

## ATLANTA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

## Report of Special Committee to Investigate OEO Funding

Mr. Irving Kaler, Chairman,  
Community Relations Commission.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your committee to investigate supplementary funding possibilities for the Atlanta Community Relations Commission has completed its work and makes herewith its report. Members of this committee were Al Kuettner, Chairman; C. G. Ezzard, James O. Moore, Hamilton Douglas and T. M. Alexander, Sr.

The committee held two lengthy meetings and was in correspondence with the office of Mayor Ivan Allen; Mr. Charles Emmerich, director of Equal Opportunity Atlanta; Mr. Richard Granat of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, and with the city planning firm of Candeub, Fleissig and Associates in Atlanta.

The committee has ascertained the following information:

1. Mr. Granat advises that his office will be happy to discuss any proposal we might have, either informally or on the basis of a formal submission of a project. He points out that an earlier-contemplated fund for fair housing operation is not presently available because of a severe cutback in all such funds, but he indicates that OEO will be glad to work with us to every extent possible. He suggests that we deal directly with the Atlanta office.
2. Mr. Emmerich has advised that his office will cooperate fully with our Commission on specific projects and the Committee feels that we should call upon this office for long range planning and action.
3. The city of Atlanta has received a \$23,000 grant from the Stern Family Fund for the purpose of staffing the mayor's office with special help so as to develop strategy and action for mobilizing the city's forces to attack problems of the slums. The city is moving ahead on this project and has an employe for the work. Letter is attached to this report as well as a resume of the Stern Family Fund.
4. Mr. Harvey Friedman, Chairman of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D. C., has been contacted. He says his agency will be glad to work with us, initially in an advisory capacity. This is a very significant committee of top lawyers.
5. Our Committee is of the opinion that funds can be obtained for specific projects, based on detailed plans and program. It is the committee's recommendation that projects be planned in order of priority, these projects then to be submitted to the proper agency for funding. It is the consensus of the committee that long range planning, fact finding and programming must come ahead of efforts to fund the programs.

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Al Kuettner, Chairman  
For the Committee.