be used directly or indirectly to reduce current municipal tax rates or to retire existing bonded indebtedness. Grant funds must also be retained in a separate account and the municipality must provide for an annual independent audit of the separate account.

Individuals desiring a further description of the program providing temporary emergency financial assistance to municipalities are invited to contact:

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