

ality just starting out on a program involving relocation can profit from studies already made by a neighbor with previous relocation experience. Municipalities can enjoy the benefits of economy of scale, ample experience, and expertise if they are able to contract with neighboring agencies to administer relocation.

9. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING FOR RELOCATION

States and regional organizations should assist local governments in planning for relocation through such means as technical assistance in preparation of workable programs in community renewal programs; where States make urban renewal capital grants, advances therefrom should be provided for relocation planning.³¹

The Commission believes that relocation is an area where States can be of substantial assistance because many localities, particularly the smaller ones, have a long way to go in providing effective relocation assistance. With continuing growth of metropolitan areas, regional bodies such as planning commissions, development councils, and councils of governments are being established as a means of assisting local governments in coordinating activities of mutual interest. Such regional units are also frequently in a good position to provide assistance to local governments of the area in planning for relocation.

10. EARLY NOTICE OF POSSIBLE DISPLACEMENTS

The Commission recommends that Federal and State Governments require their departments and agencies and special districts causing displacement to give advance notice at the earliest practicable time to local units of general government of any construction programs which will displace persons and businesses.

With advance notice, site occupants can arrange for new housing or new business establishments and the relocation agency can survey housing needs and resources and work with displacees who need assistance. Also, in making plans for relocation every relocation agency should be kept informed of the plans of other governmental programs causing displacement within its jurisdiction. Finally, State employment service offices should be notified of pending business displacements so that preparations can be made to ease the employment transition of these people. The centralization of relocation planning and assistance in a single agency in each locality as recommended above would provide machinery for routine coordination of information on displacement plans.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESPONSES

Social and economic disparities in metropolitan areas create more complex problems for intergovernmental action than the need for particular services, such as water supply and sewage disposal or the need for a uniform and equitable policy, such as that for relocation payments and services. These disparities have far-reaching consequences that can be alleviated only by action at all levels of government moving along several lines of concern at once. The Commission

³¹ See "Uniform Relocation Assistance," ACIR, 1966 *State Legislative Program* (Washington, D.C.: October 1965), pp. 263-274.