

Grants encourage innovative Indian education projects

Over a thousand grants have been awarded public school districts in 40 states to make school more meaningful and rewarding for the nation's first Americans, HEW's Office of Education announced recently.

The grants, totaling more than \$31.8 million, were awarded under Part A of the Indian Education Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-318).

They will enable schools during fiscal year 1976 to establish, maintain, or expand programs to improve the quality of education presently available to Indian students. Some 300 of the grants will finance new programs.

The remainder will fund for another year programs which have proved their contribution to broadening the educational opportunity for Indian children as a result of the 1972 legislation.

An example of a Part A program is that run by the Gallup-McKinley County School District in New Mexico. This district has the largest Indian enrollment in the nation—more than 9,000 pupils out of a total enrollment of over 13,000. It is also the largest school district in the nation in terms of territory serviced, with 28 schools spread over an area of 5,700 square miles.

Gallup-McKinley received the largest award this year, a grant of \$811,425. It is the fourth made to this district and brings the grand total awarded to it since the act was passed in 1972 to over \$2.5 million—an estimated \$85 a year for each student.

Among the innovations are:

—Two career education vans which travel to schools for

counseling and special instruction.

—A new mathematics laboratory.

—A playback system that permits the children to enjoy video tapes of interest to their own culture such as the swearing-in and inaugural address of their Navajo chairman.

—Materials purchased for students to be taught to build shelters for those who must wait for school buses in bad weather.

Such improvements have had a marked effect upon school attendance. Over the four years the school has received aid under the Indian Education Act, attendance has increased 35 per cent.

The dropout rate has decreased by some 20 per cent and there has been a substantial increase in the numbers of seniors going on to college.

The average grant awarded for Part A under P.L. 92-318 for the current fiscal year is

\$29,000. Projects funded range from the creation of textbook materials in languages that are spoken rather than written, to sending teachers into homes to work with parents as well as children with learning difficulties.

The two smallest grants of \$540 each will enable Indian children in two elementary schools in California to take field trips of special historical

interest.

Since passage of the Indian Education Act in 1972 some \$89 million has funded 3,239 programs in public school districts across the nation. Alaska's 46 school districts received \$3,244,714.78 for local education agencies for development of elementary and secondary school programs to meet the special needs of Indian children.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH BARROW, ALASKA

FILE NUMBER: BA-25-76

PLACE OF HEARING: New North Slope Borough Office Building, Barrow, Alaska.

DATE OF HEARING: August 3, 1976, 7:30 P.M.

SUBJECT OF HEARING: Public Hearing on the following ordinances which have been introduced for consideration by the Assembly of the North Slope Borough.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-17

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of schools in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-18

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of ten million six hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$10,665,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of public roads, streets and sidewalks in said borough, together with all appurtenances, equipment, and facilities necessary for the construction, repair and maintenance of roads, streets and sidewalks, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-19

An ordinance relating to the debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of six hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$667,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of airports and aviation facilities in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-20

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of eight hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$830,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of public housing and urban renewal rehabilitation and development in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-21

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of four million one hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$4,113,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of light, power and heat systems in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-22

An ordinance relating to the debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of public safety in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings, and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-23

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of telephone facilities in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings, and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-24

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of sewage treatment and disposal facilities in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE—SERIAL NUMBER
76-25

An ordinance relating to a debt of North Slope Borough, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of said borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000) to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of the construction, improvement, betterment, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of water facilities in said borough, together with all necessary appurtenances, equipment, furnishings, and facilities, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith; and providing for the submission to the voters of said borough of a proposition ratifying the authorization of said bonds. DATED: July 7, 1976

LLOYD AHVAKANA, Clerk
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

Publish: July 14, 1976

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ALASKA ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations pertaining to the Scholarship Loan Program.

Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, under authority vested by AS 14.40.757, proposes to adopt regulations in Title 20 of the Alaska Administrative Code to implement the Scholarship Loan Program, AS 14.40.75 through 14.40.771 as follows:

(1) Title 20 is amended by adding chapter 15, student financial aid.

(2) Adopted under chapter 15 of Title 20 is article 1, scholarship loans, which is summarized as follows:

20AAC 15.005. Purpose of scholarship loan program. The purpose of the scholarship loan program is to provide low cost educational loans to Alaskan students enrolled in graduate, undergraduate or career degree programs.

20 AAC 15.010. Administration. The scholarship loan program is administered by the director of student financial aid, who is appointed by the executive secretary of the student financial aid committee.

20AAC 15.015. Eligibility. Persons who have been residents of Alaska for at least two years prior to the date of application, and who are admitted to, or enrolled in a full-time course of study at an accredited institution, may apply for a scholarship loan.

20AAC 15.020. Filing dates. Applications for scholarship loans must be received prior to the dates established in this section. Provision is made for the return of an incomplete application and the awarding of loans to applicants who apply after the deadline.

20 AAC 15.025. Priority ranking of applicants. Applicants will be processed according to the following categories:

- (1) renewal applications from persons receiving loans for the prior school year;
- (2) students, other than first year graduate students, who have not received scholarship loans in prior school years;
- (3) first year graduate students;
- (4) other students not in the above categories.

Applicants within each of the above categories will be ranked according to:

- (1) financial need;
- (2) personal recommendations from persons familiar with the applicant's abilities;
- (3) the applicant's record of achievement; and
- (4) the applicant's graduation from an Alaska high school.

20AAC 15.030. Computation of authorized loan awards. The maximum amount of a loan award to an undergraduate student is \$2500; the maximum for a graduate student is \$5000; the maximum total indebtedness allowed is \$10,000. Loan awards will be based on the applicant's financial need, as determined by the availability of other funds and the acceptable costs of attendance at the particular institution to which the applicant has been admitted.

20AAC 15.035. Limitations on granting authorized loan awards. Loan awards will be made in the full amount authorized by the director. However, if available funds are less than required to award loans in the full amount to all applicants in a particular category, loans in the full amount will be made to applicants in that category, based on rank using the criteria in sec. 025.

20AAC 15.040. Conditions of loans. The recipient of a scholarship loan must report any changes in his status which would affect the conditions of his loan, or his repayment schedule. At the time an applicant's loan is approved, he must sign a promissory note for the full amount of the loan. At the time he receives the promissory note he will be informed of the repayment schedule required to satisfy the terms of the note. Interest at the annual rate of 5% will

begin to accrue on a loan whenever the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

20AAC 15.045. Disbursement of loan awards. Loans will be disbursed in equal installments, prior to the beginning of each school term the recipient has indicated he will attend. Warrants will be mailed to the recipient in care of the school's financial aid office. The institution's financial aid officer will be requested to certify the recipient's attendance as a full-time student before issuing the warrant. No further warrants will be issued if the certification is not returned to the director.

20AAC 15.050. Repayment of loans. Repayment of a loan must begin when the recipient first terminates his full-time course of study and must be completed within six years of that date, unless the recipient receives a hardship deferment. In cases of hardship the director may, at his discretion, schedule repayment of a loan over a term not to exceed eleven years from the date the recipient first terminates his full-time course of study. Repayment of loans granted for consecutive school years will be combined into single monthly installments.

20AAC 15.055. Deferment of Payments. Repayment of a scholarship loan may be deferred for:

- (1) up to 12 months following the recipient's termination of his full-time course of study;
- (2) during any period the recipient is a full-time student; or
- (3) during any period the recipient is fulfilling a required tour of duty in the military.

Interest will not accrue on a loan while the recipient is subject to (2) or (3) above.

20AAC 15.060. Grants. A loan recipient may receive a grant of 10% of his total loan and accrued interest if he becomes employed in Alaska within one year of the successful completion of his course of study and providing he continues to be employed for two years following his first date of employment. Each additional year he will receive another 10% grant of the total loan and accrued interest if he satisfies the employment and residency requirements, until such time he has received a maximum grant of 40% of his total loan and accrued interest. A recipient who ceases to be a resident of Alaska is not eligible for any further grants.

20AAC 15.065. Default. A loan recipient who fails to make three consecutive monthly, or two consecutive quarterly payments, or falsifies information on any required document will be considered in default, unless he cures the default within 30 days of notification.

20AAC 15.070. Appeals to the executive secretary. Any decision of the director may be appealed in writing to the executive secretary of the student financial aid committee.

20AAC 15.075. Appeals to the committee. Any decision of the executive secretary may be appealed in writing to the student financial aid committee through its chairman.

20 AAC 15.080. Complaint file. A file of all written complaints will be maintained by the director.

20 AAC 15.085. Definitions. This section defines terms used in these regulations.

Notice is also given that any person interested may present written statements to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, Pouch F, Juneau, Alaska 99811, or oral or written statements or arguments relevant to the proposed action at a hearing to be held in Room 123 of the Consortium Library, Anchorage Senior College, Anchorage, Alaska, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 1976.

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested person, may at any time after August 15, 1976, adopt the above proposals substantially as set out above without further notice.

Dated: July 1, 1976

Kerry D. Romesburg
Executive Director
Alaska Commission on
Postsecondary Education

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Conference to examine resource problems

FAIRBANKS—The processes and problems associated with resource development in the North will be the focus of the 27th Alaska Science Conference, to be held on the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus August 4 to 6.

Issues surrounding current and proposed northern pipeline developments, with emphasis on the trans-Alaska pipeline, its successes and failures in the environmental protection process, and its impact on social, legal, economic and institutional systems will be discussed.

Other subjects to be considered will be the environment, development and management of the offshore continental shelf regions of the North; northern engineering; exploration for and extraction of resources; biological aspects of resource development; the role of agriculture, forestry and recreation; and the social, economic and political impacts of development.

The latter topic will include discussions of and use planning, the d-2 question, cultural changes in Native populations, rural education, medical problems, housing, and the problems of pollution, ice fog and waste disposal.

Dr. George C. West of the university's Institute of Arctic Biology is chairman of this year's conference.