

maximum of 20 years. I think we could get a measure, Mr. Shriver, of needs from the mayor of Detroit, and I think the thing that ought to worry the members of the Michigan delegation and all of us in Congress is that you only have been able to fund 14 percent of the programs that the people in Detroit say are needed. They have come here with a program and they have said this is what we need. You have only been able to fund 14 percent. The people in Chicago have come to you and have said this is what you need and I don't know the percentage you have been able to fund in Chicago.

But it seems to me the significance of your statement on page 17 is that it does give us a measure, at least some measure, of the needs of these local people.

The more I listen to this debate, the more I am persuaded by the fact that this program does give local communities a chance to survey their own needs.

If you can give us the figures for the 1,050 communities, I think a lot of Members in Congress will have their eyes opened on their particular districts.

I think it would be important for Members to see what is happening in their own communities and their own areas, and what little percentage of these needs we are matching with programs now.

Mr. GARDNER. If the gentleman would yield for a moment I would like to explore your point for a moment. I think it is a very valid and good one.

It is my understanding in many, many cases and you have 1,050 throughout the United States, a mayor has little or no say-so as far as funding by OEO. We hear quite a bit about the local people being in charge but in Durham, N.C. for example, there are very few local people involved in the actual operation, paid employees.

Most of them are outside who have come into Durham. In talking with people in Newark we found exactly the same thing. We found very few people in the higher echelon in the program who were from Newark and who were familiar with the problems there.

Isn't this stretching it a little bit to say that the local people have complete control over the mayors. I don't know what the situation is in Detroit but this would not be true in some areas with which I am familiar.

Mr. SHRIVER. I think the fact is Congressman, on the board of directors, of the local community action agency all of the people are local people.

For example, in Newark all of the people on the community action agency of Newark, are residents of Newark. They are Newarkites, and they are all Newark people. They go and employ people from wherever they wish. We don't say to the people in Newark, or Durham, or Washington, D.C. that the only people that those citizens on the board of directors can employ have to be people from Washington, D.C.

Mr. GARDNER. Who makes the request, the board of directors or the mayor's office?

Mr. PUCINSKI. Who does it in Durham?

Mr. SHRIVER. In the case of Durham, it is the community action agency of Durham. Frankly, I don't know if the mayor is on that or not.

Mr. GARDNER. He is not.

Mr. SHRIVER. He can be on it. In the legislation we brought up to