IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Too low standards for building construction, making for short-run economy and long run extravagance:

Delay in federal approval of state and local project applications;

Unnecessarily detailed requirements on grant applications and on financial accounting, taking too much staff time away from program.;

Withdrawal of expected funds, so that planned projects must be scrapped, or redrawn at added expense;

Emphasis on some functions at the expense of others equally needed in an individual state;

Failure to recognize or reward a state's own creative problem-solving devices.

These are some of the problems arising as conditional grants-in-aid multiply. Conversion of groups of specific grants to bloc grants would be a helpful step the 90th Congress could reasonably enact.

V. SUMMARY

Federal revenue sharing is critically needed to ease the crushing financial burdens of state and local services.

Any federal revenue sharing plan should recognize the efforts of each state, such as Wisconsin, which seeks to provide necessary services for its citizens.

Federal revenue sharing would build on the Wisconsin tradition of unconditionally sharing state tax revenues with its local governments.

Bloc federal grants, wiping away excessively detailed grant restrictions, should be enacted whether or not a federal revenue sharing plan is implemented.

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