

"NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

"SEC. 121. The Director may provide financial assistance for—

"(1) programs to provide part-time employment, on-the-job training, and useful work experience for students from low-income families who are in the ninth through twelfth grades of school (or are of an age equivalent to that of students in such grades) and who are in need of the earnings to permit them to resume or maintain attendance in school; and

"(2) programs to provide unemployed individuals (aged sixteen through twenty-one years at the time of enrollment) with useful work experience and on-the-job training, combined where needed with educational and training assistance, including basic literacy and occupational training, designed to assist those individuals to develop their maximum occupational potential.

"COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

"SEC. 122. (a) The Director may provide financial assistance for community employment and training projects. These projects shall provide work experience, on-the-job, or work training for unemployed, underemployed, or low-income persons (including projects involving both adults and youths age sixteen or over). They shall be designed to assist participants to secure or qualifying for—

"(1) permanent, meaningful employment without further assistance under this section, and

"(2) wherever possible, entry-level jobs involving the use or acquisition of skills needed for subprofessional or other career opportunities offering promise of regular or continued advancement.

"(b) Where feasible and consistent with the objectives of subsection (a), projects under this section shall be designed so that participants acquire work skills or experience in activities that involve, or will lead to permanent employment in, fields where there are critical or unmet community needs. These fields may include, without limitation, the management, conservation, or development of natural resources, recreational areas, public parks, highways, or other lands; neighborhood redevelopment; the provision of health, education, welfare, or public safety services; or other activities directed to bettering or beautifying a community or area or improving its physical, social, economic, or cultural condition.

"(c) Projects under this section shall include related supportive services, including basic education, occupational training, health services, and special counseling, as needed to assist participants to attain the objectives described in subsection (a).

"(d) In determining whether, in what amount and on what conditions, to assist projects or parts of projects otherwise eligible under this section, the Director shall consider—

"(1) in all cases, the degree to which efforts have been made to provide assurances of regular employment at the earliest feasible time, and the degree to which the project has been developed and realistically structured so as to take account of the desires, needs, and capabilities of participants;

"(2) in the case of projects or parts of projects involving activities related to physical improvements, whether the improvements will be substantially used by the low-income persons and families or will contribute substantially to amenities or facilities in areas or neighborhoods having concentrations of low-income persons and families;

"(3) in the case of projects or parts of projects involving the development of entry-level employment opportunities, the extent to which the proposed activities will not only benefit those directly participating but will also contribute or give promise of contributing to the broader adoption of new methods of structuring jobs or providing job ladder opportunities, the development and recognition of new types of careers for low-income and disadvantaged persons, or the elimination of artificial barriers in the community to employment and advancement on the part of those persons.

"SPECIAL URBAN EMPLOYMENT IMPACT PROGRAMS

"SEC. 123. (a) The Director may provide necessary financial assistance, as provided in this section, to meet costs of developing, planning, and carrying out projects which are designed to assist in meeting some of the critical problems facing urban areas, and to stimulate the fuller and more effective use of the