



June 9, 2021

Dear Homeowners in Russian Jack Neighborhood,

For the past 40 years, NeighborWorks Alaska has been working to improve the quality of life for families and individuals by preserving homes, creating new housing opportunities and strengthening neighborhoods. Our first service, when we were known as Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, was to assist the Spenard neighborhood by making low-interest loans so that homeowners could make repairs and improvements to their homes. These loans were coupled with construction services in which our experts would assist the homeowner through the construction process.



Today, we are announcing the reestablishment of this service, which we are now calling our **ReNEWvation Program**. Our target is Russian Jack neighborhood! For several years, NeighborWorks has been working on community building and engagement in Russian Jack. You may have had the exterior of your home painted by our organization, and we are currently working with the Russian Jack Community Council on a project to improve the neighborhood. You can learn more at [www.nwalaska.org/russian-jack](http://www.nwalaska.org/russian-jack). One of the things we learned after doing a survey of Russian Jack is that many of you like your neighborhood, but could use assistance to repair and improve your homes. Having healthy, vibrant neighborhoods and good quality housing is part of our mission as a nonprofit organization. It is with this goal that we re-introduce this program.

The enclosed flyer explains a little more about the program. What is unique is that, along with a low-interest loan, our construction experts can assist you through the construction process. Our goal is to advocate for you, the homeowner, because it meets the mission of our organization and it helps to protect our loan investment in you. If you don't need this service or don't want to pay the fee, we can still provide you with a loan, assuming you qualify.

**If you are interested in learning more about our ReNEWvation program, please contact Aletha Harrington in our office at 907-677-8414, or [aharrington@nwalaska.org](mailto:aharrington@nwalaska.org). We look forward to serving you and enhancing the quality of the Russian Jack neighborhood.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nordlund".

Jim Nordlund  
Executive Director  
NeighborWorks Alaska  
HomeOwnership Center

# ANNOUNCING

## ReNEWvation Program

### — LOAN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Up to \$75,000 loan for home improvements including interior and exterior upgrades, health and safety, code compliance and AHFC energy efficiency improvements.
- 15 year loan terms with affordable monthly payments.
- Take advantage of low interest rate set by AHFC.
- Ideal for updating kitchens and bathrooms, floor coverings, new roofing, new furnace/boiler, hot water heater, and new exterior painting.



### — QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- ✓ Borrower must credit qualify for the payment.
- ✓ Combined-loan-to-value not to exceed 90% with an “as completed” appraisal.
- ✓ Credit assistance services available from NeighborWorks.

### — CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

NeighborWorks Alaska offers expert construction advice for an affordable fee that can be added to the loan. **Including:**

- **Project Scope:** Determining what your house needs and what you want. Given your budget we can assist with cost estimates, vendors and design referrals.
- **Project Initiation:** Finding the right contractor. Select from a list of approved contractors. Assistance with a contractor agreement.
- **Project Execution:** We advocate for the homeowner. Routine progress inspections. Authorize contractor pay requests. Review of construction change orders.
- **Project Completion:** Satisfaction with the work. We ensure the project punch list is complete, all inspections are passed, and warranties are documented. No final contractor payment until 100% complete.

### — CONTACT

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NeighborWorks Alaska HomeOwnership Center is a non-profit organization that offers services to the community. This program is part of our effort to help **ReNEW** Alaska's housing stock and help people stay in their homes.

# Understanding Municipal Government Community Series



What is the Municipality of Anchorage in charge of?  
Who decides how social programs are funded?  
How do we have our voices heard?

This 6-part series will provide an overview of how the different parts of our local government work together to run the city of Anchorage.

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.  
June 17 to July 22

Register here for the Zoom link:  
<http://tiny.cc/UnderstandMuni>

This series is open to anyone, but geared toward English Language Learners.

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# Community Civics Fair



Come by the Grow North Farm in Mountain View to learn about how to get involved in your local community.

- \* Learn about important resources provided by the Municipality of Anchorage
  - \* Meet your local elected officials
- \* Find ways to get involved in local organizations
- \* Plus, buy some locally grown vegetables from the farm stand!

Monday, July 26  
4:00-7:00 P.M.

Grow North Farm  
3601 Mountain View Dr.



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