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IMPACT OF HUD PROGRAMS TO BE STUDIED

Improving the effectiveness of major Federal programs is the aim of a research contract announced today by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

T. F. Rogers, Director of HUD's Office of Urban Technology and Research, announced the award of a \$100,000 contract to the American Society for Public Administration. The project will study several of HUD's programs in terms of their operation in a number of selected cities.

Mr. Rogers noted that "it is one of HUD's prime responsibilities to insure that states, cities and localities use its assistance programs to maximum advantage. The conclusions of this study are expected to aid both HUD and the cities in improving the results of such Federal programs as public housing, urban renewal, water and sewer facilities, and open space."

The National Academy of Public Administration, working with its parent organization, the American Society for Public Administration, will establish a national panel and individual city panels to conduct the study. These panels will develop a pattern describing the activities related to the administration of each program surveyed in a city, and analyze the principal local critical decisions and actions. The panel members will include members of the Academy and residents of each city to be surveyed who are knowledgeable in public administration matters.

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Among the questions to be studied will be the local reaction to the initiation of a program; the nature of Federal, State and local initiative; how the problem to be solved was perceived by various groups within the community; whether skilled personnel were available to carry out the program, and what the performance rate and effectiveness has been in the light of local circumstances.

When the individual city studies are completed, the results will be assessed on a national scale and general conclusions drawn.

Further information can be obtained from George Graham, Director, National Academy of Public Administration, 1225 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

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