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duties outlined in their job descriptions, and (4) the program was being operated efficiently and purposefully. The report also noted that at the program level the number of participants and minority group members who were supposed to be served were being served and that a daily average of about 1,000 migrants were participating in program activities.

The report also stated that the program was accomplishing its task of removing the migrants from poverty and was, in fact, more than a welfare program. The voter registration program was especially commended in this evaluation report as a most effective weapon for bringing about social change.

In May 1966, CAF was awarded a second grant which provided, in general, for carrying out the same objectives as those proposed in the first grant. Educational Projects, Inc., as part of a title III-B technical assistance grant awarded by OEO, reviewed operations of the grantee at the program site in the early part of 1967, but the report on this review has not yet been submitted to OEO.

In addition, we were informed that representatives of the Office of Special Field Programs had been in communication by telephone with officials of CAF or CSF on an average of at least once a week since April 1965 when the CSF was first funded by the OEO and that they had been aware of the activities and programs conducted by the grantee. Further, we were informed that the analysts assigned to assist this grantee had made several supervisory visits to Florida to discuss problems and advise remedies regarding problems encountered in carrying out the program.

In addition, it appears that officials of the grantee have visited Washington a number of times to discuss matters regarding the activities being conducted with grant funds. Also, four progress reports have been submitted by the Board of Directors of CAF since the second grant was awarded. These reports, although not submitted at regular intervals, described program activities and relayed statistics on the number of people served by the program. The most recent progress report, covering the period May 1, 1966, to January 31, 1967, indicated that 33,389 persons had been served by the Community Action Fund program. In May 1966, when the current grant was approved, it was estimated that about 35,000 people would benefit from the grant. According to the Director, Office of Special Field Programs, the actual participation figures have not been reviewed or tested on a systematic basis in any of the evaluations performed to date and have not been questioned by OEO officials.

The Director referred us to several letters of commendation that various public and private organizations and participating migrants had written to CAF in the early part of calendar year 1967. These letters were included in CAF's proposal for another grant to begin on May 1, 1967. Among the organizations commending the Fund were the Florida Industrial Commission; the Social Security Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; the American National Red Cross; the Tampa Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.; the Sarasota County Health Department; and the Housing Authority, City of Pompano Beach. Generally the letters indicated that CAF was effective in assisting the migrants of Florida in the areas of housing, sanitation, education, and day care.

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REPORT ON OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS WITHIN THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The Federal Government, through the Office of Economic Opportunity, has committed over \$57 million to the State of Florida in the "War on Poverty." and of this, over \$6½ million directly affects the 10 counties making up the 9th District.

The figures which follow are from O.E.O. reports for Fiscal years 1965 and 1966, and the first half of FY 1967, but do not include calendar year 1967 grants which had not been made at the time of the field tour of projects in Florida.

The main categories for funding within district counties are as follows:

Rural loans.....	\$475, 870
Small business loans.....	208, 650
Summer Headstart education.....	2, 049, 483
Migrant children education.....	1, 124, 425
Adult basic education.....	376, 132
Seminole tribal council.....	151, 290
Neighborhood Youth Corps.....	109, 156
Community action programs.....	887, 128