

# CAA Proposes \$107,000 Housing Relief Fund

Larry Brayton, North Star Borough Community Action Agency Executive Director, returned to Fairbanks last Thursday from Anchorage, Seattle and San Francisco.

Brayton had spent several days outside talking with Office of Economic Opportunity officials and other governmental agencies about proposed CAA disaster relief and recovery proposals.

Brayton returned with the finalized proposal from the CAA to OEO. The proposal had been roughed out in Fairbanks by a volunteer team of professionals and approved by the CAA Board of Directors at an emergency session on August 19. Brayton then conferred with the OEO regional office in San Francisco who cooperated in finalizing the supplementary disaster proposal. The proposal is now in Washington, D. C., awaiting

final OEO approval.

The proposal calls for a total grant of \$107,140 and will be 100% federally funded if approved. The funding will be broken down to include a \$17,910 supplementary grant for Operation Grass Roots and CAA administration; \$32,270 for child day care, and \$51,960 for emergency housing relief.

In proposing the emergency housing relief program the CAA told the OEO that the program "is essential in providing housing for the low-income resident family in the Fairbanks community which has lost its home or whose home is beyond use as a habitable structure."

It is intended that this program be the 'opening shot' for the CAA's 'Housing Now' demonstration proposal that can well fit into the housing effort in Interior Alaska.

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owners to hire workers to winterize their homes as quickly as possible.

"It will be quick credit. Investigations will be brief and the procedure will be most liberal." Bartlett said.

On approval of the loan, telephone calls are made to Juneau where the check is made out and the loan recipient gets it the next day and signs the note.

Apparently restrictive in its loan policies at first, the SBA drew complaints from the press media.

"Until Cowles came, there was some confusion as to what the guidelines were to be. It will be uniform now and it will be geared to wherever justified," Senator Bartlett said.

Clarence Cowles is the director of the Office of Disaster Loans for SBA in Washington, D. C.

Under its new liberal policies, the SBA will refinance where necessary either partially or completely which means it will retire some existing prior loans.

Bartlett said it was obvious that several millions will be required.

"What money need will be forthcoming. If SBA money runs low, supplemental money can be requested from Congress," he said.