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MICCOSUKEE INDIANS OF FLORIDA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$43,671 to the Miccosukee Tribal Council (Tamiami Station), Miami, for a Head Start program. Of this amount, \$31,530 are new Federal funds, and \$12,141 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program funds will provide a 12 month child development program for 25 disadvantaged pre-school children. The center will be staffed by two professional and three non-professional employees.

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

Miss Lillian Blakley is the Head Start Director.

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PUEBLO OF ISLETA, NEW MEXICO (INDIANS-C&A)

A community development and conservation program for the 2,000 residents of the Isleta Pueblo in Valencia and Bernalillo counties, New Mexico, will be continued it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$101,992 project (\$90,438 representing new federal funds and \$11,554 reprogrammed from a prior grant), will be administered by the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Council, the governing body on the reservation. The Council will direct, manage, and administer all community action programs, as well as coordinate other available programs with local, county, state and other Federal agencies.

Natural resources of the reservation will be developed to attract needed industries from Albuquerque and the West Coast to alleviate the unemployment situation on the Pueblo. Soil conservation of natural resources will increase the productive yield of the land to help counteract food deficiency. Twenty project workers and one crew foreman will be employed.

Mrs. Rose Barreras will continue to direct the program.

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION, MONTANA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$153,151 to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, Lame Deer (Lame Deer, Rosebud and Big Horn counties), Montana, for a Head Start program.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program funds will provide a 12-month child development program for 143 disadvantaged pre-school children, 3 and 4 years of age.

The 5 centers will use the services of 7 professional, and 18 non-professional employees.

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

Mrs. Jan Roberts is the Head Start Director.

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PAPAGO INDIAN RESERVATION, ARIZONA (C&A - INDIANS)

Continuation of community organization and neighborhood centers programs on the Papago Indian reservation (in Pima, Pinal and Maricopa Counties), at Sells was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$175,000 project represents \$106,698 in new funds and \$68,302 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant. The Papago Tribal Council will administer the program which will provide for the administration and management of the overall direction and coordination of the community action programs as well as develop and coordinate other programs for the reservation.

The neighborhood centers will strengthen local community organizations and enlist the participation of all the reservation residents to utilize and develop existing resources for the economic development of the reservation.

Joe Moore is the Community Action Program Director.

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HUALAPAI RESERVATION, ARIZONA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$37,930 to the Hualapai Tribal Council of Peach Springs (Coconino, Yavapai, and Mohave counties), Arizona for a full-year Head Start program. Of this amount \$35,525 are new Federal funds and \$2,405 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program grant will provide a 12-month child development program for 46 children between the ages of 3 and 5 years old. The Center will use the services of 3 professional and 5 non-professional employees.

In addition to the educational curriculum, the children will receive the benefits of medical, nutritional and social services. It is anticipated that 30 volunteers from the target area will participate in the program.

The Head Start Director has not be selected.

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BREMERTON, WASHINGTON (SUMMER HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$8,335 to the Kitsap Community Action Board, Bremerton, Washington for a summer Head Start program on the Suquamish and Little Boston Indian Reservations.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said the Community Action Program will provide a two-month child development program for 30 children who will enter school this fall. The center will use the services of four professional and six non-professional employees.

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

Mrs. Bonnie Loop is the Head Start Director.

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EASTERN OKLAHOMA INDIANS TO BENEFIT FROM OEO PROJECT (DEMONSTRATION)

A program that will demonstrate that off-reservation Indians in a ten-county area Eastern Oklahoma, can effectively promote their own rural economic development through community organization and participation, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The \$470,277 Community Action Program demonstration grant was made to Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, Inc. of Norman, Oklahoma, a non-profit organization founded in 1965 to improve the material and cultural conditions of Indians residing in Oklahoma.

There are some 200,000 off-reservation Indians in the State of Oklahoma. The ten-county area in which this demonstration project will operate, has an estimated 30,000 Indians, the majority of whom are in the inaccessible hard-core category.

Among the objectives of the 12-month project are the following:

--create strong grass-roots organizations where the poor can participate in setting up and implementing their own programs;

--pool all available resources from Federal and private agencies for the implementation of specific economic programs such as cooperatives and service industries;

--set up lines of communication between various departments and agencies in order to avoid duplication of efforts. A number of Federal agencies are funding projects for Indians in Eastern Oklahoma but lack of coordination has produced duplication and confusion. OIO could act as an "umbrella organization for the pooling of Federal and other resources towards the economic rejuvenation of the area;

--and, help the Indians plan for area-wide organization with longer-range goals in economic development.

Economic and social development specialists will be employed to work through non-professional aides drawn from the poor, to create interest among the Indians for economic development. OIO will also work with agencies having on-going programs in the area to promote basic education, leadership training and consumer education.

The counties involved are Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah, Haskell, Latimer, Le Flore, Pushmataha and McCurtain.

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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON (SUMMER HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$4,183 to the Mason-Thurston Community Action Council, Inc., Olympia, Washington, for a Summer Head Start Program, to be conducted on the Skokomish Indian Reservation.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program grant will provide an eight week child development program for 15 pre-school children. The Center will use the services of two professional and three non-professional employees.

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

The Head Start Director has not been selected.

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MAKAH INDIAN RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (C&A - INDIANS)

Needed programs of adult education, health, housing and youth programs for the residents of the Makah Indian Reservation, Neah Bay (Clallam County), Washington was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$94,276 project to the Makah Indian Tribal Council represents \$84,949 in new Federal funds and \$9,327 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The adult education program for 300 reservation residents will provide basic instruction in arithmetic, industrial art, language, typing and home economics. These courses will improve communication skills, nutrition and budgeting as well as enable some of the residents to qualify for further training. Work with both school and adults to help solve cultural problems of Indian children is also included. One certified teacher and six nonprofessional teacher aides will be employed.

Physical, environmental and mental health services will be continued under the community health education program. This will include pre-natal care, alcoholism, child care, assistance to the elderly in nutritional and health problems and wholesome, healthful, leisure-time activity. The community health director and one resident community health assistant will work in the program.

A business consultant and consumer educator will be employed to work with the Tribal Council and individuals in helping them increase the economic potential of the reservation. He will serve as liaison between the Small Business Administration and individuals seeking services and information on housing loans, contracts, and economic opportunities for assistance from Federal, state and local agencies, and hold meetings with the residents of the reservation to inform them of proper buying, available resources, etc.

The Housing Development Program will help the local housing authority to develop and establish housing programs and designs which meet the needs of the people.

The Makah Manpower Work Corps will provide work experience for 20 indigent residents who will clear and level a 90 acre housing site. They will also work on the homes of 30 local residents. Work will include repair, plastering, etc.

The Summer Youth Opportunities Program will enable 10 high school youngsters to gain work experience while cleaning up the community, painting the homes of the impoverished, thus helping to develop their social needs. Organized recreation and field trips are also included.

Sandra V. Johnson will continue as project director.

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FOR RELEASE: OCTOBER 2, 1968

UINTAH AND OURAY INDIAN RESERVATION, UTAH (C&A - INDIANS)

A community development program for residents of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The OEO grant of \$48,000 will be administered by the Ute Indian Tribal Council of Fort Duchesne (Uintah and Duchesne counties), Utah.

The project will provide for the management and direction of the community action programs and the development of other programs for the 7600 reservation residents.

A director and five community workers will be employed in the program.

Dennis A. Mower is the CAP Director.

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WALKER RIVER PAIUTE RESERVATION, NEVADA (C&A - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. today announced a grant to the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, Schurz, Nevada.

The \$16,857 grant represents \$13,808 in new Federal funds and \$3,049 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant. It will continue a community development and study center program.

The after-school and community study center will provide a place for 350 students and residents to receive professional assistance with academic subjects in an atmosphere conducive to learning.

Community development will assist the Tribal Council in developing economic and social programs for the reservation as well as to administer and coordinate existing community action programs.

Frank Stannard is the CAP Director.

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FOR RELEASE: OCTOBER 15, 1968

FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$120,442 to the Fort Peck Tribal Council, Poplar (Roosevelt, Valley, Sheridan and Daniels Counties), Montana, for a full year Head Start program.

Theodore M. Berry, Director of Community Action for the Office of Economic Opportunity, said the program is designed to meet the social, psychological, medical, nutrition and educational needs of 100 children from impoverished Indian families. The program will employ seven professionals and nineteen non-professional program assistants.

The children will meet in 11 classes in 6 centers; one in Brockton and Frazer; two in Wolf Point and Poplar.

Mr. William A. Sansaver is the CAP Director.

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MAKAH INDIAN RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$12,684 to the Makah Indian Tribe, Neah Bay (Clallam County), Washington to refund a five-month Head Start program.

Theodore M. Berry, Director of Community Action Programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity, said the grant will continue a Head Start program for 30 children from impoverished Indian families. The children will meet in one center and benefit from the health, nutritional, and educational services of the child development program.

Employed in the Makah Tribe program are four non-professional program assistants and one professional.

Miss Sandra Johnson is the Community Action Program Director.

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QUINULT INDIAN RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$10,808 to the Quinault Tribal Council of Taholah (Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties), Washington, to refund a full-year Head Start program.

Theodore M. Berry, Director of Community Action Programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity, said the program benefits 30 pre-school children, meeting in one center, in Queets, in two classes. They are receiving the comprehensive health, nutritional, social and educational services of Project Head Start.

Miss Alice Chenois is the Community Action Program Director.

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QUINULT INDIAN RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (C&A - INDIANS)

A program, aimed at meeting the needs of the more than 700 residents of the Quinault Indian Reservation, Taholah, Washington, will be continued, it was announced today by the Washington, D. C. Office of Economic Opportunity.

The \$69,849 project to the Quinault Tribal Council represents \$66,151 in new Federal funds and \$3,698 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant, and will be used for educational counseling, health services, community development, and administration.

The educational counseling program will be a comprehensive testing program to identify academic needs for grades 1-12; referrals when indicated; intensive remedial work with students and parents; special vocational guidance training; counseling those not in school; replacement in adult education programs; NYC and other vocational training programs, for the 450 educable members of the reservation. One professional guidance counselor and two non-professional associate guidance counselors will be employed.

Health classes, conducted in schools, will promote health education and preventive medicine. Visits to the sick and school absentees who are ill, and instructions in infant care will be provided. Routine checks on students referred by teachers will be made in cooperation with a county health nurse. First aid and transportation to the doctor or hospital will also be provided. A clinic will have regular office hours to give advice on health problems. Instructional films on health matters will be shown. This program will benefit all residents of the Reservation. One professional and several community volunteers will assist in the clinic and in obtaining transportation to take people to the doctors or hospitals.

A professional business manager consultant will advise and counsel the local residents to further develop community self-help and improvement, through a multi-service center staffed by resident volunteers.

Community development will centralize and coordinate the community action programs on the reservation and help develop job experience skills for residents which can be utilized in future community and private enterprise.

Alice Chenois is the CAP Director.

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FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$54,884 to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Harlem (Blaine and Phillips Counties), Montana, for a full year Head Start program.

Theodore M. Berry, Director of Community Action Programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity, said the program is designed to meet the social, psychological, medical, nutritional and educational needs of 67 children from impoverished Indian families. The program will employ six professionals and ten non-professional program aides.

The children will meet in five classes at three centers.

Raymond Gone is the CAP Director.

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

An economic development program 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 \$33,807 project will be administered by the Fort Peck Tribal Council of Poplar, Montana.

The economic potential of the reservation will be increased by the promotion of the tourist industry, and the development of recreational programs for the residents. Plans will also be coordinated to improve the housing on the reservation.

William Sansaver, the CAP Director, will direct the program.

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

Economic Opportunity programs of community development and neighborhood centers for the residents of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Blaine and Phillips Counties, Montana, will be continued it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$74,860 project will be administered by the Fort Belknap Tribal Council of Harlem, Montana.

The community development project will provide for the administration of community action program components, supervising the neighborhood centers, developing and conducting community health outreach services, coordinating VISTA activities, liaison with other agencies, and development of intake, assessment, referral, follow-up and local job development services.

The neighborhood centers program will provide intake and referral services, health outreach services, adult education services, and a youth program of activities and counseling for young people. Non-professional health workers and two counselors will be employed in the project.

The economic potential of the reservation will be increased by developing and expanding manufacturing and tourist industries on the reservation.

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GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, SACATON, ARIZONA (INDIANS)

Continuation of needed programs for residents of the Gila River Indian Reservation in Sacaton, Arizona was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

A grant of \$220,900 to the Gila River Tribal Council will provide educational, administration and community development and alcoholism prevention and treatment programs to benefit the reservation residents.

The three-part educational program will consist of Head Start, evening classes for adult education and counseling service to students and their families.

Six professional teachers and three non-professional adult education aides and guidance counselor aides will be employed.

The administration and community development program will provide in-service training of local residents for future Indian leadership in community action programs. Community development aides will personally contact families and community leaders in order to develop community meetings and convey the ideas expressed by the people to the community action agency.

The alcoholism prevention and treatment program, in cooperation with the Public Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will offer case-work services for court referral, diagnostic medical counseling, psychiatric services, and vocational and family rehabilitation for 260 reservation residents. One professional social worker and three project aides will be employed.

Burdette Morago, CAP Director, will direct the program.

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NEZ PERCE RESERVATION, LAPWAI, IDAHO (HEAD START - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$79,805 to the Nez Perce Tribal Council of Lapwai (Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Clearwater and Nez Perce counties), Idaho for a full-year Head Start program. Of this amount, \$79,692 are new Federal funds and \$113 are reprogrammed funds from a prior.

Theodore M. Berry, Director of the Community Action Program for the Office of Economic Opportunity, said the program will serve the medical, nutritional, educational and social welfare needs of 90 pre-school children from impoverished families. Three centers, one in Lapwai, one in Kamiah and one in Orafino will be under the direction of five professional and eight non-professional employees.

Mrs. Sue Bright is the Head Start Director.

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