

NDP second action year

1. Portland's Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) is nearing the end of its First Action Year (July 1, 1970- June 30, 1971). Such Program covers physical improvement activities in two Project Areas—Woodlawn and Irvington—both within Portland's Model Neighborhood.

2. Upon advice from HUD officials in Washington, D.C., an Application for extension of the NDP First Action Year for a five-month period to December 1, 1971, was filed on February 24, 1971, with the Portland Area Office of HUD. This Application which would permit execution of Program activities planned for the First Action Year to continue through the best weather months, has been approved by the Woodlawn and Irvington neighborhood organizations, the Model Cities Citizens' Planning Board, the Portland Development Commission, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council.

3. The Portland Development Commission has just recently been advised that new HUD policy on NDP's will not permit approval of the Application for five month extension of the NDP first Action Year. HUD will, however accept such Application for processing PROVIDED it is revised and expanded to cover a 12 month period from July 1, 1971, through June 30, 1972. Such revised Application will constitute a program for Portland's NDP Second Action Year.

4. HUD has further indicated to the Development Commission that it would consider a proposal for the addition of a new area under the NDP provided HUD's criteria for addition of such

area are met. It appears that the King/Vernon/Sabin Model Cities Planning Area is appropriate for inclusion as an NDP planning area with some possibility for action activities closely related to the Woodlawn Impact Area during the NDP Second Action Year provided appropriate plans can be developed for such activities. HUD policy, however, does not guarantee the inclusion of King/Vernon/Sabin, but it is the only area at this time which appears to fit HUD criteria for additional areas.

5. King/Vernon/Sabin are presently included in the Pre-NDP #2 Planning Program which is funded for planning activities from Model Cities Supplemental Funds. The Pre-NDP #2 Planning Program, however is funded only until April 30, 1971. Budgets have been submitted to the City Demonstration Agency for extending the present Pre-NDP #2 Planning Contract to June 15, 1971, to coincide with the end of the Model Cities First Action Year, and also for additional periods which would extend through the Model Cities Second Action Year (June 16, 1971- June 15, 1972). Such funding is dependent upon priorities established by the Citizens' Planning Board and approval of the Model Cities Second Action Year Program by HUD.

6. Under the Pre-NDP #2 planning Program, the King/Vernon/Sabin area has assurance of funding for planning activities only until April 30, 1971, possibly extended to June 15, 1971. There is no assurance of funds for undertaking neighborhood improvement activities upon completion of

such planning under present HUD funding policy. Shifting the King/Vernon/Sabin Planning Area to NDP funding would assure planning funds for a full year from July 1, 1971, to June 30, 1972, with the good possibility of some action activities in the latter part of such funding period if appropriate plans can be developed and approved by the Recognized Neighborhood Organizations in the King/Vernon/Sabin Planning Area and approved by the Model Cities Citizens' Planning Board, the City Council and HUD.

7. HUD has advised the Portland Development Commission that a revised Application providing for the expansion from the five-month to the 12-month program should be filed with the Portland Area Office of HUD not later than April 30, 1971. Such Application, it is understood by HUD, will include substantially the same program activities for Woodlawn and Irvington as contained in the Application for five month extension of the NDP First Action Year as previously filed, and may also include the King/Vernon/Sabin neighborhoods as an NDP planning area with provision for suitable action activities, such as housing rehabilitation, to be undertaken in the Planning/Action Year.

8. Meeting the filing date of April 30, 1971, will require the full cooperation of all parties concerned, namely: The Recognized Neighborhood Organizations, the Citizens Planning Board, the Portland Development Commission, the City Planning Commission, the City Council, and HUD.

SUMMARY:

The NDP Second Action Year Application would provide:

1. A 12-month program to carry out substantially the same activities previously approved for the Woodlawn and Irvington Neighborhood Development Areas;

2. Additional funds for relocation services under the new Uniform Relocation law;

3. Official recognition of the King/Vernon/Sabin area as a planning area under the NDP action activities.

The approval of this Application by the City Council no later than April 22, 1971, and the filing of such Application with HUD no later than April 30, 1971, will assure the continuation of Portland's NDP beyond July 1, 1971, when the NDP First Action Year ends.

A care program for elderly



Pictured are members of the Executive Committee for Older Adults which has been working with the City County Council on Aging to develop the aging component of the Model Cities Program.

Guided by the needs of the respondents is a Senior Adult Service Center which will employ, part time, about 44 models neighborhood residents to assist a minimum of 874 older residents.

The area of most concern that of home visits, will result in an Out-Reach Service. It will employ 30 older people to provide companionship and limited household assistance for at least 250 senior residents who are handicapped and or living alone. Telephone Reassurance will employ 4 older residents to daily call, a minimum of 480 senior residents to check on their well being, and, if necessary, refer them to an appropriate service agency. A Handyman Service will employ 10 older persons to assist a minimum of 100 senior people in such minor household repairs as changing light bulbs, replacing broken windows and repairing leaking faucets. Transportation Service proposes to lease two mini-buses to transport older residents to and from community services and events.

A Title III Grant, funded by the Oregon State Program on Aging and Portland's Model City Program, has made possible an organization to plan and develop programs for senior adults. O. James Gates, Director of the City-County Council on Aging of Portland and Multnomah County said that the program is a big step forward in helping older people in several needed areas. The program status is reaching final stages.

The program began on Apr. 14, 1970 when the Committee for Older Adults, a subcommittee of Portland's Model Cities social services working committee, was established. This subcommittee, composed entirely of older model neighborhood residents, works with Council on Aging staff on program development. Because membership in the subcommittee averaged 37 people, it was too large to operate efficiently. Thus, an executive committee of 13 elected persons was established to work directly with James Kennedy and Pastor Edgar Jackson on program planning.

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