

ment projects. All other types of Farmers Home Administration loans are used to the maximum extent for providing such needs as improved housing, strengthening family farms, recreational developments, water and sewer systems, economic development loans to rural residents, and operating loans to individual family farmers. These various kinds of FHA loans are fully utilized in the rural renewal area. Full use is also being made of the other USDA agency programs in the designated area. These include assistance from the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Forest Service, and others as needed to plan, develop, and utilize programs for the redevelopment of the area and to improve the incomes of low-income families. In accordance with Secretary's Memorandum No. 1517, other agencies and staff offices of the Department will participate in rural renewal program activities in accordance with the functions assigned to them in administrative regulations of the Department. Each of these agencies and staff offices is responsible for developing operating procedures for assisting with the rural renewal program and will coordinate them with overall rural renewal program regulations issued by the Farmers Home Administration. The rural renewal program leader works closely with the county technical action panels in the designated area to achieve the full cooperation and coordination of all agencies within the Department as well as other agencies of Federal and State Governments in supporting the development program of the rural renewal authority. This includes agencies of Federal, State and local governments and their instrumentalities and involves full cooperation and participation of county RAD committees and activities. This also involves close cooperation with development groups associated with the Economic Development Administration, the Office of Economic Opportunity, local school district officials, and State agencies concerned with employment, training, health, education, and welfare.

The program leader has been primarily instrumental in the establishment of programs for community action in designated rural renewal areas. The established rural renewal program has proven to be a means by which the programs and services of Federal and State agencies other than those within the USDA are providing services in the area. Local, county, community, and municipal governments are cooperating fully with rural renewal program leaders and authorities in achieving maximum benefits of assistance available from all government and nongovernment agencies at National, State, area, county, and community levels. Local rural areas development groups, nonprofit organizations or institutions such as development associations, housing groups, community facilities groups, soil and water associations are active in the area and are made up of local business representatives. The program leader is working with these various local leaders and businessmen as individuals and through assistance to the development groups and committees of which they are members to serve them in every possible way to obtain technical and financial assistance from the most expedient available source for bringing about needed economic and social development. These include other FHA loans and loans from other agencies of Federal and State governments as well as from nongovernment lending bodies.