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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO TULSA, OKLA.

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$3,553,000 Model Cities contract to Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa will also be given support from other programs administered by HUD, by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Today's action by Secretary Romney will enable Tulsa to begin the first year action phase of its comprehensive five-year Model Cities program. State, county, local and private resources will also be used by the city in its concentrated, coordinated attack on the serious social, physical and economic problems within the Model Cities area.

Secretary Romney, who is Chairman of the President's Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action, noted the private and public involvement in the Tulsa program.

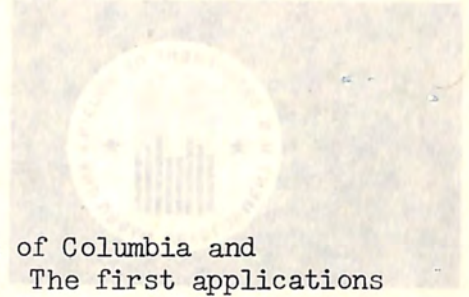
Last year, during the planning phase, The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce convened a nation-wide Growth Seminar which devoted time to the Model Cities Program. The University of Oklahoma Extension Office in Tulsa was directly involved in preparing the city's comprehensive plan. A non-profit corporation, The Target Area Action Group, will help identify voluntary opportunities for residents and community-wide interests in the first year action phase of the Tulsa program. In addition, the Red Cross North Tulsa Chapter will also be involved.

Commenting on the decision to tender a contract, Secretary Romney explained that this was done after a careful review of the Tulsa comprehensive plan. The plan was thoroughly studied and analyzed both by the Regional and Washington Interagency Review Committees representing those Federal Departments and Agencies with urban aid programs.

"During the past several months, Tulsa has done an excellent job in revising its proposals and improving its capability to operate its first year action program," he said.

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A total of 150 communities in 45 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are participating in the Model Cities Program. The first applications for planning grants were approved in November 1967.

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NOTE: A summary of the Tulsa Model Cities Program is available upon request to the Office of Public Affairs, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C. 20410.

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