

July 1, 1969

Mr. William U. Norwood, Jr.  
Regional Manpower Administrator  
U. S. Department of Labor  
1371 Peachtree Street, N. E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Norwood:

Grave concern was expressed at the June EOA Board meeting about the up-coming requirement for ten percent non-federal matching funds in our next ACEP program year beginning September 1, 1969. Atlanta, like all large cities today, has very limited financial resources compared to its demands, and it is extremely difficult for community agencies like EOA to secure additional local cash.

As you will recall, the original ACEP proposal allowed EOA to claim as local "in-kind" the supporting resources of its community action program and other federally assisted agencies providing opportunities for New Careers and NYC trainees. With this now disallowed, and assuming current funding levels, EOA faces a need to generate approximately \$200,000 in non-federal share. At present only about \$88,000 of "in-kind" seems clearly available, leaving a potential non-federal deficit of more than \$100,000.

Atlanta, being the regional city that it is, finds that the best New Careers training slots, with promising salaries and upward mobility potential, are with federal or federally supported agencies. Likewise, the youth component (Operation Ready), by virtue of being tied in with Project Value, sponsored by the Department of Defense, is in the same situation. While this is a happy circumstance for the individual enrollee, it poses a dilemma for those who must find 10% local resources to match these costs.

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Because of the above factors, the EOA Board would like to request that the U. S. Department of Labor grant a waiver on our New Careers and Operation Ready components allowing us to claim as local in-kind the participation of federally supported agencies. We understand that such action is possible and that there are similar precedents.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Boisfeuillet Jones, Chairman  
Board of Directors

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen  
✓ Mr. Dan Sweat  
Dr. Charles Hicks