

GRANT AUTHORITY

SEC. 402. (a) The Secretary is authorized to make grants to States and metropolitan-area agencies to help finance demonstration programs for the assembly, correlation, and dissemination of information and data needed for improving, coordinating, and more effectively utilizing governmental and other programs and activities available for the solution of local urban problems. Such demonstration programs shall include:

- (1) the planning, establishment, and operation of urban information centers; and
 - (2) the assembly, correlation, and dissemination of urban physical, social, and economic development information and data through such centers for the purposes of:
 - (A) informing local governments, organizations, and individuals of the availability and status of Federal, State, and local programs and other resources for the solution of urban problems;
 - (B) providing Federal, State, and local governments with information useful and necessary to planning, programming, budgeting, and coordinating urban programs; or
 - (C) providing other information and data needed for public and private urban physical, social, and economic development activities.
- (b) A demonstration program assisted under this section shall:
- (1) specify the activities to be carried on and the kinds of information to be assembled and distributed;
 - (2) adequately justify its choice of activities, in terms of specified urban physical, social, and economic information needs and objectives, including comparisons of cost and usefulness where appropriate;
 - (3) represent substantially increased or improved activities on the part of the applicant State or metropolitan-area agency;
 - (4) contain a detailed budget together with procedures for adequate fiscal control, fund accounting, and auditing;
 - (5) be closely coordinated with related Federal, State, and local informational activities, including those receiving assistance under section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, title I of the Higher Education Act of 1963, title VI of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and other Federal programs;
 - (6) not include any activity receiving assistance under other Federal programs; and
 - (7) meet such other requirements as the Secretary may establish to carry out the purpose of this title.

EXTENT OF ACTIVITIES

SEC. 403. (a) An urban information center established by a metropolitan-area agency under this title shall be directed primarily to the provision of informational services of general metropolitanwide utility or of utility to the communities within that metropolitan area.

(b) An urban information center established by a State under this title shall be directed primarily to the provision of informational services of general statewide utility or of utility to communities not within metropolitan areas for which information centers have been established under this title.

AMOUNT OF GRANT

SEC. 404. (a) A grant under this section shall not exceed 50 per centum of the cost of the activities carried on under an approved program during one year.

(b) No grant shall be made under this title to assist in assembling data, or providing information, to be used primarily in the day-to-day operations of State or local governing bodies and agencies.

FEDERAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

SEC. 405. (a) Federal departments and agencies shall cooperate with States and metropolitan-area agencies in providing information to assist in carrying out the purpose of this title.

(b) The President shall undertake such studies to improve Federal agency program information capability and coordination as he may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.