

RESULTS

Decisions already implemented or in the planning stage of implementation will achieve the following estimated reductions in Federal processing time in each multipurpose area :

	Percent
Model cities -----	50
Neighborhood centers -----	50
Manpower -----	47
Water and sewer -----	57

Within these general percentages, time savings for individual compounds will vary markedly because of :

current differences in processing time

other factors such as legal constraints, complex engineering requirements for construction projects, and the extent of state involvement in the grant process.

All the necessary decisions have been made to implement the process of reduction in time, and in most programs implementing action has been initiated.

These improvements will enable the Federal Government to respond more quickly to the problems of the communities. At the same time they permit state and local officials to move ahead more rapidly with such programs as housing for low income families, the establishment of neighborhood centers and manpower training facilities.

State and local processing of applications for Federal assistance should be made easier through many of these improved Federal procedures, thus saving local officials time not reflected in the tables of this report.

SCOPE OF STUDY

The Task Force focused on 42 programs in our multipurpose areas :

Model Cities (involving eight departments and agencies).

Neighborhood Centers (involving two departments and OEO).

Manpower (involving three departments and OEO).

Water and Sewer (involving four departments).

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Agency officials have made all decisions necessary to implement recommendations, and in most programs implementing actions have been initiated. When all implementing actions have been completed they will achieve the following estimated reductions in Federal processing time in each multipurpose area :

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other factors such as legal constraints, complex engineering requirements for construction projects, and the extent of state involvement in the grant process.

Projected time savings listed above will enable the Federal Government to respond more quickly to the problems of the communities. At the same time they permit state and local officials to move ahead more rapidly with such programs as housing for low income families, the establishment of neighborhood centers and manpower training facilities.

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The job ahead requires further action by state and local officials to improve their handling of applications. During the study, several opportunities for im-