

Mr. QUIE. You mentioned that you had difficulty with your community action agency because of late funding of programs.

Mr. TEMPLETON. I think an example, of course, is the summer Headstart as to which so far some of the programs we will finish this week for the summer. We have only been able to get 25 percent of the cost of the initial funding of the program.

Also, to go back to last year when at the end of the program year for the Northeast, because of the Congress' late appropriation, this meant that my own agency operated somewhere around 3 months by borrowing by our board, borrowing money to operate.

So it is a combination, I think, of late funding.

Mr. QUIE. So this summer's program where you are funded now has nothing to do with the funding?

Mr. TEMPLETON. No.

Mr. QUIE. Of course, we did delay the funding. However, there were arrangements made with a continuing resolution. How about any year-round projects that were developed by your community action board? Were they quickly funded or was there delay by the regional office to release funds for your operation?

Mr. TEMPLETON. I think surely this was one of the big complaints, of course, sometime ago. Now as far as the regional office is concerned, they are expediting it and we are getting it much faster.

For example, before we did not know when to expect it. Now within 2 or 3 months; in other words, around 90 days.

Mr. QUIE. When did this occur?

Mr. TEMPLETON. That is pretty difficult to say. I would say within the last 6 months.

Mr. QUIE. So none of the year-round programs proposed last fall have been funded with the speed of 90 days, nor anything you have planned this year has been funded?

Mr. TEMPLETON. You are talking about last fall now?

Mr. QUIE. Yes. Or anything that you propose this year, which is a minority of your programs, were actually planned, developed, and requested in this calendar year; is that correct?

Mr. TEMPLETON. That's right.

Mr. QUIE. What about the rest of you? What have your expenditures been? What about Athens, Ga.

Mrs. SMALL. I was thinking here sometimes late funding worked in a positive fashion. We wanted a day care program for our Morgan County very badly and wrote the project up and waited and waited and waited. Finally, the families and the children who were involved—the families of the children who were involved got so impatient they just started their own on a voluntary basis. So sometimes it has worked in a positive way. However—

Mr. QUIE. You want more of them to start that way?

Mrs. SMALL. Of course, the entire program, as I understand, is to help one to help himself. This is encouraging self-determination. It is fine.

But certainly we didn't have the professional help we needed because there were not the funds. It does make it difficult. We have been slow in getting started in many areas because of the lack of funds either late funding or no funds, period.