

League supports local funding

The Alaska Municipal League is calling on the Alaska Legislature to fund state revenue sharing and municipal assistance programs at the highest level possible to assist local government in providing essential municipal services at the local level.

The request is part of a package of legislative priorities adopted recently by the league's board.

Other state level priorities include:

- The passage of a more equitable school foundation program formula and adequate state funding.

- Adequate state reimbursement and funding levels of the school construction debt program.

- A quick and equitable resolution of the state mental health lands trust litigation.

- The passage of a comprehensive municipal land entitlement bill.

- Continued opposition to both binding arbitration for teachers and mandatory participation by municipalities in the Public Employees Relations Act.

Federal level priorities include:

- Reviving the general revenue sharing program and the federal/local partnership.

- Protecting federal funding levels for programs affecting payments in lieu of taxes.

- Restoring Bureau of Indian Affairs funding for rural education.

- Urging the passage of the "1991" amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.