

subject to the plan, and of the findings derived from those activities, together with a statement indicating the time and, to the extent feasible, the manner in which the benefits of those activities and findings are expected to be realized.

"(c) Not more than 10 per centum of the sums appropriated or allocated in any fiscal year for this title shall be used for the purposes of subsection (a).

"PART D—GENERAL AND TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

"RURAL AREAS

"Sec. 240. (a) In exercising authority under this title, the Director shall take necessary steps to further the extension of benefits to residents of rural areas, consistent with the extent and severity of poverty among rural residents, and to encourage high levels of managerial and technical competence in programs undertaken in rural areas. These steps shall include, to the maximum extent practicable, (1) the development under section 222(a) of programs particularly responsive to special needs of rural areas; (2) the establishment, pursuant to section 232(a), of a program of research and pilot project activities specifically focused upon the problems of rural poverty; (3) the provision of technical assistance so as to afford a priority to agencies in rural communities and to aid those agencies, through such arrangements as may be appropriate, in securing assistance under Federal programs which are related to this title but which are not generally utilized in rural areas; and (4) the development of special or simplified procedures, forms, guidelines, model components, and model programs for use in rural areas.

"(b) In order to further implement the policy described in subsection (a), the Director shall establish criteria designed to achieve an equitable distribution of assistance under this title within the States between urban and rural areas. In developing those criteria, he shall consider the relative numbers in the States or areas therein of (1) low-income families, particularly those with children; (2) unemployed persons; (3) persons receiving cash or other assistance on a needs basis from public agencies or private organizations; (4) school dropouts; (5) adults with less than an eighth-grade education; and (6) persons rejected for military service.

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Director is authorized to provide financial assistance in rural areas to public or private non-profit agencies for any project for which assistance to community action agencies is authorized, if he determines that it is not feasible to establish a community action agency within a reasonable period of time. The assistance so granted shall be subject to such conditions as the Director deems appropriate to promote adherence to the purposes of this title and the early establishment of a community action agency in the area.

"(d) The Director shall encourage the development of programs for the interchange of personnel, for the undertaking of common or related projects, and other methods of cooperation between urban and rural communities, with particular emphasis on fostering cooperation in situations where it may contribute to new employment opportunities, and between larger urban communities with concentrations of low-income persons and families and rural areas in which substantial numbers of those persons and families have recently resided.

"COORDINATION—FEDERAL AGENCIES ; USE OF STATE FUNDS

"Sec. 241. (a) The heads of all Federal agencies shall cooperate with the Director in carrying out his responsibilities under this title and shall, to the extent permitted by law, exercise their powers so as to encourage implementation of the purposes of this title with respect to all programs appropriate for inclusion in community action programs. The Director may call upon other Federal agencies from advice, information, or assistance, including the establishment of working groups of Federal personnel, in dealing with specific problems of coordination arising under programs authorized in this title. Cooperative actions or undertakings initiated pursuant to this subsection may include evaluation of local programs on a common or joint basis, and actions to assist particular communities in overcoming problems arising out of diverse Federal requirements, or in developing long-range plans where justified by prior progress.

"(b) Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the President, where funds are advanced for a single project by more than one Federal agency to a community action agency or other agency assisted under this title, any one Federal agency