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The first funds to fight poverty in local communities throughout the United States were announced today by Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the new federal agency coordinating the War on Poverty.

This initial attack on poverty involves more than \$13,000,000 of which \$12,032,616 is in federal grants.

The rest will be contributed by communities which must provide at least 10 percent of the cost. In some cases, communities are contributing more than 10 percent.

(The Federal government pays up to 90 percent of the cost of Community Action Programs in the first two years and after that assists on a 50-50 matching basis.)

Aimed at helping communities plan, develop, and operate

Community Action Programs in the War on Poverty, today's grants

were made to nine states, 12 cities, six rural areas, and an Indian reservation.

The projects range from teaching English to Piman-speaking children of Arizona's Papago Tribe, to a comprehensive \$2,836,172 anti-poverty program for Detroit.

The states receiving grants are Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

The cities are Atlanta, Chicago, Corinth, Miss.; Denver,

Detroit, Los Angeles, New Haven, New York, Pittsburgh, St.

Petersburg, San Francisco, and Washington, D. C.

The rural areas are twelve counties in the mountains of Georgia; nine parishes (counties) in and around Lafayette, La.; Craven County, N.C.; Scott County, Tenn.; Hardy and Mineral Counties, W.Va.; and Ripley County, Mo.

The Indian reservation is the Papago Indian Reservation in central Arizona.

Of the total grant money, states will receive \$1,036,000 to provide technical assistance to communities.

Communities will receive \$10,974,566 for developing and operating programs.

Technical assistance grants are made to state agencies or public and private institutions so they can help communities plan programs.

Development grants are made directly to community action groups to help them organize and plan programs.

Operating grants provide money for conducting programs.

Examples of Community Action Programs to be effected with today's grants are:

Los Angeles. . . where residents of low-income neighborhoods will work in non-professional jobs ranging from pre-school aides to work crew chiefs directing youth in neighborhood work programs.

Southwestern Louisiana. . . where a group called Acadiana Neuf is developing communities for the aged. . . where tenant farmers will be trained in farm-related occupations.

Corinth, Miss. . . which is focusing on the very young by developing pre-school programs.

Scott County, Tennessee. . . where plans are developing adult literacy instruction and programs in mental health.

The purpose of the Community Action Program (Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Public Law 88-452) is to stimulate and provide incentive to urban and rural communities to mobilize their resources to combat poverty.

The law requires maximum participation of the poverty-stricken.

Community Action Programs enable communities to attack poverty problems with a network of positive, varied, and coordinated programs. Federal assistance depends on a community's determination to mobilize its own resources, develop programs of sufficient scope and size that promise to eliminate the causes of poverty, and involve the poor themselves in developing and operating programs.

State grants and receiving organizations are:

<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Alabama	\$134,000	Alabama Advisory Committee for Economic Opportunity
Colorado	\$ 46,000	Colorado Office of Economic Opportunity
Georgia	\$132,500	Georgia Office of Economic Opportunity
Michigan	\$172,000	Michigan Economic Opportunity Office
Missouri	\$127,000	Missouri Office of Economic Opportunity
New Jersey	\$145,000	New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity
New Mexico	\$ 39,000	New Mexico Office of Economic Opportunity
North Carolina	\$171,500	Economic Opportunity Program, North Carolina Dept. of Administration
Wisconsin	\$ 69,000	Wisconsin Department of Resources Development

Grants to cities and receiving organizations are:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Atlanta	\$1,080,000	Atlanta-Fulton County Economic Authority
Chicago	\$ 350,100	Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity
Corinth, Miss.	\$ 49,997	Corinth Urban Renewal Agency
Denver	\$ 35,692	Denver's War on Poverty, Inc.
Detroit	\$2,836,172	Total Action Against Poverty
Los Angeles	\$2,729,683	Youth Opportunities Board
New Haven	\$ 430,244	Community Progress, Inc.
New York City	\$ 238,900	Poverty Operations Board
Pittsburgh	\$1,230,000	Mayor's Committee on Human Resources, Inc.
St. Petersburg	\$ 63,000	Suncoast Progress, Inc.
San Francisco	\$ 55,080	Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco
Washington, D.C.	\$1,455,980	United Planning Organization

Grants to rural areas and receiving organizations are:

<u>RURAL AREAS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Georgia Mountains (12 counties)	\$ 16,700	Georgia Mountains Planning & Development Commission
Lafayette, La. (9 parishes)	\$ 42,435	Acadiana Neuf

<u>RURAL AREAS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Craven County, N.C.	\$125,270	Craven Operation Progress
Scott County, Tenn.	\$ 13,162	Oneida-Scott County Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.
Hardy & Mineral Counties, W.Va.	\$146,411	Hardy and Mineral Rural Areas Development
Ripley County, Mo.	\$ 46,350	Ripley County Opportunity Corporation
<u>INDIAN RESERVATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
<u>Papago Indian Reservation</u>	\$ 29,500	Papago Tribal Council

Also, a grant of \$22,050 was given to the Metropolitan Fund, Inc. to provide technical assistance to the city of Detroit and six counties in the Detroit metropolitan area.

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119 PROJECTS LAUNCH POVERTY WAR IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE NATION

The War on Poverty today launched its first major assault on ignorance, want and deprivation on six different fronts that involved 119 separate anti-poverty projects in two-thirds of the states in the nation.

Fifty days after President Johnson signed legislation providing money for the poverty war, six federal agencies in this cooperative effort simultaneously announced their battle plans. This opening assault involves almost \$35 million and will affect impoverished Americans ranging from unemployed parents to school children.

The projects, varied in size and scope, will be located in every section of the country.

In Detroit a \$2,836,172 federal grant will launch a comprehensive

local anti-poverty program in Corinth, Mississippi, a Neigh-borhood Youth Corps will employ 1,500 young men and women in either part or full-time jobs while providing training on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona children who speak the Piman tongue will receive English instruction in Yell County, Arkansas, unemployed parents on relief will be trained as food handlers, stenographers and construction workers.

Details of this initial full-scale poverty attack were announced by Sargent Shriver after conferring with President Johnson. Mr. Shriver is director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, -the new federal agency coordinating the country's fight against poverty.

The highlights are:

---The first Community Action grants to fight poverty in localities throughout the nation. The programs will involve more than \$13 million of which \$12,032,616 will be in federal funds. Grants to

help communities plan, develop and operate Community Action programs were made to nine states, 12 cities, six rural areas, and an Indian reservation. Community Action programs are under the direction of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

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---The first Neighborhood Youth Corps programs to provide part or full-time jobs for young men 16 through 21 to enable them to stay in school or give them constructive work experience to increase their employability. The initial 14 programs serving 10,500 youths will be located in 13 states. The projects will cost an estimated \$5.2 million of which \$4,564,000 will be contributed by the Federal government. The Neighborhood Youth Corps is operated by the Department of Labor.

---The first work experience programs for unemployed parents who will receive training in basic education, work habits and job skills. The initial four projects costing about \$1,200,000 will be located in Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Craven County, North Carolina and Yell County, Arkansas. More than 1,200 unemployed parents with almost 5,000 children, many of whom are on relief, will participate in the four programs. Work experience projects are under the Welfare Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

---The first construction funds--approximately \$15 million--allocated to build and refurbish Job Corps Centers which will provide young men 16 through 21 with basic education, job skills and work experience in residential conservation centers. The construction funds were assigned to the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior which will operate the centers in a cooperative effort with the Office of Economic Opportunity. The first construction contract (Wolf Creek, Douglas County, Oregon) was approved last week 72 hours after Governor Mark Hatfield became one of the first governors to approve his state's share of the 41 previously proposed sites. As of today 14 governors have waived the 30-day veto period for Job Corps Centers and have given their immediate approval for 32 centers. Construction contracts for the majority of these centers are expected to be awarded within the next few weeks.

In other War on Poverty developments, 31 colleges and universities

in the Washington, D. C., Chicago and Detroit areas have agreed to conduct work study programs. These will assist needy college students by providing part-time jobs on and off campus. In all three cities, work study will be part of the Community Action programs. Off campus jobs are limited to public or nonprofit private groups in education, recreation, health and welfare work. The Federal government will provide 90% of the cost of this program. The Chicago area schools alone have indicated they will find jobs for 4,500 students.

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Work study, as well as programs in adult basic education and literacy training are under the direction of the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In the latter program, two states North Carolina and California, have filed proposals that are ready for approval.

Meanwhile, the VISTA Volunteers, the domestic version of the Peace Corps operated by the Office of Economic Opportunity, reported the first 150 volunteers will begin training before the end of the year. Since early October more than 1,500 applications have been received from Americans who want to enlist in the War on Poverty. Requests for VISTA Volunteers already number 2,300, which is almost half of the intended complement. Requests for workers came from 78 communities in 34 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Samoa.

Further Job Corps developments include the announcement of a national recruiting campaign for Job Corps enrollees in December. Thirty national organizations have agreed to recruit for the Job Corps without cost to the anti-poverty program.

A training program for Job Corps staff will begin November 30 at the Catoctin Center, Frederick, Maryland. Meanwhile, about 700 tractors, bulldozers, graders and trucks now in government excess stock have been inspected and reserved for use in rural Job Corps Centers.

The state, city and county details of the 119 poverty war projects follow:

ALABAMA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A technical assistance grant of \$134,000 to the Alabama Advisory Committee for Economic Opportunity in Montgomery.

ARIZONA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$29,500 to the Papago Tribal Council of the Papago Indian Reservation in central Arizona.

JOB CORPS CENTERS:

Winslow Base in Navajo County, Heber in Navajo County and Alpine in Greenlee County.

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ARKANSAS:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Ouachita in Garland County.

WORK EXPERIENCE: Yell County, Arkansas - \$100,000 for training men and women from families on relief for various types of work.

CALIFORNIA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

1. Los Angeles - A grant of \$2,729,683 to the Youth Opportunities Board of Los Angeles.
2. San Francisco - A development grant of \$55,080 to the Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Alder Springs in Glenn County, Lewiston in Trinity County, Toyon in Shasta County, Fenner Canyon in Los Angeles County, Los Pinos in Riverside County and Sly Park in El Dorado County.

COLORADO:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

1. A technical assistance grant of \$46,000 to the Colorado Office of Economic Opportunity for the State of Colorado.
2. A grant of \$35,692 to Denver's War on Poverty, Inc.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Collbran in Mesa County

CONNECTICUT:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$430,244 to Community Progress, Inc., New Haven.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$105,000 to Community Progress, Inc., New Haven.

FLORIDA

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$63,000 to Suncoast Progress, Inc., St. Petersburg.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$825,000 to the Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction in Tampa.

GEORGIA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

1. A technical assistance grant of \$132,500 to the Georgia Office of Economic Opportunity for the State of Georgia.
2. A grant of \$1,080,000 to the Atlanta-Fulton Couucy Economic Authority, City of Atlanta.

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GEORGIA: (cont.)

3. A grant of \$16,700 to the Georgia Mountains Planning and Development Commission to plan anti-poverty programs in 12 counties in northeast Georgia.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM: Atlanta - \$600,000 to train men and women from relief families for various types of work.

IDAHO:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: O'Hara in Idaho County.

ILLINOIS:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$350,100 to the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Crab Orchard in Williamson County.

WORK-STUDY PROGRAM: Colleges and universities in the Chicago area participating: American Conservatory of Music, Columbia College, DePaul University, George Williams College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, Mundelein College of Chicago, North-western University, Rosary College, Roosevelt University, University of Chicago, Center YMCA Community College, North Park College, Trinity College, University of Illinois, St. Xavier College, and College of Jewish Studies.

KENTUCKY:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Frenchburg Center in Menifee County, Cumberland Gap in Bell County and Great Onyx in Edmonson County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$35,000 to the Paducah Public Schools.

LOUISIANA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$42,435 to the Acadiana Neuf Community Action Organization in Lafayette to develop anti-poverty programs in nine parishes in Southwestern Louisiana.

MARYLAND:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Catoctin Center in Frederick County.

MASSACHUSETTS:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Wellfleet Center in Barnstable County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS:

1. A grant of \$20,000 to the School Committee of the City of Holyoke.
2. A grant of \$250,000 to the City of New Bedford.

MICHIGAN:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS:

1. A technical assistance grant of \$172,000 to the Michigan Economic Opportunity Office for the State of Michigan.
2. A grant of \$2,836,172 to Total Action Against Poverty, Detroit.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$585,000 to the Detroit Board of Education.

WORK-STUDY: Colleges and universities in the Detroit area participating: Detroit Institute of Technology, Madonna College, Marygrove College, Mercy College, Merrill-Palmer Institute, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and University of Detroit.

MISSISSIPPI:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$49,887 to the Corinth Urban Renewal Agency.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$620,000 to the Corinth Urban Renewal Agency.

MISSOURI

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

1. A technical assistance grant of \$127,000 to the Missouri Office of Economic Opportunity.
2. A grant of \$46,350 to the Ripley County Opportunity Corporation.

MONTANA:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Trapper Creek Center in Ravalli County.

NEW JERSEY:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A technical assistance grant of \$145,000 to the New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$465,000 to the City of Newark.

NEW MEXICO:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A technical assistance grant of \$39,000 to the New Mexico Office of Economic Opportunity.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Mexican Springs in McKinley County, Grants Center in Valencia County, Eight Canyon in Otero County and Mountainair Center in Torrance County.

NEW YORK:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$238,900 to the Poverty Operations Board in New York City.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Iroquois Center in Genesee County.

NORTH CAROLINA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$171,500 to the Economic Opportunity Program of the North Carolina State Department of Administration.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Arrowwood in Macon County, Schenck in Transylvania County and Oconaluftee in Swain County.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM: Craven County - \$200,000 to train men and women from relief families for various types of work.

OHIO:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Vesuvius in Lawrence County.

OKLAHOMA:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Hodgens in Le Flore County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$105,000 to Osage Tribe in Pawhuska.

OREGON:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Wolf Creek in Douglas County, Timber Lake in Clackamas County, Camp Angel in Lincoln County, Tillamook in Tillamook County, Fort Vannoy in Josephine County and Malhuer in Harney County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$320,000 to the Portland Public school system.

PENNSYLVANIA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$1,230,000 to the City of Pittsburgh Mayor's Committee on Human Resources, Inc.

JOB CORPS CENTER: Blue Jay in Forest County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$33,000 to the Butler County Public School System.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM: Pittsburgh - \$300,000 to train men and women from relief families for various types of work.

TENNESSEE:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$13,162 to the Oneida-Scott County Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., Scott County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$810,000 to the Chattanooga Board of Education.

VIRGINIA:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Flatwoods in Wise County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$81,000 to the Dickenson County School system in Clintwood.

WASHINGTON:

JOB CORPS: Curlew in Ferry County and White Swan Mission in Yakima County.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS: A grant of \$310,000 to the Seattle Public School.

WEST VIRGINIA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$146,411 to the Hardy and Mineral Counties Rural Areas Development Committees.

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Anthony in Greenbrier County.

WISCONSIN:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$69,000 to the Wisconsin State Department of Resources Development.

WYOMING:

JOB CORPS CENTERS: Casper in Natrona County.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM: A grant of \$1,455,980 to the United Planning Organization of Washington.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM: Colleges and universities in the D. C. area participating: American University, George Washington University, Howard University, Immaculata College of Washington and Trinity College.

For further information on:

Community Action Programs, contact Office of Economic Opportunity

Neighborhood Youth Corps, contact Department of Labor
Job Corps, contact Office of Economic Opportunity

Work Experience, contact Welfare Administration, HEW

Work Study, contact Office of Education, HEW

VISTA Volunteers, contact Office of Economic Opportunity

Basic Adult Education, contact Office of Education, HEW

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Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, today announced 22 new proposed Job Corps Centers in 11 states.

The Centers, a key part of the War on Poverty's self-help program, will provide opportunity for young men between the ages of 16 and 21 to receive basic education, meaningful work experience and job skills.

All of the 22 Centers will have 100 Job Corpsmen. The Centers are the second group to be announced and bring the total of proposed sites to 42. The majority are expected to be opened within the next six months.

The Centers will be operated by the Department of Interior, under the direction of Secretary Stewart L. Udall, and the Department of Agriculture, under the direction of Secretary Orville L. Freeman, in a cooperative anti-poverty effort with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Individual agencies in the two Departments which will operate the Centers include: the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Land Management.

The Job Corpsmen will be out-of-school youth who do not yet have the basic education and necessary job skills to be self-sufficient, productive citizens. They must volunteer for the Job Corps and must show a willingness to work and improve themselves. They will come from various ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds and will re-present a cross section of the American population not unlike that found in the Armed Forces.

In each 100-man Center there will be one staff member for every five Job Corpsmen. There will be 21 adult leaders and counselors, each trained in his specific field. Among these will be VISTA Volunteers (Volunteers in Service to America).

The Job Corpsmen will work and live in small groups in a residential environment with counselors assigned to each group. Each job Corpsman's needs will be determined on an individual basis; however, all must agree to follow the discipline of Job Corps life.

The Centers will not displace local persons employed by the Federal Government. Job Corps work projects will be ones that could not be done with regularly appropriated funds. It is estimated that each 100-men Center will mean an additional \$180,000 per year to the local economy.

About half of the Job Corps Enrollees will be in smaller Centers where education and training will be combined with conservation work, with larger Job Corps Centers located in or near urban areas providing residential training programs for 1,000 young men. These will stress specific skill training.

There will also be a separate Job Corps program for young women aged 16 to 21. This program will stress remedial education, job training, and preparation for home and family life.

The 22 locations announced today are proposed Center sites. The Economic Opportunity Act provides that no Job Corps program can be started until the official plans have been submitted to the Governor of the State. Under the law, the Governor has 30 days to comment or disapprove of the plan.

Following is a list of the new Job Corps Centers:

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Center Name</u>	<u>Operating Bureau</u>
Arizona	Greenlee	Alpine	FS
	Navajo	Heber	FS
California	Los Angeles	Fenner Canyon	FS
	Riverside	Los Pinos	FS
	El Dorado	Sly Park	FS
Illinois	Williamson	Crab Orchard	SFW
Kentucky	Menifee	Frenchburg	FS
	Bell	Cumberland Gap	NPS
	Edmonson	Great Onyx	NPS
New Mexico	Valencia	Grants	FS
	Otero	Eight Canyon	BIA
	Torrance	Mountainair	FS

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Center Name</u>	<u>Operating Bureau</u>
North Carolina	Swain	Oconaluftee	NPS
	Transylvania	Schenk	FS
Ohio	Lawrence	Vesuvius	FS
Oklahoma	Le Flore	Hodgens	FS
Oregon	Clackamas	Timber Lake	FS
	Lane	Angel	FS
	Harney	Malheur	SFW
	Josephine	Fort Vannoy	BLM
Virginia	Wise	Flatwoods	FS
West Virginia	Greenbrier	Anthony	FS

Key:

FS	Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture
SFW	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Dept. of Interior
NPS	National Park Service, Dept. of Interior
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Dept. of Interior
BLM	Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of Interior

