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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Secretary George Romney, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, today announced the tender of a \$3,296,638 Model Cities contract to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The balance of the outstanding reservation of \$25,113,000 of Model Cities funds for the City of Philadelphia was being continued into the next fiscal year, Secretary Romney said.

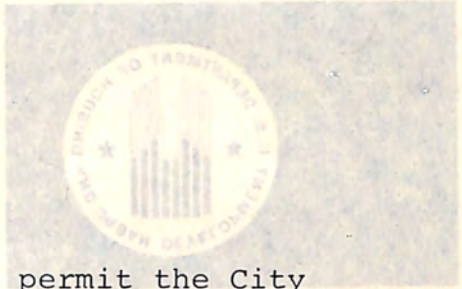
HUD Assistant Secretary Floyd H. Hyde, who administers the Model Cities Program, made the following statement in connection with today's action.

"The Model Cities program proposed by the City, as revised during the past several months by the City, represents a broad, comprehensive five-year attack on the physical, social and economic problems of the Model Cities area. The contract tender announced today is limited to a portion of Philadelphia's total first year reservation because of several problems which must still be resolved by the City. A number of projects proposed to be initiated during the first action year are not yet ready for funding, because of reliance by the City on the carrying out of these projects by corporations not yet formed.

"In the near future, the City is expected to recast its approach and also to develop a higher level of coordination with respect to the use of funds from Federal sources other than Model Cities and State, local and private funding sources. Once these improvements are made, the City will be able to receive further Model Cities grants for the remainder of its outstanding reservation. The changes which the City has recently made in the direction of strengthening the administration of its Model Cities program are encouraging and give promise of continuing improvement.

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"Today's action by Secretary Romney will permit the City to initiate several projects immediately and also provides funds for the continued administration of the Philadelphia Model Cities program, including the necessary replanning efforts. The grant approved today likewise gives financial support to Philadelphia's citizen participation structure at its current operating level."

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Secretary George Romney, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, today announced the award of a \$1,500,000 Model Cities contract to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The balance of the outstanding reservation of \$15,115,000 of Model Cities funds for the City of Philadelphia was being continued into the next fiscal year, Secretary Romney said.

HUD Assistant Secretary Floyd H. Hyde, who administers the Model Cities program, made the following statement in connection with today's action.

"The Model Cities program proposed by the City, as revised during the past several months by the City, represents a broad, comprehensive five-year plan on the physical, social and economic problems of the Model Cities areas. The contract award announced today is limited to a portion of Philadelphia's total first year reservation because of several problems which must still be resolved by the City. A number of projects proposed to be initiated during the first year are not yet ready for funding, because of reliance by the City on the carrying out of these projects by organizations not yet formed.

"In the near future, the City is expected to restate its approach and also to develop a higher level of coordination with respect to the use of funds from Federal sources other than Model Cities and State, local and private funding sources. Once these improvements are made, the City will be able to receive further Model Cities grants for the remainder of its outstanding reservation. The program which the City has recently made in the direction of strengthening the administration of the Model Cities program by encouraging and giving priority of continuing improvement."