

## PART B—URBAN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

## QUALIFIED URBAN COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS

SEC. 511. A community action board shall be qualified to conduct, administer, or coordinate programs under this Act, or any other provision of law, only if—

(a) the membership of the board contains representatives of local government, social welfare and public service agencies, local school systems, the general public, and representatives of the poor comprising at least one-third of the membership of the board;

(b) the representatives of the poor are selected by the residents in areas of concentration of poverty, with special emphasis on participation by the residents of the area who are poor; and

(c) in communities where substantial numbers of the poor reside outside of areas of concentration of poverty, provision is made for selection of representatives of such poor through a process, such as neighborhood meetings, in which the poor participate to the greatest possible degree.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

SEC. 512. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the Secretary may approve a community action program for support under this part if he determines that such program—

(1) includes component programs all of which are focused upon the needs of low-income individuals and families and which provide expanded and improved services, assistance, and other activities, and facilities necessary in connection therewith;

(2) has, if policy is determined by smaller constituent groups of the community action board, such as an executive committee, true representation of the poor proportionate to that attained on the community action board itself;

(3) provides that any component board which exercises jurisdiction only in a single impoverished area or neighborhood of the community, is representative primarily of and selected by the residents of such area, and is given power to initiate and disapprove programs for that area;

(4) includes provisions for reasonable access of the public to information, including, but not limited to, reasonable opportunity for public hearings at the request of appropriate local community groups, and reasonable public access to books and records of the board engaged in the development, conduct, and administration of the program, in accordance with regulations of the Secretary;

(5) is organized and designed to coordinate, to the extent feasible, all programs at the community level primarily affecting the poor, and to eliminate duplication, conflict, and waste in such programs as well as to assist in altering or eliminating ineffectual programs;

(6) includes arrangements with a reputable private and independent auditing firm to preaudit all grants and programs under this part to insure that adequate records are kept and fiscal controls enforced;

(7) includes provision for a complete audit of the books six months after the initiation of a program and annually thereafter;

(8) requires such sums granted under this section to be expended in a manner conforming to, and at a rate not in excess of that proposed under, its approved program;

(9) includes a program giving emphasis, on a high priority basis, to meet the urgent needs of the elderly poor residing in the area to be served by the community action board;

(10) provides a program to mobilize community resources in creating suitable, full-time job opportunities for the unemployed poor. This shall include special emphasis, where appropriate, on the elimination of conditions which inhibit or preclude the poor from seeking full-time employment such as the lack of day care facilities for children of mothers who might otherwise qualify for self-supporting employment;

(11) any legal services program provided for under this title shall provide legal advice and legal representation to persons who are unable to afford the services of a private attorney, together with legal research and information, as appropriate to mobilize the assistance of lawyers or legal institutions, or combinations thereof, in furtherance of the cause of justice among persons