

Emergency fuel loans available

RurAL CAP has received a special 1.5 million dollar appropriation from the State of Alaska for its Emergency Revolving Fuel Loan Program. Villages that are running out of fuel will be assisted as expediently as possible by providing interest-free loan funds for fuel and regular barge or surface transportation costs. Grant funds will be made available to pay for the excess air transportation costs.

In a survey conducted during October and November of 1979, 35 villages reported that they would exhaust their fuel supply sometime during the winter. Seven other villages had immediate problems and were helped with existing RurAL CAP revolving loan funds.

Villages that are experiencing fuel shortages should contact RurAL CAP immediately. Although the greatest emergencies will be taken care of first, it is important to gather information on amounts of fuel needed as soon as possible so that adequate transportation arrangements can be made.

Interested villages may respond to RurAL CAP's Energy Department by phoning 279-2511 or writing to Box 3-3908, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.