

Paddock of T&H Corrects

\$4 Million Mistake

Two years ago, Tlingit-Haida Council President Ray Paddock brought a mistake to the attention of Sen. Mike Gravel.

Today, Paddock's action has paid off for Tlingit-Haida--to the tune of more than \$4 million.

Paddock, a former member of Gravel's Washington staff, told Gravel that Title VI of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) has excluded most Alaska Natives

from its benefits. The measure was written to include only Indians who lived on reservations.

Gravel went to work to correct the oversight. He introduced legislation to include Native Americans not living on reservations, including the bulk of Alaska's Native population. At the same time, he sought an automatic set-aside of 2 % of CETA's Title VI grants to

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go to Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Gravel measure was signed into law last October.

The first full grant under the new set-aside provision was announced today--and it includes \$4,738,899 for a public service jobs program to be administered by Tlingit-Haida. The amount was set by Labor Department in accordance with the Gravel set-aside census figures for Alaska are inaccurate, causing Alaska to get less in CETA and other funds than it deserves. He said his staff is currently working with census officials to improve Alaska data in the next census to be taken in 1980.