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Labor Grants Provide Training for Older Alaskans

JUNEAU, Alaska—An additional \$563,685 is now available to help train unemployed low-income Alaskans who are 55 years or older. The training, available across the state, is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These funds will be added to the more than \$2.3 million already set aside for training funds for older Alaskans.

“Many older Alaskans find themselves in need of training to compete in today’s job market,” said Rita Bowen, Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training Program Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s Employment Security Division. “These grants are particularly for those individuals who are unemployed and have poor employment prospects, whose goal is unsubsidized employment.”

Training opportunities are in health care, child care, education, green jobs, energy efficiency environmental services and other available public service activities.

“While helping older Alaskans become self-sufficient, these grants will provide support to non-profit organizations through increased civic engagement,” Bowen said.

To access these training opportunities, Alaskans should contact the agency listed below that is closest to their communities.

Anchorage

Nine Star Enterprises
Carol Northamer, MASST Coordinator
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Anchorage, Alaska 99504
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Southeast Alaska

Southeast Regional Resource Center
Susan Bus, MASST Coordinator
210 Ferry Way
Juneau, Alaska 99801
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Mat-Su Valley

Palmer Senior Citizens Center
Noel Matteson, Older Worker Specialist
831 South Chugach Street
Palmer, Alaska 99645
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Fairbanks

Adult Learning Programs of Alaska
Tom Howard, MASST Coordinator
122 First Avenue, Suite 201
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
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Kenai Peninsula

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