

Secretary Taylor
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Programs prior to expanding this sort of malaise. With laborious and time consuming procedures necessary for obtaining CRP and 701 grant funds for Model Neighborhood Program planning purposes; with indications that the HUD agencies are not cooperating with each other to change procedures to adequately accommodate Model Cities planning needs; with no guarantee that the processing of applications has been given the highest priority other than the normal procedure; with the inequitable local non-cash matching requirements we have suffered under; we, therefore, appeal to HUD to reconsider our current financial arrangements relative to the preparation and undertaking of the Atlanta Model Neighborhood Program.

The City of Atlanta requests that HUD reserve and appropriate \$150,000 in Model Neighborhood Program grant funds in lieu of the 701 and CRP Federal grant funds to be used for planning purposes in the Atlanta Model Neighborhood Program. This additional \$150,000 in Federal grant funds would bring our base Model Neighborhood Program grant up from \$152,000 to \$302,000. The formidable obstacles we have faced to date and those that remain will be substantially reduced by favorable action on this matter on the part of HUD.

We respectfully request that this appeal be given your immediate and sincere consideration in order that sufficient funds might be made available for us to do a competent job and to improve the possibilities of achieving the goals of Model Neighborhood planning in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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