

# Bilingual grants small for Alaska

Grants totaling nearly \$70 million, including seven grants totaling 583,497 dollars for Alaska, have been awarded to 425 local school districts and one institution of higher education to operate bilingual education classroom demonstration projects, U.S. Commissioner of Education Edward Aguirre announced.

Located in 41 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and four territories, the bilingual projects funded by HEW's Office of Education are being conducted in 68 different languages during the 1976-77 school year. Last year, the projects were conducted in 41 languages.

A total of 177 projects are newly funded this year. All the new projects received multi-year funding and need not enter into competition for additional funds in subsequent years. Only 30 of the current continuation grants will terminate at the end of this fiscal year.

The demonstration projects are designed to meet the special educational needs of children aged 3 to 18 with limited English-speaking proficiency. They make use of two languages—English and the one the child uses at home—to develop reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other academic skills. In this way, the child does not fall behind in subject areas while learning the English lan-

guage. The projects also focus on the history and culture associated with both languages.

Grantees must spend at least 15 percent of their award on auxiliary or supplementary training programs.

Funding is provided through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title VII, the Bilingual Education Act. Also supported are centers to develop and disseminate bilingual education materials, a variety of training programs, and a technical assistance program.

## Villages missing out on revenue sharing payments

The Office of Revenue Sharing (ORS) has informed U. S. Senator Ted Stevens that approximately 95 local governments in Alaska are delinquent in submitting report forms for Entitlement Period 7 (July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976).

In order to receive payment in Period 7 from the Office of Revenue Sharing those eligible governments in the State must correctly complete PUR7 and AUR6 forms and have them received and accepted at the ORS by close of business on December 31, 1976. ORS stated that it was essential that these governments recognize that unlike previous Entitlement Periods where a govern-

ment did not constructively waive (forfeit) its funds until June 30, Entitlement Period 7 funds will be waived at the close of the Seventh Entitlement Period on December 31, 1976.

Should any recipient require replacement forms or have questions concerning the constructive waiver process, they should immediately contact the ORS's Intergovernmental Relations Division, Office of Revenue Sharing, 2401 E. Street, N.W., Columbia Plaza Highrise, Washington, D. C. 20226.

It should be noted that ORS will accept photocopies of the required reports.

## Norton Sound health exec. thanks FAA

Federal Aviation Administration personnel at the Nome Flight Service Station have been commended for assistance "beyond the call of duty" at Nome Airport on November 30.

William R. Bookhout, an executive of the Norton Sound Health Corporation, formally thanked Federal personnel at the airport for assistance they gave after he landed his light aircraft in a 37 knot wind blowing at a sharp angle to the runway. Assistance was needed to keep the aircraft from veering off the runway.

Flight specialists Wendall Wassman and Jerry Naylor promptly recruited two other

pilots and the four were able to hold the aircraft steady and maneuver it a quarter of a mile to the parking area. Their prompt assistance averted a possible accident, Bookhout said.

"It may have been a routine matter to them—but it saved me from a very expensive landing," Bookhout wrote to Willard H. Reazin, Chief of the Air Traffic Division at FAA Alaskan Region headquarters in Anchorage. "These employees go a long way toward correcting my previously poor

impression of the government bureaucrat."

At the same time, Bookhout commended all personnel of the Nome FSS for "excellent service to the general aviation public of the Nome area." He added, "They consistently go above and beyond the call of duty in serving pilots."

Other members of the Nome FSS are: Larry Minix, Patrick Kelliher, James Allen, Gerald J. Dunn, Homer Hoogendorn, Lawrence O'Connor, John Pfeiffer, and Golden Roche.

## Executive placement opportunity

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AFN, Inc. 550 W. 8th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Duties and responsibilities include administration and management of all AFN programs; providing staff support to the AFN Human Resources Committee; planning and program development; and liaison to State, Federal and private agencies. Knowledge of Native regional corporations, health, education and social service agencies. Thorough knowledge of fiscal and programmatic accountability is essential. Application deadline is Jan. 9, 1977.

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## Our warmest wishes for you -



*"In the heart of Winter darkness and cold, the work goes on. The villages grow in closeness and self-respect and sense of purpose. Yet all the things we worry about as we scurry about here and there to meetings on issues like subsistence and communications and transportation and education and so forth, suddenly seem to be less important, as thoughts of Brotherhood and Peace take their place.*

*"For it's Christmastime, a time of Joy and a time of Hope and a time of Love to be shared with our families and our friends—and, yes, with our enemies. Peace seems to snuggle up to us and keep us warm, while we pause and think about important things and celebrate our thoughts.*

*"And so, from Rural CAP, we share our wish for all—that in a continuing Spirit of Joy and Hope and Love we may all find Peace. A most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!"*

Gordon Jackson, President

Phil Smith, Executive Director

**Rural Alaska Community Action Program**