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Denali Training Fund
Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Organization: AVCP Regional Housing Authority EN 796217
Name of Project: Weatherization Training
Reporting Period: July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009
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Expenditures to date: $6,800

Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Signed by: John Agibinik Dated 9-30-2009

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project:

AVCP Regional Housing Authority is working to implement the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Low Income Weatherization Program in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. This program was implemented at the housing authority in the Spring of 2008. The Housing Authority has completed nearly 100 units to date and is currently working to complete another 100 units.

Training is a critical component of the Weatherization Program. Often, weatherization measures implemented on a building can change the way a building interacts with its environment and its occupants. Weatherization measures such as air sealing, insulating, ventilating and combustion system installation can have significant impacts on building performance, therefore workforce training is vital to ensure the structural viability and health & safety of the occupants. Denali Training Fund, for this grant cycle, is specifically supporting training efforts in the areas of Weatherization Techniques, Combustion Systems Training, and Ventilation Systems.

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

In this reporting period, no training activities occurred.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

In the next phase/quarter of the grant cycle, Lead Boiler Technicians will be working with Boiler Technician trainees in the villages of Chevak, Tuntutuliak, and Aniak to teach them basic boiler operations in addition to installation and maintenance of new, more efficient systems being installed in the villages. This training will be hands-on, on the job training. Training on Combustion systems, plumbing, and boiler operations are a significant need for workers in surrounding villages. This training is being provided to help fill this serious need. Lead Boiler Technicians are identified and will be sent to the above villages beginning in October. A classroom session may also be held in Bethel with trainees from multiple villages. I have also discussed training needs for the AVCP Housing Weatherization Program with Nick Horras for AKWARM training, reporting requirements, closing out completed units, planning for future projects, budgeting and running efficient capable crews.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

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b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

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(Please complete form below.)

5. Please list complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Please copy and use another sheet if you need more spaces.

6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

AVCP Housing Weatherization is advertising for a Residential Energy Coordinator which was vacated on July 31, 2009. Since this position became vacant I have had to keep the village projects in Chevak, Toksook Bay, Tuntutuliak, Kongiganak and Kwethluk going to try and do as much as we can before the snow flies. Chevak, Tuntutliak and Chevak are critical since these homes are being wrapped with house wrap, rigid insulation and T 1-11. Toksook Bay will not be getting house wrap as it is not called for in AKWARM. Toksook Bay was house wrapped a couple years ago under the Modernization Program. We will be insulating the sofit with rigid insulation and plywood. The boiler replacement project was completed using a lead boiler person to complete this project. We also utilized the Work Experience Program under the Association of Village Council Presidents Employment and Training Program to fund three OJT workers from Kwethluk to complete the project.

The Combustion Systems Installation training will likely begin in October or November for Chevak, Tuntutuliak and Aniak. We do not expect this to change the budget, but it is a change from the original schedule (before June 30).

Ventilation training may or may not take place pending trainer availability and logistics. Ideally, this training would have taken place prior to construction season beginning. Details for this portion of the training are being determined. If cancellation or changes to the scheduled ventilation training are decided, then the budget and training goals will need to be adjusted accordingly.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

Trainees will be evaluated on the job by their supervisors. Supervisors will provide informal feedback to AVCPRHA on the performance of each employee.

Performance will also be evaluated based on adequate installation of Weatherization materials. Regular site inspections will be conducted throughout the construction season to ensure quality workmanship, structural viability, and health & safety of occupants. This is an indirect evaluation of the trainees, however still demonstrates performance and understanding of the training received.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.

Thank you for your support. The Housing Authority anticipates further, advanced training for Weatherization assessors who are proficient in mathematics, blower door operation, pressure diagnostics, ventilation, materials take-off etc. AHFC has hinted at requiring further training for WX assessors under the Building Performance Institute (BPI) Building Analyst Curriculum.