

ANF gets \$1.4 million

The Alaska Native Foundation Village Management Assistance Program has \$1.4 million to spend on training and technical assistance for approximately 187 of the smaller village corporations in Alaska. The foundation announced last week that it had received a grant from the Department of Labor's Division of Indian and Native American

Programs as a part of President Jimmy Carter's Economic Stimulus Program.

The villages who will receive assistance under the program all have the problems that larger village and regional Native corporations have in implementing the land claims act and establishing corporate policy and direction.

Emil Notti, chairman of the foundation's board of directors, commented: "The fight for land supposedly transmitted by the settlement act and the wise use of corporation resources is a common task which the villages need assistance in solving. This program, based on models and processes developed under grants from the Donner Foundation and the Kellogg Program should go a long way in assisting the village corporations to solve their problems."

The grant, obtained with the help of Senator Mike Gravel, was the object of stiff competition among Native groups. More than 50 proposals were received; only \$3 million was available.