

The Congress further finds and declares that cities, both large and small, do not have adequate resources to deal effectively with the critical problems facing them, and that additional Federal assistance is essential to enable cities to plan, develop, and conduct programs to improve their physical environment, increase their supply of adequate housing for low- and moderate-income people, and provide educational and social services vital to health and welfare.

It is the purpose of this Act to provide additional financial and technical assistance to enable cities, both large and small, to plan, develop, and carry out programs to rebuild or revitalize large slum and blighted areas and expand and improve public programs and services available to the people who live in such areas.

It is further the purpose of this Act to provide the additional financial aid needed to enable cities to participate more effectively in existing Federal assistance programs.

It is further the purpose of this Act to assist cities to coordinate activities aided under existing Federal programs with other public and private actions in order to provide the most effective and economical concentration of Federal, State, local, and private efforts to improve the quality of urban life.

BASIC AUTHORITY

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to make grants and provide technical assistance, as provided by this Act, to enable city demonstration agencies (as herein defined) to plan, develop, and carry out comprehensive city demonstration programs.

COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 4. (a) A "comprehensive city demonstration program" is a locally prepared and scheduled program for rebuilding or restoring entire sections and neighborhoods of slum and blighted areas through the concentrated and coordinated use of all available Federal aid and local private and governmental resources, including citywide aids and resources necessary to improve the general welfare of the people living or working in the areas.

(b) A comprehensive city demonstration program is eligible for assistance under sections 6, 8, and 9 only if the Secretary determines that—

(1) the program is of sufficient magnitude in both physical and social dimensions (i) to remove or arrest blight and decay in entire sections or neighborhoods, (ii) to provide a substantial increase in the supply of standard housing of low and moderate cost, (iii) to make marked progress in serving the poor and disadvantaged people living in slum and blighted areas with a view to reducing educational disadvantages, disease, and enforced idleness, and (iv) to make a substantial impact on the sound development of the entire city;

(2) the rebuilding or restoration of sections or neighborhoods in accordance with the program will contribute to a well-balanced city with adequate public facilities (including those needed for transportation, education, and recreation), commercial facilities adequate to serve the residential areas, good access to industrial or other centers of employment, and housing for all income levels;

(3) the program provides for educational and social services necessary to serve the poor and disadvantaged in the area, widespread citizen participation in the program, maximum opportunities for employing residents of the area in all phases of the program, and enlarged opportunity for work and training;

(4) adequate local resources are, or will be, available for the completion of the program as scheduled;

(5) administrative machinery is available for carrying out the program on a consolidated and coordinated basis, the local governing body has approved the program, and local agencies whose cooperation is necessary to the success of the program have indicated their intent to furnish such cooperation;

(6) there exists a relocation plan meeting the requirements of the regulations referred to in section 9;

(7) the program is designed to assure maximum opportunity in the choice of housing accommodations by all citizens; and

(8) the program meets such additional requirements as the Secretary may establish to carry out the purposes of this Act.