

## Annual Awards Program for Innovations in Intergovernmental Relations

### PURPOSE

This Awards Program is designed:

to identify outstanding cooperative efforts between local governments and actions to improve State-local relations, which too often go unobserved; and to provide for these efforts a measure of the publicity which they rightly deserve, and

to make available through publication, a selected number of the outstanding actions reported each year under the program.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Any local governmental body, organization of elected officials, units of governments acting jointly, school districts in cooperation with general units of government, regional bodies, or State governments, may participate.

### JUDGMENT CRITERIA

I. The "improved intergovernmental effort in urban development" should involve areas of interest to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and organizations of public officials (e.g., meeting slum problems, encouraging orderly urban development, relating physical development needs to social, educational and economic needs in an area, reducing the cost of providing public services, etc.).

II. The activity should be innovative or precedent-making and must have taken place in the period from January, 1965 to the present.

III. The activity should be applicable in other communities, regions, or States.

Examples might include such developments as these:

- . the establishment, in many California counties, of local area formation commissions, with regulatory power over the creation of new municipalities, annexations, and special districts;

- legislation authorizing local governments to cooperate in the collection of local taxes in Michigan;
- the establishment of a State-authorized metropolitan area study commission in Portland, Oregon;
- studies initiated by the State of California, designed to apply aero-space technology to urban problems;
- the proposed vesting of regional planning and continuing transportation planning process responsibilities in the Washington Regional Council of Governments;
- the proposed agreement by 13 municipalities in Northern New Jersey, to establish a single regional urban renewal agency, and to share property taxes resulting from new industrial development within the entire region.

WHO WILL JUDGE?

Distinguished persons in the field of intergovernmental relations, including representatives of the various levels of government, will be invited by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to evaluate entries and recommend awards.