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SHRIVER REPORTS ON INDIAN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, announced today that at the end of Fiscal Year 1966 (June 30), two-thirds of the American Indians living on Federal reservations had been able to help themselves through OEO's community action and delegated programs.

In making the announcement, Mr. Shriver said that the Department of Labor reported \$3.4 million obligated during Fiscal 1966 for Neighborhood Youth Corps projects, providing job opportunities for over 7,000 youngsters who were trying to earn money to continue their education. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported over \$2.8 million for Work Experience Projects and \$154,986 for Adult Basic Education. The Small Business Administration made a total of 12 loans in the amount of \$96,700 (see attached) to CAP - SBDC's (Small Business Development Centers).

There are approximately 600,000 American Indians in the United States. About 315,000 live on Federal reservations in 23 States. The average family income is \$1500. OEO funds projects on these reservations. Those Indians not living on Federal reservations (such as the 65,000 in Oklahoma), are participating in community action programs in the communities where they reside.

Community action programs, including Head Start, remedial education, community betterment and beautification projects, counseling, credit unions, health and home improvement, have been administered by 100 tribes in 20 states; at a total cost of \$19,874,680. OEO Demonstration, Research, Training and Technical Assistance grants have amounted to \$4,598,238. 266 VISTA Volunteers have been assigned to 56 reservations in 17 States at a cost of \$891,100. (See attached)

Mr. Shriver also said, "Community action is not new to the Indian people. They have been doing this before the arrival of the non-Indian." He said that the success of the Indian-OEO program was tremendous--"...There were experts who told us, when the War on Poverty got underway -- that the Indian wasn't ready for a program based on local initiative, a program which required Indians to sit down together, analyze their needs, manage and administer their own programs -- that the Indian didn't want and wouldn't respond to such a challenge. We were told -- by experts -- that we would be lucky if 2 out of 16 tribes would respond. Well, the experts were wrong. The Indians have made their real choice -- they chose to plan for themselves and carry out those plans...just as they have done in communal decisions for many moons -- of decisions by the people regarding their own problems.

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They have analyzed their own needs and proceeded to implement those needs with OEO programs.

"OEO realized that technical assistance would be needed on many reservations in making applications for grants, organizing a staff, etc. A consortium of experts located at three major universities -- Arizona State at Tempe, the University of Utah at Salt Lake City and the University of South Dakota at Vermillion were placed at the disposal of the reservation residents. Many of these experts are Indians. Others are persons who have spent their lives in dedicated service to the Indian. Each has a Bureau of Indian Studies in its University and a long history of working with the Indian people. When the people on the reservation request technical assistance, experts from one of the Universities go to the reservation in their area.

The total amount of money spent was \$31,972,876. A breakdown by the 20 States is attached. (Michigan, Kansas and Iowa not included)

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INDIAN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
FISCAL YEAR 1966

<u>Alaska</u>	\$ 103,807
Community action program for engine repair training	1,463
Work Experience programs - 25	102,344
 <u>Arizona</u>	 \$11,956,620
Community action, including Head Start, Legal Services, Remedial English, etc.	8,842,879
Arizona State University, No. Arizona Univ., Demonstration, Technical Assistance & Training	1,750,837
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 1548	537,758
Adult Basic Education - 1175	137,746
VISTA Volunteers - 100	335,000
Small Business Administration Loans - 6	52,400
Work Experience - 360	300,000
 <u>California</u>	 \$ 336,665
Community action	
 <u>Colorado</u>	 \$ 34,686
Community action	24,636
VISTA Volunteers - 3	10,050
 <u>Florida</u>	 \$ 177,842
Community action	144,012
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 65	30,480
VISTA Volunteer - 1	3,350
 <u>Idaho</u>	 \$ 47,149
Community action	21,549
Adult Basic Education - 40	5,500
VISTA Volunteers - 6	20,100
 <u>Minnesota</u>	 \$3,309,468
Community action	2,681,426
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 103	49,080
VISTA Volunteers - 17	56,950
SBA Loans - 4	41,500
Work Experience - 255	480,512
 <u>Mississippi</u>	 \$ 178,157
Community action	15,441
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 250	162,716
 <u>Montana</u>	 \$1,876,623
Community action	1,101,666
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 896	589,607
VISTA Volunteers - 41	137,350
Work Experience - 35	48,000

<u>Nebraska</u>	\$ 104,056
Community action	13,132
Adult Basic Education - 250	9,900
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 178	74,324
VISTA Volunteers - 2	6,700
<u>Nevada</u>	\$ 626,600
Community action	174,037
Work Experience - 122	252,213
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 342	193,650
VISTA Volunteers - 2	6,700
<u>New Mexico</u>	\$2,687,620
Community Action	1,710,640
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 1,644	629,269
Work Experience - 75	115,520
VISTA Volunteers - 7	23,450
Demonstration (Zuni)	208,741
<u>North Carolina</u>	\$ 683,218
Community action	596,938
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 75	79,580
VISTA Volunteers - 2	6,700
<u>North Dakota</u>	\$2,889,753
Community action	2,025,636
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 251	82,590
Work Experience - 195	724,577
VISTA Volunteers - 17	56,950
<u>Oregon</u>	\$ 69,881
Community action	43,751
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 30	12,730
VISTA Volunteers - 4	13,400
<u>South Dakota</u>	\$4,726,570
Community action	1,599,822
University of South Dakota, technical assistance and training	1,087,913
Demonstration - Low-cost housing	
Rosebud Sioux	641,493
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 887	615,361
Work Experience - 235	715,531
VISTA Volunteers - 19	63,650
Small Business Administration Loans - 2	2,800
<u>Utah</u>	\$1,176,757
Community action	-----
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 619	215,103
Adult Basic Education - 30	1,840
VISTA Volunteers - 6	20,100
University of Utah: Technical Assistance & Training	909,254
Work Experience - 25	30,460

<u>Washington</u>	\$ 587,266
Community action	328,959
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 183	93,557
VISTA Volunteers - 17	56,950
Work Experience - 150	107,800
 <u>Wisconsin</u>	 \$ 225,724
Community action	172,124
VISTA Volunteers - 16	53,600
 <u>Wyoming</u>	 \$ 174,414
Community action	39,904
Neighborhood Youth Corps - 168	114,410
VISTA Volunteers - 6	20,100

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR INDIAN YOUTH IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA (INDIAN)

Eight Indian Reservations in North and South Dakota will have a two month summer youth program to benefit over 13,000 children and young adults, it was announced today by Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Shriver said that approximately 470 young people will be employed in the programs. The majority will be selected from those who are eligible for, but for whom there was no room in the Neighborhood Youth Corps programs on the reservations. The programs include work on community and tribal playgrounds, recreation areas and other facilities. Organized sports and recreational activities as well as tutoring and counseling will also be provided.

The OEO grants totaling \$300,000 were made to the following tribes:

North Dakota

Devils Lake Sioux, Fort Totten
Standing Rock Sioux, Fort Yates
Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewas, Belcourt

South Dakota

Cheyenne River Sioux, Eagle Butte
Lower Brule and Crow Creek, Fort Thompson
Oglala Sioux, Pine Ridge
Rosebud Sioux, Rosebud

A description of each program is given on the attached releases.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR DEVILS LAKE SIOUX RESERVATION, NORTH DAKOTA (INDIANS)

A two month summer youth program will provide organized and supervised summer activities for 250 children and young people of the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe in Benton and Ramsey Counties (Ft. Totten), North Dakota, it was announced today.

The summer program will be conducted under an OEO grant of \$15,000 and will include recreation, sports, counseling, and cultural enrichment in the three communities on the reservation. Twenty young people, for whom there was no room in the area Neighborhood Youth Corps project will be employed.

Archie Borstad is the Project Director.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES, FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION,
NORTH DAKOTA (INDIANS)

A two month summer youth opportunity program will provide organized and supervised summer activities for 300 children and young people of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Hidatsa, Arikara and Mandan Indian Tribes) in Mountrail, McLean, Dunn and McKenzie Counties (New Town), North Dakota, it was announced today.

The summer program will be conducted under an OEO grant of \$20,000 and will employ 30 reservation youths for whom there was no room in the area Neighborhood Youth Corps project. They will help conduct sports and supervised playground activities as well as tutor and counsel children 6 to 16 years of age.

Melvin Walker is the Project Director.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR CHEYENNE RIVER RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA (INDIANS)

A two month summer program will provide organized and supervised summer activities for 2,600 children and young people, 6 to 21 years of age, of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in Dewey and Ziebach Counties (Eagle Butte), South Dakota, it was announced today.

The summer program will be conducted under an OEO grant of \$40,000 and will employ 60 young people who cannot be placed in work program projects. These youths will work on community and Tribal playgrounds, recreation areas and other facilities. They will also assist in the recreation program by organizing sports and conducting recreational activities. They will work in teams of 12 as recreation aides, group leaders, tutors, etc. to bring these services to the reservation residents.

Orrin Olson is the Project Director.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE, PINE RIDGE RESERVATION,
SOUTH DAKOTA (INDIANS)

A two month summer youth opportunity program will provide organized and supervised summer activities for 5,200 children of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Washabaugh, Bennett and Shannon Counties (Pine Ridge), South Dakota, it was announced today.

The summer program will be conducted under an OEO grant of \$60,000 and will employ 112 young people who are not eligible for the Neighborhood Youth Corps project. The aides will conduct a planned, supervised recreation program and sports activities for children between the ages of 7 and 15. They will also help in various other community action programs, such as Head Start, home management, health services, education, and in the Tribe's water development project.

Gerald One Feather is the Project Director.

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THURSDAY A.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 1967

SEMINAR TO STUDY PROBLEM: DELIVERING LEGAL AID TO INDIANS

The problems of providing legal services to Indians on reservations will be discussed at a conference of Legal Services Program directors and law school professors September 29 and 30 at the UCLA Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead, California.

The conference will serve to encourage law schools and law students to participate more actively in the effort to bring legal help to Indians and as a training seminar for LSP directors. It is being sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity's Legal Services Program and the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.

Professor Monroe Price of the UCLA Law School, Earl Johnson, Jr., director of the national Legal Services Program, and Dr. James Wilson, head of the Indian Division, Community Action Program, OEO, will address the conference.

Among the other participants in the seminar will be Professor Mary Shepardson of San Francisco State College; Soia Mentschikoff, University of Chicago law professor; Theodore Mitchell, director of the Navajo Legal Services Program, Window Rock, Arizona, and Professor Frederick Hart, director of the Pre-law Program for Indian Students, University of New Mexico.

Panel discussions will explore the problems and ambitions of Indian Legal Services Programs; the cultural and linguistic problems of delivering legal aid on reservations; how law schools can help in the effort; and the role of LSPs in fostering economic development.

There are 13 Legal Services Agencies in 14 states that serve Indians living on reservations. They include one serving the vast Navajo reservation, which includes parts of four states.

There has been a growing interest in legal aid for Indians on the part of many law schools, particularly in the West. Dean Richard Maxwell of the UCLA Law School has taken the lead in urging law schools in states which have Indian reservations to take an active role in the legal services effort.

The problems confronted by Indian legal Services Programs include the existence of an Indian legal and court system that is at variance with the English legal system familiar to most of American society; the special status of Indians residing on federal reservations, and the fact that few Indians have attended law school.

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QUINULT INDIAN RESERVATION (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$11,944 to the Quinault Tribal Council of Taholah (Grays Harbor County), Washington, for a Head Start program. The \$11,944 project to the Tribal Council represents \$11,525 in new Federal funds, and \$419 in reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The grant will provide a 10-month child development program for 30 pre-school children. The Center, in Queets, will use the services of one professional and two non-professional employees.

Mrs. Blanche Pennick, CAP Director, is the Head Start director.

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THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES, NORTH DAKOTA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$157,763 to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town (Montrail, McLean, Dunn, McKenzie and Mercer Counties), North Dakota, for a Head Start program. The \$157,763 grant to the Three Affiliated Tribal Councils (Arikara, Hidatsa, and Mandan Tribes), represents \$152,483 in new Federal funds, and \$5,280 in reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The grant will provide a 9-month child development program for 105 pre-school children. The five centers will be located at Mandaree, Twin Buttes, White Shield, Black Lodge and Lucky Mound. Eight professional and 21 non-professionals will be employed in the program.

The Head Start Director has not been selected.

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OGLALA SIOUX, PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA (INDIANS-C&A)

Economic Opportunity Programs of health education, community development, Ranger Corps, home management and improvement, for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota will be continued, it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$531,661 project to the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge (Bennett and Washabaugh Counties), represents \$472,726 in new Federal funds and \$58,935 in reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Under the administration portion of today's grant, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, VISTA and other OEO reservation programs will continue to be administered, directed and coordinated.

The health education program will provide teams of community health workers to visit the sick, elderly, crippled, expectant mothers, families with new-born babies, large families, etc. The health workers will also assist the residents with follow-up medication and care, help transport residents to clinics and hospitals, teach good health practices and child care in the home, as well as accident prevention and identification and use of community resources. One Public Health nurse, four team leaders, and 17 non-professional community health aides will be employed in the program

Neighborhood centers will be established in all seven districts of the reservation. A Director, Community Development Specialist and eight community worker aides will help the community residents plan and develop future programs through cooperative efforts.

A Ranger Corps, employing one professional Ranger and 20 local non-professionals, will help develop conservation programs for the reservation. The main emphasis will be on fish and wildlife, forest and range development, arts and crafts, park and recreation area development.

The Rangers are also taught first aid, and will cover the sections of the reservation which are inaccessible by car.

Home management services will be the function of a home economist and ten homemaker aides, visiting homes and teaching homemakers on the reservation. Consumer education, and instruction in the preparation of nutritional meals with surplus food commodities will be taught the homemakers as well as home beautification, sewing, furniture refinishing and upholstering.

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FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA (C&A - INDIANS)

Programs of community development, health and home management, and neighborhood facilities for the residents of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Roosevelt, Valley, Sheridan and Daniels Counties, Montana, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$168,604 project to the Fort Peck Tribal Council represents \$153,579 in new Federal funds and \$15,025 in reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The community development program will provide for the coordination, direction and administration of the community action program for the Assiniboine and Sioux residents of the Fort Peck Reservation. Community worker aides will visit residents living in remote areas of the reservation, and aid in community resource development.

Health and home management will provide training for 20 health and home management aides who will work throughout the reservation on a 24-hour per day basis, assisting with health and sanitation problems, and providing training in home management. Two nurses and one home economist will direct the program.

A one and one-half month continuation of the development and improvement of public recreational facilities, access roads, not included in State Highway access allotment, and dilapidated homes of the reservation residents by 27 worker-trainees will allow completion of this part of the Community Action Program.

The 12-member democratically elected Tribal Council has selected Phillippena Denny to direct the program.

All grants for OEO Indian Community Action Programs on Federal Reservations are made to Indian Community Action Agencies. Grants are processed through the Indian Division of the Office of Special Field Programs, CAP, Washington, D.C.

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MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COUNCIL, WASHINGTON (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$24,146 to the Muckleshoot Tribal Council of Auburn (King County), Washington, for a Head Start program.

The funds will provide an 8-month child development program for 30 pre-school children. The center will use the services of four professional and three non-professional employees.

In addition to the educational curriculum, the children will receive the benefits of nutritional, medical and social services.

Mrs. Virginia Brown is the Head Start director.

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NEZ PERCE RESERVATION, LAPWAI, IDAHO (C&A - INDIANS)

Needed programs of community development, adult and youth remedial education, employment and counseling, and repair and rehabilitation of reservation resources for residents of the Nez Perce Reservation (parts of Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Clearwater and Nez Perce counties), was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$72,815 project to the Nez Perce Tribal Council represents \$37,457 in new Federal funds and \$35,358 in reprogrammed funds.

The community development program will allow the Community Action Program office to administer and service all community action components, conduct community and staff meetings, oversee fiscal operations and contact the more than 1,500 reservation residents.

The remedial education program for 50 youths will be based on their needs as shown by school records and testing. It will operate for 8 weeks in the summer. Refresher or basic education courses, for 80 adults to improve their employment opportunities will operate for 10 months. Five certified teachers will be employed.

The employment and counseling program will help develop employment opportunities for single adults and heads of households whose employment opportunities are limited. Where possible, they will be placed in training programs.

The repair and rehabilitation of reservation resources will give work-experience to 25 worker-trainees and will add to the overall economic value of the reservation by: repairing truck trails and access roads (not included on the BIA list), removing brush, planting trees, cleaning up rubbish, rehabilitating picnic areas, cemeteries, forest and wildlife areas.

Acting CAP Director Angus Wilson has been appointed to direct the program.

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SHRIVER BACKS PRESIDENT'S INDIAN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity said today that President Johnson's program for the American Indians, as enumerated in his special message, is one of the most worthwhile goals ever undertaken by the American people.

Throughout his message to Congress, the President stressed goals of self-help, self-development and self-determination for the American Indian.

Mr. Shriver said that one of the first OEO grants, in November 1964, was made to an Indian tribe. Since that time over 100 tribes have chosen to plan for themselves and carry out those plans through OEO programs. Of the 400,000 Indians on Federal reservations, OEO programs are currently reaching 80 per cent. This is only the beginning--the Indian is by no means out of poverty--but now with a unified government policy in the areas of health, education, jobs and housing, Indian people will share substantially in all federal programs.

The Indian people have started to take the initiative in solving their own problems and now have a voice and a choice in meeting their social and economic needs. This is evidenced by current OEO community action programs on the reservations, which include: self-help housing, remedial education, community development, tutoring and counseling for young people and school dropouts, credit unions, alcoholism programs, health and home improvement, adult education, summer youth, community homemaking programs as well as Head Start and legal services programs. The total cost of these programs for the past year was \$21.8 million.

The President asked for a special Upward Bound program for Indian high school students.

Thomas A. Billings, Ph.D., national director of Upward Bound, particularly praised the President's message for putting added Federal dollars where they are needed, to fulfill future opportunities for Indian young people. "The \$3 million in Fiscal 1969 for college scholarships and family living allowances will help ensure that the Indian students, motivated to go to college through OEO's Upward Bound program, will be able to secure the financial resources to pursue this American dream," said Billings.

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leaders requested assistance. This consortium of experts (funded by OEO) has assisted the Indian people in making applications for grants, organizing and training staffs and providing other needed services.

Other current OEO programs for American Indians include:

- 255 VISTAs (Volunteers In Service to America) serving on 49 reservations in 19 states, at a cost of \$854,250
- demonstration programs of self-help housing in Arizona and South Dakota, Arts and Crafts in New Mexico and an experimental school program in Arizona. These serve over 4500 people at a cost of \$1.3 million
- legal services programs on 10 reservations
- credit unions on 12 reservations have over 4,000 members, none of whom ever had a savings account or owned a share of anything before
- parent and child centers which are designed to serve the special needs of families having at least one child under the age of three.

(The last three are included in community action expenditures)

The total amount of money spent in 1967 for OEO programs on Federal Indian Reservations is \$26.6 million.

Mr. Shriver said that he is encouraged by the President's order to launch an undivided, Government-wide effort through the establishment of a National Council on Indian Opportunity.