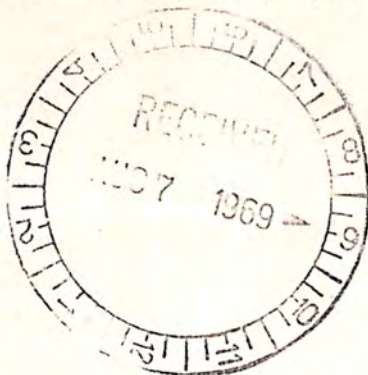




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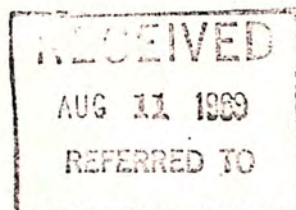


August 6, 1969

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Mr. Lester H. Persells
Executive Director
Housing Authority of the
City of Atlanta
824 Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



Dear Mr. Persells:

Subject: Project No. Ga. A-2
Neighborhood Development Program
Eligibility as Part of an Urban Renewal Project
(Regular Program or NDP) of Certain Temporary
Project Improvements

During the discussion in your office on July 30, 1969, attended by Mr. A. F. Milne and members of his staff, mention was made of Interim Assistance Program type activities now permitted under an NDP. The following information may be of value to you in preparing the LPA's application for 1970.

It is now HUD policy to allow as an eligible Item 1 or Item 2 project cost: (a) the installation or construction of temporary parks and playgrounds in an NDP or urban renewal area project where provided for in the Urban Renewal Plan and where found to further the accomplishment of urban renewal objectives, and (b) temporary construction or reconstruction work on existing publicly-owned streets and utility lines in an NDP or urban renewal area where such work is provided for in the Urban Renewal Plan and is determined to further urban renewal objectives.

Modification to existing Urban Renewal Plans to allow an LPA to install or construct temporary parks and playgrounds and perform temporary construction or reconstruction work on public-owned streets and utility lines can be accomplished only where the land involved is already in public ownership, or has been or is to be acquired for other NDP or urban renewal project purposes. Such modifications are considered minor plan changes and do not require another public hearing under Federal law or prior HUD approval of the action. The LPA must, of course, meet any applicable public hearing requirement of State and local law.

The policy change, coupled with existing HUD policy, particularly existing policy relating to LPA property management (see Urban Renewal Handbook 7211.1, Chapters 1, 2, and 3, and NDP Handbook 7384.1, Chapter 5, Section 1),

is intended to grant eligibility as part of an urban renewal project (regular program or NDP) to all activities now permitted under the Interim Assistance Program with the exception of repair or improvement of non-LPA-owned properties. To be eligible costs, these interim type activities must be provided for in the Urban Renewal Plan. Under the Interim Assistance Grant Program, expenditures for the following activities are eligible to the extent necessary to alleviate harmful conditions in, and to protect the health and safety of residents of, the program area:

1. Systematic clean-up of public areas and ways, including the carrying out of comprehensive rodent control and extermination measures. *note*
2. Special collection of refuse (garbage and trash) and bulky junk such as old appliances, furniture, and autos parked by owners and tenants for removal and disposal as part of an area-wide campaign to clean up private premises. *note*
3. Repair of serious deficiencies in public streets to meet needs consistent with short term continued use of area prior to undertaking of permanent action (except expressway, freeways, and other limited access streets), such as temporary patching of holes or cuts in pavement and the repair of curbs, gutters, culverts, and sidewalks.
4. Repair of publicly-owned buildings and publicly-owned utilities including street lighting and stationary fire and police communication systems. The repairs shall be limited to the extent needed to meet needs consistent with the short-term continued use of the area prior to undertaking of permanent action.
5. Repair of serious deficiencies in parks and playgrounds to meet needs consistent with short term continued use of area and establishment of temporary playgrounds on vacant land within the area, including reasonable costs of leasing such land for this purpose.

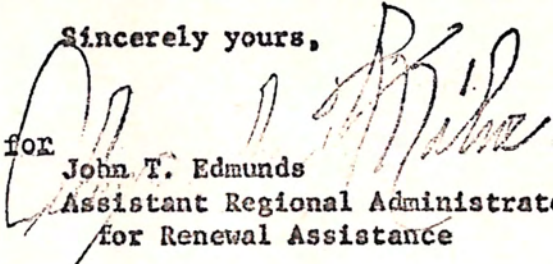
The foregoing policy change is intended to provide LPA flexibility to alleviate harmful conditions in renewal areas prior to the time that permanent renewal of the area can be achieved. Work performed should be of an interim temporary nature and shall not include upgrading of continuing services such as regular garbage and trash collection. For example, the Regional Office shall give priority consideration to the systematic clean-up of a program area rather than the upgrading of a continuing service such as combined refuse collection from a biweekly to a weekly basis. Moreover, where such services are inadequate, the Regional Office shall give priority consideration to LPA requests for

financial assistance for interim type activities which involve commitments by the locality to provide, in addition to federally-funded activities adequate locally-financed recurring services to maintain the program area in a clean condition on a continuous year-round basis.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

Acting for


John T. Edmunds

Assistant Regional Administrator
for Renewal Assistance

cc: Mr. Howard Openshaw
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