

IHS to spend \$69 million

Sen. Ted Stevens announced today that the Indian Health Service would spend \$69 million in Alaska under the proposed budget for the 1977 fiscal year which begins next October.

Fourteen million would be for construction projects - mainly providing water and sewer facilities to the villages.

The remaining \$54.9 million would provide for dental care, health education, ambulatory care, nutrition, maternal and child health, family planning, mental health and communicable disease programs.

The \$54.9 million represents almost a \$6 million increase for Alaska over the fiscal 1976 level of funding.

Stevens is ranking minority member on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee which has primary authority for the Indian Health Service budget.