

MDTA Funds Bethel Training Prog.

A clerk typist training program for 15 unemployed Southwestern Alaskans has been funded at Bethel through the Manpower Development and Training Act.

The program will be conducted by the Alaska State Employment Service and Bethel Social Service, Inc. under contract with the Division of Vocational Education. It will last 27 weeks.

Federal Funds totalling \$54,

114 have been allocated through the U.S. Departments of Labor and Health Education and Welfare for the Project.

"Jobs for office workers exist throughout the Alaskan economy," said Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) about the program.

"Even the smaller communities often must import clerical staff to fill jobs local residents could perform if they were sufficiently trained. Judging by office worker training courses for rural Alaskans in the past, the trainees will have job offers as soon as they gain the necessary skills."