

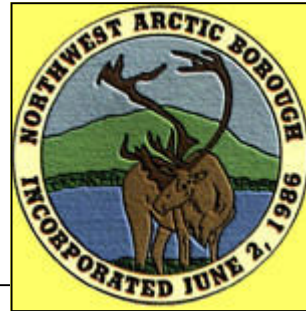
Northwest Arctic Borough: Small Business Grant Program

The NWAB Assembly has made \$20,000 available this year for grants to small businesses in a community **within** the **Northwest Arctic Borough** for expansion or start-up costs. These grants can be a maximum of \$5,000 to organizations serving many people or up to \$1,500 for individuals. Grants are for the purpose of purchasing tools, equipment, and supplies, acquiring training, or assisting with various start up costs. Upon approval of a grant request, payments will be made only to vendors for specific expenses.

Grant applications are available at the borough office in Kotzebue, from the Resource Specialists in each of the ten outlying villages, or can be printed from the website:

www.nwabor.org/edc/grantappNABApril2007.pdf

For more information visit:
www.nwabor.org
 or call Jade Hill at
 1-800-478-1110



Educating for Change



Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) residents, are you interested in being apart of developing and preparing our younger generations?! There will be a community wide meeting on:

Saturday, January 26, 2008
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
At the Wedgewood Resort

Join us for an **open** meeting (lunch provided) to discuss education (pre-K through high school to the university and beyond) in the FNSB. Come with thoughts, comments and ideas that will help answer:

How *can we* prepare all learners to successfully manage changes in society, technology and education?

Call the Fairbanks Economic Development Corp. at 452-2185 or email us at fedc@ak.net for more info.

Regional and Statewide Opportunities: BuyAlaska.com

For businesses in Alaska, www.BuyAlaska.com is an ideal marketing tool. Any business in Alaska can set up a free-for-a-lifetime, full page listing by logging onto www.BuyAlaska.com and following the easy three-minute process.

According to Scott Goldsmith, professor, University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research, Alaskans spend an estimated \$11 billion dollars out-of-state each year. The goal of BuyAlaska.com is to help shoppers discover the surprising array of values right in their own backyards. Stella Josephine, Buy Alaska Director, said, "If Alaskans shift just 10 percent of their outside purchases back to Alaska, \$1.1 billion and 4,400 Alaskan jobs would be added to the Alaska economy. It's the ideal way to grow a healthy economy in each community across the state."