

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MAYOR

The Modernization Program was authorized in December 1967 by HUD, Housing Assistance Administration.

The program is designed to upgrade physical plants, change out-moded management policies and expand community services programs and facilities in low-rent public housing projects.

The local authorities would be expected to develop long and short range programs in: (a) modernization and rehabilitation of buildings and grounds; (b) involvement of tenants; (c) expansion of community services; (d) intensifying efforts to assist tenants in economic advancement; (e) increased employment for tenants.

The financing of modernization work is to be met from current operating and development funds. The latter is provided to the extent that the modernization work cannot be financed by residual receipts and operating reserve funds. There are other limitations.

This program seems like a major tool in carrying out part of the Mayor's Housing Improvement Program. At the same time, there is a good possibility for youth employment and training.

I am not sure how much money could be made available under this program. However, it seems to offer some real assist if local housing authorities will use it.

I understand that Atlanta, so far, is not using this program potential.