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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO PORTLAND, OREGON

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$1,262,987 Model Cities contract to Portland, Oregon.

Explaining HUD's action, Assistant Secretary Floyd H. Hyde, who administers the Model Cities program, said, "Portland has developed a comprehensive overall plan and has brought a number of projects to the point where they appear ready to start operation. For other projects, however, the proposed arrangements with local operating agencies have not been worked out firmly enough so they can be funded at this time. Portland also is expected to strengthen its overall administrative capacity to carry out its Model Cities program."

Assistant Secretary Hyde said that the balance of the \$3,745,000 allocated to Portland would be held in reserve and would be available for funding additional Portland activities when necessary improvements have been made.

"The funds approved today for Portland provide for a substantial start," he said. "We hope Portland will soon be in position to use its full allocation."