

Housing Requests Coming from Bush

Applications requesting construction of new homes under the Remote Housing Program are beginning to come in from villages all over the State of Alaska to the Alaska State Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority recently sent 175 applications to the remote communities outlining provisions of the program and asking for return of an application if the village were interested in being considered as a site for construction of the first homes.

An initial \$1 million dollars has been appropriated by the Federal Government. Cost of each dwelling is limited by Senate Bill 1915 to an average of \$7,500.

Selection of sites for the first homes will be made by the Remote Housing Executive Committee after receipt of the applications. An ASHA spokesman said that, so far, 19 villages have returned the completed applications, and the deadline for their submission is January 7, 1969.

The Committee will meet January 14 to begin the review

and many considerations will have to be weighed in determining which communities will benefit by the housing program—besides the need for the housing, which most of the areas have, potential economic growth of the community will be considered.

It is important that all communities be advised of this program since any remote area within the State of Alaska is eligible to apply.

If, through an error, a village was overlooked and has not received an application but wishes to be considered for this housing, a letter should be written to the Alaska State Housing Authority, P.O. Box 179, Anchorage, and that office will forward the formal document for completion.

ASHA reports that the villages which have expressed interest by submitting formal applications for the houses are: Chignik Lake, Karluk, Old Harbor, Pilot Point, Chevak, Kotlik, Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaltag, Minto, Noorvik, Teller, Hydaburg, Ekwok, Gulkana, Kohkanok, Birch Creek, Hooper Bay, Ivanof, and Ohgsenahale.