

# CINA offers energy assistance

If you are an Alaska Native or American Indian, are low income and residing in the Cook Inlet Region, you may be eligible for home energy assistance through the Cook Inlet Energy Assistance Program.

Cook Inlet Native Association has received a grant from the federal government to provide financial assistance, weatherization materials and fuel management programs to needy households living in the Cook Inlet Region. They have contracted with the Anchorage Community Development Corporation to administer the program throughout the region. Kenaitze Indian tribe will be serving Kenai, Soldotna and Nilnilchik areas. Anchorage Community Development Corporation will service all other communities in the region.

Payment agreements will be set up with electrical, gas, and fuel oil vendors throughout the region on behalf of eligible households. In a crisis situation, the program can provide for immediate assistance with the delivery of fuel or reconnection of electricity service upon certification of the applicant's eligibility. Weatherization materials will be distributed based upon the need of the dwelling as well as by income guidelines. Fuel management workshops will show each household how to practice energy conservation and how to install materials supplied by the program or the state energy audit program.

The amount of benefits is determined by the relationship of the household's total annual gross income to the annual home energy costs. The benefit amounts will be divided into monthly payments that reflect the difference in monthly temperatures during the annual time frame.

Eligibility for the program is based on household size and annual income. The following guidelines will be used:

Size of Household	Maximum Annual Income
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1	\$ 9,683
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2	12,663
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3	15,642
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4	18,622
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5	21,602
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6	24,581
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For each additional member add about \$558.00.

If you think you may qualify, contact us at 278-2242 or 278-2324, or contact our office: ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 433 West Ninth Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.