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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FOR ROSEBUD SIOUX RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA (INDIANS)

A two month summer youth activity program will provide organized and supervised summer activities for 2,500 children and youths, ages 6 to 21, of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in Todd County (Rosebud), South Dakota.

The summer program will be conducted under an OEO grant of \$50,000 and will employ 64 youths who are not eligible for the area Neighborhood Youth Corps project. They will assist in providing supervision for organized recreation, sports and playground activities. They will also help develop recreational facilities in the Reservation's eight communities, which is one of the goals in the overall reservation development plan.

Robert Waln is the Project Director.

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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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Fifty worker-trainees will learn basic skills while repairing and/or renovating 150 homes on the reservation. Under the supervision of four supervisors, the worker-trainees will receive training in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electricity, heating and sheetmetal. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (Department of the Interior), will provide \$60,000 in FY 1968, for building materials.

An Executive Committee, selected by the 32-member Tribal Council, is the governing body of the CAP. Gerald One Feather, the present Community Action Program Director, will continue 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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OEO's present Upward Bound program, which enrolls disadvantaged high school students in a special educational program to improve their academic base and motivation for college careers, is currently working with 1050 Indian students. This is 4.5 per cent of Upward Bound's total current enrollment of 23,000 students.

Due to the shortage of Indian lawyers--there are believed to be only eight in the entire country--a demonstration Upward Bound project is currently being conducted at the University of New Mexico Law School. Fifteen Indian undergraduate students are receiving special preparation and incentive courses to work toward professional law degrees.

A program is also being worked out in cooperation with the American Bar Association to recruit 200 students from minority groups to attend eight prominent law schools in the country.

Another Upward Bound demonstration project involving 80 Indian students from Arizona reservations, is being conducted by Arizona State University at Tempe. These students are receiving special courses aimed at the unique educational and cultural problems of the Indian.

The total cost of Upward Bound projects for Indians is \$1.4 million.

The President also requested expansion of the Head Start program for Indian preschool children.

There are approximately 26,000 four and five-year-old Indian children on Federal reservations at the present time. OEO's Head Start program for 1967 operated on 65 reservations, enrolling 9929 four and five year olds. There were 7876 participating in full year programs and the balance in eight-week summer programs. The approximate cost for each child in Head Start is \$1,000 per year. It would take \$26 million to enroll these children in Head Start. Head Start's current budget for Indian programs is \$7.5 million, which is included in the community action expenditure of \$21.8 million.

Under the Special Field Programs in the Community Action Division of OEO the Indian people submit their proposals directly to the Indian Division, which is staffed by 85 per cent Indian people.

OEO has recognized Indian reservations as a special kind of community. Many Tribal Councils had never handled money, organized and conducted programs, etc. Realizing that technical assistance and training would be needed on many reservations, three major Universities, Arizona State at Tempe, the University of Utah at Salt Lake City and the University of South Dakota at Vermillion formed a Consortium to be available when the reservation

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## LUMMI INDIAN RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (C&A - INDIANS)

A community development and community center services program for the residents of the Lummi Indian Reservation, Marietta (Whatcom County), Washington, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$40,000 project to the Lummi Tribal Council will improve the quality of life for the reservation residents.

The community center services will include the improvement of existing housing, development of new housing, community safety, provide training and assistance to families to improve their home life, employability, education and advancement.

The program will employ one professional and two non-professionals (1 carpenter/plumber and 1 aide).

The community development component will provide for the administration and coordination of present community action programs, the development of new programs and coordination with other Federal programs.

Forrest Kinley is the CAP Director.

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

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$16,918 to the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Fort Duchesne (Uintah and Duchesne Counties), Utah.

The four month grant will enable the Tribe to provide an administrative staff to coordinate and centralize the community action effort in the community, to seek funding and assistance from other agencies, and to develop and administer other programs to improve the economic and educational status of the reservation residents.

A director and six non-professional aides will be employed.

The project director has not been selected.

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## WHITE EARTH INDIAN RESERVATION, MINNESOTA (C&A - INDIANS)

Community action programs to meet the needs of the 5,000 residents on the White Earth Reservation in Mahnomen County and portions of Becker and Clearwater Counties, Minnesota, will be continued it was announced today in Washington, D.C., by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The grant of \$222,415 to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (Tribal Council), represents \$162,831 in new Federal funds and \$59,584 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The Committee will supply overall coordination and management of the community action programs, plan and develop new programs in conjunction with other agencies and local resources.

The following programs will be conducted:

--A developmental reading program for 250 youngsters so that their reading ability may be increased. Four professionals and four non-professional development reading aides will be employed.

--A credit union will enable the reservation residents to become better acquainted with the process of learning to save and to borrow money at reasonable interest rates. Basic consumer education will also be taught.

--Neighborhood centers will give counseling and guidance, community organization, recreation and group work services to the residents in their own neighborhoods. These centers will serve as the focal point of community unification and participation. Two professionals and 30 non-professionals (four neighborhood center supervisors and 26 neighborhood center aides) will be employed.

--Community improvement program will provide employment for 30 under-employed and unemployed older people in permanently beautifying and improving the community. Projects will include lakeshore development, camp ground development and other recreational area improvement. Six foremen will supervise the 30 laborers.

Charles LaDue is the Director.

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## LOWER BRULE AND CROW CREEK INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL, SOUTH DAKOTA (LEGAL SERVICES - INDIANS)

A program of legal counsel and representation for more than 1,500 residents of the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Indian Reservations in (Buffalo, Hyde, Hughes, Stanley and Lyman Counties), South Dakota was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$37,720 project represents \$28,605 new funds and \$9,115 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant, to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Inter-Tribal Council.

The Legal assistance program for the community will continue to serve those residents who cannot afford an attorney.

The program includes representation in all civil matters, and a program of preventive legal education. Community meetings will be scheduled in the areas served for the purpose of informing residents of their legal rights.

An office at Fort Thompson operates full time, and a field office at Lower Brule operates part-time. One attorney, one legal secretary, one clerk-typist-receptionist, one investigator-interpreter and two summer law students will be employed in the 12-month program.

David Lee Bergen is the project director.

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WIND RIVER RESERVATION, WYOMING (LEGAL SERVICES - INDIANS)

The continuation of legal counsel and representation for more than 3,800 residents of the Wind River Reservation in parts of Fremont and Hot Springs Counties, Wyoming was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$37,604 grant, to the Shoshone and Arapahoe Joint Business Council of Fort Washakie, Wyoming, represents \$27,631 new Federal funds and \$9,973 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant. The legal assistance program in the community serves those residents who cannot afford an attorney.

The program includes representation in all civil matters and counseling of persons summoned to appear before the Tribal Council as well as U.S. and local courts.

The legal services office is located at Fort Washakie. Meetings and educational sessions will be held for adult groups and organizations.

The office staff consists of a Director-attorney, one legal secretary and two resident non-professional interpreter-investigators, one will speak Shoshone and one will speak Arapahoe and one law student.

Harry Harnsberger is the director of the program.

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## ZUNI INDIAN RESERVATION, NEW MEXICO (LEGAL SERVICES - INDIANS)

A program of legal counsel and representation for the Pueblo of Zuni Indian Tribe, McKinley County, New Mexico, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$44,005 grant to the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Council will be used to continue the present legal services program. Of this amount, \$31,642 represents new Federal funds and \$12,363 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Free legal assistance will be provided in civil matters to those reservation residents who cannot afford an attorney. Preventive legal education programs in consumer, family, welfare, criminal and Indian law will be conducted by the attorneys and counselors. Movies and other visual aide materials will be used in conducting this phase of the project.

The project will employ an attorney as project director, two summer law interns, one lay counselor (fluent in both Zuni and English) who may represent the persons before a Tribal Court, as attorneys are not allowed to do so, one investigator-interpreter (fluent in Zuni and English), and one secretary-receptionist.

An eight-member independent Board of Directors will be appointed by the Governor of the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Council; an attorney from the McKinley County Bar Association, two non-Indian members of the Zuni community, and five members of the residents to be served.

Louis G. Stewart, Jr. is the Project Director.

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## CALIFORNIA INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL (C&A - INDIANS)

An economic and manpower development program for all Indian reservations in California, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$325,520 12-month project to the California Inter-Tribal Council of Alturas, will provide for the establishment of an overall community action program for the reservations.

At present, 39 reservations are members of the Inter-Tribal Council.

The purpose of the economic and manpower development program is to:

- develop the reservation according to the self-help principal;
- help the tribes best use their land-base resources;
- increase job opportunities for the reservation population.

Health, housing and education programs will also be developed.

The Inter-Tribal Council will have offices in Sacramento, Hoopa, Susanville, San Diego, and Riverside. The program is designed to serve some 6,000 reservation residents.

Twelve professionals and 24 non-professional aides, clerks and secretaries will be employed in the project.

The project director has not been selected.

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## MICCOSUKEE INDIAN RESERVATION, FLORIDA (C&A - INDIANS)

The Miccosukee Tribal Council, (Tamiami Station) Miami, Florida, will continue a neighborhood centers program for the 345-member tribe, it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$32,676 project to the Tribal Council represents \$32,653 in new Federal funds and \$23 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Through the neighborhood center, community health, clerical, and fiscal support services for the Head Start program will be administered. Two professionals and 3 non-professionals, one secretary and two aides, will be employed in the program.

Dr. J. W. Rehbien will continue to direct the program.

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## CHEROKEE INDIAN RESERVATION, NORTH CAROLINA (C&A - INDIANS)

Economic opportunity programs of social services, home improvement, Tribal housing and training for the residents of the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Swain and Jackson Counties, North Carolina, will be continued, it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$173,005 grant to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina, represents \$125,986 in new Federal funds and \$47,019 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

In addition to administering and coordinating community action programs on the reservation, the program will include:

--Social services, to define the problems which prevent the families from functioning as a family unit, and to structure their own solutions.

--A home improvement and skill opportunity program will give eleven worker-trainees a chance to learn basic construction skills while improving the homes of 300 families on the reservation.

--Tribal Housing And Training (THAT) program will provide an opportunity for 20 families to get new homes by contributing a portion of their labor as down payment. The 20 worker-trainees will also learn basic construction skills in masonry, carpentry, electrical wiring and plumbing.

Savannah Bigwitch is the CAP Director.

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CROW INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA (C&A - INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C. today announced a grant of \$11,192 to the Crow Tribal Council, Crow Agency (Big Horn County and parts of Yellowstone County), Montana, for economic development of the reservation.

The grant will provide for the employment of two coordinators, who will be responsible for developing small businesses, forming cooperatives, and a business training program. They will also develop and coordinate other available programs.

Joe Lauderdale is the CAP Director.

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LOWER BRULE AND CROW CREEK INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL, SOUTH DAKOTA (C&A - INDIANS)

Economic opportunity programs of community development, homemaking and mutual-help housing for the residents of the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Indian reservation will be continued it was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C.

The \$154,964 project to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Inter-Tribal Council, Fort Thompson (Buffalo, Hyde, Hughes, Stanley and Lyman Counties), represents \$123,027 in new Federal funds and \$31,937 reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The community development portion of the grant will provide for the administration of all the reservations community action programs, and the development and coordination of other programs. Home visits, community meetings and the implementation of industrial development will also be included.

Homemaking services such as nutrition, meal planning, cooking, consumer education, budgeting, child care and development, home nursing, etc., will be given to the residents by home visits, demonstrations, lectures and classes. One professional and 10 non-professional homemaking aides will be employed.

Mutual help housing program will be continued for 3 months to complete the 40 homes already started. Forty worker-trainees are receiving training in basic construction skills such as masonry, carpentry, heating, plumbing, electricity and sheet metal. Other agencies participating in the project are the Housing Assistance Administration (HUD); Bureau of Indian Affairs (Department of Interior); U. S. Public Health Service (HEW) and the Tribal councils of both reservations.

Four professionals and 41 non-professionals (40 worker-trainees, and 1 clerk-bookkeeper) are employed in the program.

Floyd Taylor is the CAP Director.

All grants for programs to assist migrant and other seasonally employed farm workers and their families are made by OEO to the grantee for administration of the program under the authority of Title III-B, Section 312 of the Economic Opportunity Act, as amended. Grants are processed through the Migrant Division of the Office of Special Field Programs, CAP, Washington, D.C.



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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, MONTANA (SUMMER HEAD START-INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$37,250 to the Community Action Program of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Reservation, (Flathead, Lake, Missoula and Sanders Counties) Dixon, Montana, for a summer Head Start program. Of this amount, \$34,710 represents new Federal funds and \$2,540 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the grant will provide a two-month child development program for 145 pre-school children. The six centers will use the services of 12 professional and 22 non-professional employees.

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

The Head Start Director has not been selected.

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INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF NEVADA (SUMMER HEAD START-INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$136,412 to the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., Reno, Nevada, for a summer Head Start program. Of this amount, \$95,293 are new Federal funds and \$41,119 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

The counties included in the Inter-Tribal Council are: Washoe, Humboldt, Elko, Pershing, Lander, Eureka, Churchill, White Pine, Storey, Lyon, Ormsby, Douglas, Mineral, Nye, Lincoln, Esmeralda and Clark.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program grant will provide a three-month child development program for 380 pre-school children. The 15 centers will use the services of 18 professional and 41 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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TURTLE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION, NORTH DAKOTA (HEAD START-INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$209,480 to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt (Rolette County), North Dakota, for a Head Start program. Of this amount, \$203,690 are new Federal funds and \$5,790 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 196 pre-school children. The three centers will use the services of nine professional and 21 non-professional employees.

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

Miss Diane Schrader is the Head Start Director.

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YAKIMA RESERVATION, WASHINGTON (SUMMER HEAD START-INDIANS)

The Office of Economic Opportunity today announced a grant of \$8,711 to the Yakima Tribal Council of Toppenish, Yakima County, Washington, for a summer Head Start program. Of this amount, \$7,922 represents new Federal funds and \$789 are reprogrammed funds from a prior grant.

Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of OEO, said that the Community Action Program grant will provide a two-month child development program for 50 pre-school children. The two centers will use the services of three professional and four 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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