

(a) Within the Public Housing Administration there is both a geographic (regional offices) and a functional (program planning, housing development, housing management, and internal administration) organization of our personnel. Coordination and cooperation are required of all these organizational units for the purpose of allocating the limited supply of new housing units, and for preparing one organizational unit to undertake the sequence of operations that follow when another organizational unit has completed its assignment.

(b) Within the Department of Housing and Urban Development, both program and personnel data are furnished to the Office of the Administrator for coordination of reports outside the agency, and cooperation within the agency. Public Housing Administration personnel consult with staff (both in and out of Washington) of the Office of the Administrator, the Federal Housing Administration, the Urban Renewal Administration, and the Community Facilities Administration for program-planning purposes, exchanging information on surveys and analyses, FHA defaults, and programing plans.

(c) The Public Housing Administration actively cooperates with the Bureau of the Budget, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Office of Emergency Planning, the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Health, Education, and Welfare (particularly the Division of Indian Health of the Public Health Service), Interior (particularly the Bureau of Indian Affairs), Justice, and Labor, the General Accounting Office, the Library of Congress, various congressional committees, and various boards, committees, and commissions, in carrying out its work. This cooperation takes the form of joint task forces, inter-agency committee memberships, memorandums of understanding, cooperation agreements, and information supplying and evaluation.

(d) State government coordination and cooperation are largely indirect, through the medium of local agencies operating under State enablements and State regulation. All pertinent provisions of State legislation are honored in administration of the federally aided low-rent public housing program.

(e) Local governments and communities are directly involved in PHA operations through their local housing agency, which usually has the form of a local housing authority. The local housing authority, or its equivalent, applies for, develops, and operates the federally aided low-rent programs made possible by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. The local government approves the application and agrees, through a cooperation agreement, to provide certain forms of assistance, either through contributions or acceptance of payments in lieu of taxes.

(f) The Public Housing Administration has no ongoing relations with either foreign governments or international organizations.

(g) Nonprofit organizations and institutions of many types, such as the National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Housing Conference, American Institute of Architects, Boy Scouts of America, Boys' Clubs of America, American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, Goodwill Industries, National Council on Aging, and various settlement houses, health and welfare councils, and similar organizations, are in constant communication with this agency concerning matters of mutual interest impinging upon the well-being of low-income persons and families.