

The Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program

SITUATION

The limited housing and substandard living conditions in small communities are major challenges in rural professional staff recruitment and retention.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Reduce turnover and promote recruitment and longevity of rural professionals.

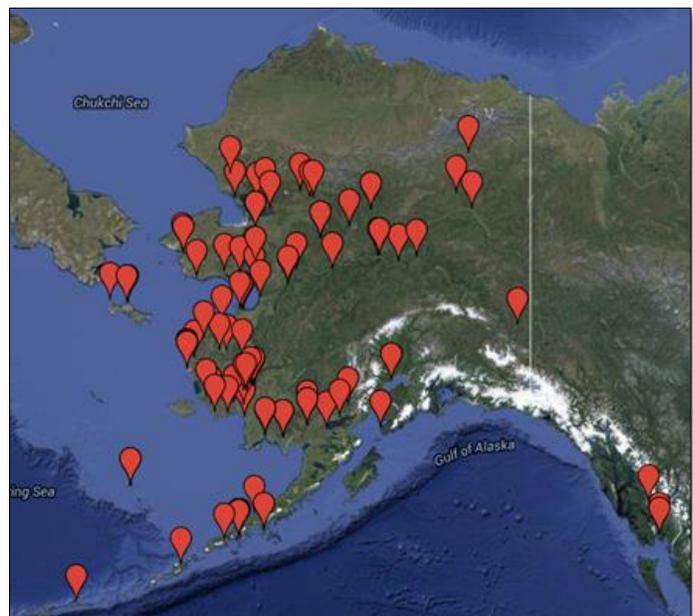
THE PROGRAM

A competitive grant process that provides funding for new construction or rehabilitation of housing units in rural Alaska for qualified professionals. Safe, quality, and energy efficient housing is produced that attracts and maintains professional staff in the most remote communities.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES and GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

- Teacher turnover has decreased 17% since 2004, however, some areas remain at 50%
- Roughly \$10 million injected into Alaska economy, creating rural employment and training opportunities in 2015
- Demand grew 20% in 2014, with funding requests totaling \$24 million
- \$6 million in program funds are matched with a minimum of 25% from other sources

Communities	Regions	Developments	Housing Units
74	7	98	418



Teachers in small communities have renewed their contracts due to newly constructed teacher housing