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"(b) In addition to evaluations undertaken directly by him or by community action agencies, the Director may provide for, or require community action agencies to provide for, independent evaluations. Where appropriate, he may also require a community action agency to establish an independent group or committee to provide evaluation and advisory services on either a short-term or continuing basis.

"PART B—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

"DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

"SEC. 220. The Director may provide financial assistance to community action agencies to assist them in developing community action programs in accordance with this title. He may also provide financial assistance to other public or private nonprofit agencies to aid them in planning for the establishment of a community action agency or participation in a community action program, including assistance to local governments in connection with planning activities and organizational changes to support or improve the effectiveness of such programs.

"GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

"SEC. 221. (a) In order to aid in the implementation of community action programs, the Director may provide general financial assistance to those programs in accordance with the provisions of this section. This assistance may be used, as approved by the Director, by community action agencies in order to enable them to carry out their planning, coordination, evaluation, and overall administration responsibilities as described in Part A of this title. It may also be used for the development and operation of approved program components which are necessary for a fully effective program and for which assistance is not available, as needed, from other sources. These component projects may involve, without limitation, activities providing services, together with necessary related facilities, designed to assist families and individuals to secure and retain meaningful employment; to make better use of available income in connection with efforts for self-advancement; to attain basic educational skills needed for employment, family self-help, or successful participation in school; to better secure, use, and maintain housing required for a suitable living environment; to undertake family planning consistent with personal and family goals, religious and moral convictions; and to make more frequent and effective use of programs available to help in overcoming specific problems. Components providing these or other services may be focused upon the needs of specific low-income groups, such as the very young, youth, the elderly, the unemployed, and persons receiving public assistance, but shall wherever feasible be structured so as to foster family participation and progress.

"(b) The Director may provide financial assistance to a public or private nonprofit agency other than a community action agency for activities of the kind described in subsection (a) where he determines, after receiving and considering comments of the community action agency, if any, that there is good cause for the granting of such assistance and that such action would be in furtherance of the policies applicable to this title.

"(c) The Director shall prescribe necessary rules or regulations governing applications for assistance under this section to assure that every reasonable effort is made by each applicant to secure the views of local public officials and agencies in the community having a direct or substantial interest in the application and to resolve all issues of cooperation and possible duplication prior to its submission.

"SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE

"SEC. 222. (a) In order to stimulate actions to meet or deal with particularly critical needs or problems of the poor which are common to a number of communities, the Director may develop and carry on special programs under this section. This authority shall be used only where the Director determines that the objectives sought could not be effectively achieved through the use of authorities under sections 220 and 221, including assistance to components or