

PART F—STATE BONUS COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 551. It is the purpose of this part to provide assistance to the States to enable them to join as partners with the Federal Government in programs carried out under this title.

ALLOTMENTS TO STATES

SEC. 552. (a) From the sums available to carry out this part for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each State an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount being allotted as the amount allotted such State under section 531 (other than subsection (d) thereof) bears to the amount allotted all the States under such section for such fiscal year.

(b) The portion of any State's allotment under subsection (a) for a fiscal year which the Secretary determines will not be required for such fiscal year for carrying out this part shall be available for reallocation from time to time, on such dates during such year as the Secretary may fix, to other States in proportion to their original allotments for such year, but with such proportionate amount for any of such other States being reduced to the extent it exceeds the sum which the Secretary estimates such State needs and will be able to use for such year for carrying out this part; and the total of such reductions shall be similarly reallocated among the States whose proportionate amounts are not so reduced.

STATE PLANS

SEC. 553. (a) Any State which desires to receive a grant under this part shall submit to the Secretary a State plan which—

(1) provides for the creation of a State office of economic opportunity (hereinafter referred to as the "State agency") which shall be the sole State agency responsible for carrying out the State plan;

(2) provides that in formulating its program to be carried out under this part, priority shall be given programs to meet the special needs of the State;

(3) provides for carrying out, or supplementing the financing of, community action programs which are eligible for assistance under other parts of this title, but are not being, or are being inadequately, assisted thereunder;

(4) provides for the establishment of a commission in the State to make a study to determine means by which programs carried on under this title may be effectively coordinated with other local, State, and Federal programs, and to report its recommendations to the State agency within one year;

(5) provides that the State agency will make such reports to the Secretary, in such form and containing such information, as may reasonably be necessary to enable the Secretary to perform his duties under this part and will keep such records and afford such access thereto as the Secretary finds necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports;

(6) provides such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this part;

(7) provides for the establishment of a program to insure that salaries of professional staff personnel shall be reasonable with due consideration of salary incomes of said individuals in previous employment.

(b) The Secretary may approve any State plan which meets the requirements of subsection (a), but he shall not finally disapprove any State plan submitted under this part, or any modification thereof, without first affording the State agency reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing.

PAYMENTS

SEC. 554. (a) The Secretary shall pay to each State which has a plan approved under this part, from its allotment under section 552, an amount equal to the expenditures of the State in carrying out such plan. Such payments shall be made in advance on the basis of estimates by the Secretary; and may be made in such installments as the Secretary may determine, after making appropriate adjustments to take account of previously made overpayments or underpayments.