

# ASCAP Tops Target Total

ASCAP has made the grade.

Donations to help keep Alaska's poverty war rolling this week passed the \$9,600 mark—and although the total donated in cash and in-kind services has not yet been tabulated, it may be as high as \$23,000.

Two large contributions of office space came in this week that lifted the amount up "over the hump."

In Fairbanks, the Fairbanks Medical & Surgical clinic moved to a new building last week, and turned over their old Fourth Avenue establishment to ASCAP.

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be used for offices of the OEO.

In Anchorage, the Tyonek Indians have offered a considerable portion of one of their downtown Anchorage office buildings.

Word is now that the future headquarters of ASCAP will be in Anchorage.

It looked for a while as if the \$9,600 wouldn't be met. Individuals and village councils throughout the state contributed what they could, but the amount still fell short of what is needed.

"It's like a great load being suddenly lifted off your shoulders," Flore Lekanof, OEO Coordinator in Fairbanks, said yesterday. Lekanof and other OEO workers helped solicit for contributions.

From Juneau by telephone, Alfred Fothergill, Director of ASCAP, told the Tundra Times "I'd really like to congratulate the little people who helped with the fund-raising by sending what they could. Selawik, Savoonga, Hyslia, Chalkyitsik—these donations show that the poverty programs have the support of the rural people they are designed to help."

Just under \$10,000 was needed to match the federal grant that would provide an "administrative staff" for ASCAP to direct the poverty programs. Included would be the new Legal Aide Society for the poor, the Winter Head Start Program, and the Project Grass Roots.

Without the administration, the programs could not have continued.

The state OEO office, now managing the programs, is funded until November and will not be re-funded.