

# Jobs Denied NYC and RDA

The Budget and Audit Committee's recent decision NOT to fund the Governor's proposed budget for expenditures of Federal Revenue Sharing, will have drastic effects on the already economically depressed job market through the State, reported Mike Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP.

"It is my understanding that funds for Neighborhood Youth Corps and funds for Rural Development amounting to enough money to fund 2,400 jobs throughout urban AND

rural Alaska were part of the package that was shelved by virtue of the Committee's action. However, the 'Budget Committee' will reconsider this matter at their July 23 meeting."

The Budget and Audit Committee is chaired by C. R. Lewis (R-Anchorage) and is composed of: Clifford Groh (R), Orville Freeman (D), Frank Ferguson (I), Andy Warwick (R), Bud Saylors (R), Bill Ray (D), Ed Barber (D), Jess Harris (R), and Bob Palmer.

Recently the few viable economic activities such as the fishing industry have had very bad seasons creating severe economic hardships. The NYC and RDA funds have been one of the few ways for people to earn a living.

"I laud the Governor's intentions to utilize the Federal Revenue Sharing money in those areas that most obviously need it and certainly hope that the Committee reconsiders their former action," Harper said.