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## **CVRF Completes Distribution of 2017 Winter Heating Oil Benefits**

ANCHORAGE, AK – Each winter, Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) provides energy assistance to families in Western Alaska through its longstanding heating oil program.

The recently completed distribution of heating oil benefits for 2017 provided 56,160 gallons of heating oil to 2,160 families to help offset the high-cost of energy across CVRF's 20 communities. Each participating family was allocated one high quality custom made plastic barrel filled with 26 gallons of heating oil.

"The heating oil provided by CVRF helps with the high cost of living in our communities," said Stella Lake of Chevak. "The assistance allows us to stretch our dollars even further, freeing up money for expenses like groceries and bills."

The program, completed on March 24, resulted in a total benefit distribution of \$390,130, as authorized by the CVRF Board of Directors.

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*CVRF is a 501(c)(4) Alaska non-profit corporation whose 20 member villages are along the west coast of Alaska from Scammon Bay to Platinum. CVRF is believed to be the largest Alaskan-owned seafood company in history and is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the residents of its 20 member communities. CVRF is dedicated to providing economic development in its 20 member communities by creating sensible, tangible and long-term opportunities that generate Hope for residents who want to Fish and Work. CVRF is the largest jobs provider in its member villages and is the first CDQ group to own and control the vessels that harvest its CDQ allocations. For more information, visit [www.CoastalVillages.org](http://www.CoastalVillages.org).*