

ASCAP Approves Demonstration Grant for Coops

The Alaska State Community Action Program Board approved the request for a demonstration grant to be utilized to start cooperatives in areas of consumer marketing and production.

The grant is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$3 million.

Ten villages are to be chosen throughout Alaska in cooperation with the Alaska Volunteer Electrification Corporation.

Providing everything goes well, the program could start within 30 days with the approval of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Board also endorsed the AVEC application for village electrification with a stipulation that an ASCAP board member sit in along with the AVEC board. This person could be a target area representative, such as Dan Lisbourne for the Northwest or Al Ketzler for the Interior.

The people concerned say

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the program has a ten to one chance of approval because it has met with enthusiasm with OEO in Washington which has also been enthusiastic with the village electrification idea.