

Shishmaref gets grant for projects, programs

SHISHMAREF

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City of Shishmaref was appropriated funds for an entitlement of \$535.00 per person residing within the boundaries of the municipality. The State Municipal Aid Grant funds are to be used for capital projects and/or Social Services at the discretion of the municipality.

Under this program the municipality decided to establish their Social Services within the City Department. Three positions were budgeted for three years in conjunction with supplies and equipment.

These positions are Social Services Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Coordinator, and Elderly and Handicapped Assistance "Handiman."

The program began its first day of operation on June 24, 1982 and was the first second-class City in the region to start its Social Services. It is hoped that more villages in the region will start their Social Services within their municipalities.

Edgar Ningeulook, Director of Social Services is responsible to coordinate Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program in a manner which benefits everyone locally. The director also

has to seek funding for various programs with other agencies in carrying out Social Services programs.

Maggie Krier, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Coordinator will seek funds for Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs with various agencies in carrying out the program.

Ms. Krier has been showing alcohol-related movies in the community hall and at the church.

In November 1982, we held a carving workshop sponsored in part by a \$2,500 grant from Alaska State Council on the Arts. We also have several people in town interested in participating in one-to-one apprenticeships through another type of grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Also, we are receiving subscriptions to a magazine and a newsletter that deal with alcohol topics. We have also received a sample alcohol program called "Here's Looking At You" which is geared for classroom use and we hope it will be taught to students grades 1-12.

Another project that has been discussed as a possible prevention project is a workshop building in Shishmaref that could be used as a carving and sewing center with additional smaller areas for a small museum and a non-profit shop to sell the artwork

of carvers and sewers. What is needed now is possible funding for the actual building materials.

Warren Ningealook, our Elderly and Handicapped Assist-

ance Program "Handiman" is busy helping the Elderly and Handicapped in doing everyday chores which they may not be able to do using an ATC Honda and snow-machine.

Chores include hauling water, ice, hauling/pumping fuel oil, hauling garbage, shopping, shoveling snow from entrances, etc.