

1242 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

3. There will be a substantial increase in the adult basic education and institutional vocational instruction components.

4. A labor mobility component has been added to the project.

MISSISSIPPI (NEWTON COUNTY) V-325.A-67

The Newton County Project proposal calls for training of 90 needy persons who require supportive social services, basic education, constructive work experience and vocational instruction in order to secure and hold regular employment in a competitive labor market. The Employment Service is expected to plan and execute the manpower aspects of the training program and a request for relocation assistance for those who cannot be expected to secure full-time employment locally is anticipated.

Enrollees in this project to date have been among the most severely disadvantaged found in any Title V project. Over 60 percent of the trainees enrolled have less than a fifth grade education.

Services offered to the enrollees have consisted of three hours of basic education per week with almost all of the skill training being in the form of work experience. Coordination with other manpower programs in the area while attempted has not succeeded when measured in terms of enrollment of Title V trainees in other programs.

The individual employability plans have not reflected an assessment of the individual's occupational capabilities. While there was a cooperative agreement with the local employment service to provide some vocational counseling and testing services, the degree to which these services are required could not be met, it was found without out-stationing ES personnel at the project site. This could not be done without additional financing.

The following changes were made in the project renewal as a result of employment service participation.

1. One full-time vocational counselor will be out-stationed in the project.
2. Work experience will be used for purposes of occupational exploration as well as skill training.
3. There will be a substantial increase in the adult basic education and institutional vocational instruction components.
4. Provision will be made to provide labor mobility services to this project.

MASSACHUSETTS (CITY OF BOSTON) V-132.A

This proposal was designed to involve in work experience, training and education over a one-year period 2,200 adults between 22 and 64 years of age. These persons, more than 80% of whom are family heads, will be helped through vocational training, education and work experience to upgrade skills for employment, to conserve their work habits and skills and to attain or retain capability for self-support and personal independence.

The Department of Labor agreed that this project should be renewed by the Department of HEW beginning July 1, 1967 without specific Department of Labor inputs of manpower activities. This action was taken because of insufficient time to carry out a joint evaluation that could be the basis for determining DOL inputs. However, such a joint evaluation by Department of Labor and Welfare Administration staff will be conducted in the near future to determine the possibility for improving the manpower components of the project.

CALIFORNIA (SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY) V-148

This proposal was developed to train a total of 280 AFDC mothers and AFDC-U fathers. At least 50% of the participants are expected to be unemployed fathers. Training methods will include one or a combination of the following: work experience in public agencies, adult basic education courses, vocational instruction in public and private schools, and specialized individual and group counseling.

The Department of Labor concurred that this project should be renewed by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare beginning July 1, 1967 without any specific involvement of Department of Labor activities. A review of the project proposal and supplemental information relating thereto indicated that this project was operating satisfactorily.