

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 2661

Individual county totals are as follows :

Charlotte	\$106,677
Collier	1,191,175
Glades	14,000
Hendry	4,820
Indian River	99,164
Lee	380,783
Martin	81,302
Okeechobee	9,380
Palm Beach	1,020,254
St. Lucie	1,046,908

The major programs (\$50,000 or more) in each county are as follows :

Charlotte: Board of public instruction	\$100,137
Collier: Board of public instruction	1,088,131
Lee:	
Board of public instruction	131,272
Rural farm loans	128,630
Sunland training center	92,651
Martin:	
Rural farm loan	80,000
Board of public instruction	66,087
Palm Beach:	
Board of public instruction	537,167
State board of education	122,505
Marymount college	197,427
Rural farm loans	98,750
Community action council	64,405
St. Lucie: Community action organization	964,733

In addition to programs which operate under local sponsorship within the individual counties of the District, there are a group of migrant farm worker programs which are multi-county in scope. In most cases, counties of this district constitute at least half of the counties included in each of the following programs :

Migrant worker grants	\$1,292,255
Migrant legal aid	806,099
Migrant project administration	117,528
Neighborhood Youth Corps	30,480
Vista volunteers	147,400

Approximately \$2½ million has been granted to multi-county migrant programs administered by non-public groups.

Of the funds granted to local counties, over \$3 million has been administered by local units of government, mainly the county school systems. An additional half million has been funded through a Federal agency and its local committees, the Farmers Home Administration, in the form of rural farm family loans. Only one non-public local agency has received large grants, the St. Lucie County Community Action Organization, Inc. The largest school program has been the migrant education project of the Collier County School Board.

The first and most apparent shortcoming of the "War on Poverty" in this District is its uncoordinated, disorganized, overlapping profusion of public and private agencies.

In Palm Beach County alone, poverty funds have been received by the Palm Beach Community Action Council, Inc., the Farmers Home Administration, the Florida State Department of Education, the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction, Marymount College, the Community Action Fund, Inc. and the American Friends Service Committee. And of course these projects are in addition to the regular health and welfare and education programs going on in the county through the state and local governments and private groups, and a special migrant health program administered by Federal, State and county health officials.

St. Lucie County, on the other hand, has seen the development of a strong community action agency which coordinates a wide variety of programs. Those who formulated programs early and worked closely with O.E.O. were funded—those areas which did not were not funded, regardless of need.