

Native groups eligible for job training funds

Alaska Native groups are eligible for job training funds from the federal government if they apply by April 13, according to Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

The funds come from the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program established by the welfare reform act Congress passed last year. The program will provide money for remedial education, skills training, job counseling, placement and work experience for persons receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The purpose of the program is to help provide job opportunities to unemployed persons on AFDC.

Under the welfare reform act, Alaska Native groups can get funds directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rather than going through the state.