

Ford Foundation Grant

ANF Recipient of \$100,000 Grant

The Ford Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Alaska Native Foundation in support of a program for legal and technical assistance in land selections, announced Alaska Senator Ted Stevens from Washington, D.C. recently.

The Alaska Native Foundation will form a Land Division with staff trained in law and land use planning who will work closely with the Federal State Land Use Planning Commission to represent the interests of the Native groups.

Stevens said the need for such assistance is very great. He said such assistance by the Ford Foundation is "very gratifying."

"Planning, more than anything, must be done with the upmost care. Varied and expert input will be most helpful to our

people in their difficult tasks," he said.

Stevens said the Land Division staffers would meet regularly with Regional Corporations to identify issues and deadlines and develop priorities and plans for land selection.

The Alaska Native Foundation plans to design two basic technical assistance packages.

One would be a village land manual containing basic information required to undertake land selection process, including such basics as a summary of recording land uses, preparing legal descriptions, identifying resource values and validating village withdrawals.

The second would be a land resources profile, identifying major land resource values and their importance in the land selection process.