

23 Grass Rooter Trainees Graduate

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Twenty-three persons who will initiate Alaska's first Grass Roots programs on the state level yesterday completed two weeks of training in Anchorage.

Federal funds have been approved for the \$196,000 community aid program which will operate for six months.

A tenth of this cost will come from local sources. The remainder is provided in a federal grant.

Team members, who come largely from villages in western and northern Alaska, will return to these communities. Each team will be responsible for five or six communities in their general area.

Charles Edwardsen of Barrow has been appointed to direct the program.

Team captains are Rev. Wulf of Shageluk who will work out of Bethel, Ruby Tansy of Cantwell who will work out of Fairbanks, Martin Karmuk of Deering who will work out of Nome and Ralph Elusla who will work out of Anchorage.

Community aides and the villages in which their operations will be centered are Louis Immamak of Emmona, Dan Nanalook of Togiak, Steven White of Eek, Boris Kosbruk of Perryville, Louis Karsten of Juneau, Andrew Demonski of Nulato, Ernest Nylin of Elim, Wilfred La of Kotzebue.

Eugene Geefe of Kiana, Raymond Neakok of Barrow, Henry Smith of Dillingham, Robert Fredericks of Bethel, Mike Delkittie of Nondalton, Frank Topsekok of Teller, Nils Sara of Bethel, John Angaiak of Tununak, Pete Simple of Fort Yukon and Andrew Issac of Tanacross.

Sponsored by the Alaska State Community Action Program, the training sessions were coordinated by Dr. Bill Wickersham of the Community Action Training Center at the University of Missouri.

Classes were held at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel.