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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO WINOOSKI, VERMONT

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$788,000 Model Cities contract to Winooski, Vermont.

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

Today's action by Secretary Romney will enable Winooski to begin the first-year action phase of its comprehensive five-year Model Cities program. State, 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.

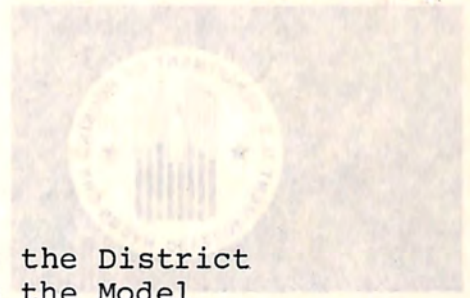
Secretary Romney, who is Chairman of the President's Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action, noted that the Winooski model cities plan was largely the product of voluntary effort--reflecting the fact that in Winooski, because of its small size (8,000 pop.), most of local government is done on a volunteer basis.

State agencies also participating in the planning were: Department of Social Welfare, the Office of Local Affairs, The Interagency Council on Aging, the Vermont Highway Department, the Governor's Office, the Central Planning Office, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and others.

Commenting on the decision to tender a contract, Secretary Romney explained that this was done after a careful review of the Winooski 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, Winooski 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 Winooski 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