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A MOTION to adopt 1976 King County Housing and Community Development Objectives to guide the planning and expenditure of Block Grant funds and the development of a Housing Assistance Plan under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

WHEREAS, the application for Community Development Block Grant funds requires the development of a Community Development Plan and Program and a Housing Assistance Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Block Grant regulations provide for locally developed Objectives to guide those Plans, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Development Commission has reviewed the attached Objectives, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Committee reviewed and refined that set of Objectives, and


WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Committee has recommended that the King County Council adopt the King County Housing and Community Development Objectives dated October 2, 1975,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

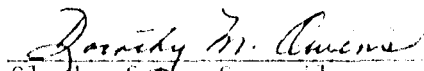
King County Housing and Community Development Objectives, dated October 2, 1975, are hereby adopted to direct the planning and expenditures of Community Development Block Grant funds and the development of a Housing Assistance Plan in both the Unincorporated areas of the County and in participating suburban cities and towns.

PASSED this 10th day of November 1975

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

KING COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES FOR 1976

OCTOBER 2, 1975

These objectives shall guide the expenditure of 1976 Block Grant, Housing and Planning Funds which are made available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All proposed activities shall be evaluated in terms of how well they further the accomplishment of these objectives.

No programs of physical improvement, urban design, economic development, or environmental protection can overcome the destructive effects of social disharmony or the absence of community feeling. Nor can these programs restore to the community the lost contributions of the stereotyped individual barred from full participation. Therefore, all people -- women, men, youth, aged, handicapped and people of diverse racial, religious and national backgrounds -- must be provided the opportunity to fully participate in society and exercise all the privileges of citizenship. Opportunities must be developed for those who have been denied access to government, educational facilities, employment and housing. We must promote opportunities for those who are least able to meet their own essential needs.

We recognize our county to be one of the few remaining urban counties with a viable urban-rural mix and a balance of land use and lifestyle which we value and wish to enhance through Housing and Community Development funds.

To further these ends we agree on the following objectives for this program:

"The primary federal objective of the Community Development program is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. Maximum feasible priority "must be given" to activities which benefit low or moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight."

ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance the financial ability of persons to obtain and retain decent dwelling units. Specific means of accomplishing this objective could include: (a) builder guarantee of workmanship and materials; (b) an insurance program to cover major defects in housing construction and materials; (c) cash payments to help defray the increase in property taxes due to home improvements.
2. Assure an adequate housing supply to low and moderate income persons through: (a) production of new dwelling units, (b) maintenance of existing standard dwelling units; (c) rehabilitation of below standard dwelling units; and (d) removal of obsolete dwelling units.

3. Improve economic opportunities through housing and human service programs for low and moderate income persons, minorities, elderly, handicapped and youth.
4. Insure that public utility investment (such as storm and sanitary sewers and water, drainage, etc.) is used to serve areas which will improve housing conditions and provide employment opportunities for low and moderate income persons.
5. Encourage the accessibility of employment to persons of low and moderate income through coordinating the development of housing, employment opportunities, and transportation within local communities.
6. Use funds in areas where they will be appropriate to generate and promote additional involvement of the private sector.
7. Encourage public and private cooperation in programs to construct or rehabilitate buildings which will subsequently be used to employ people of low and moderate income.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

1. Recognizing the importance of their supporting role, allocate up to 20% of the total amount of Block Grant funds for Human Services.
2. Improve the availability and accessibility of human services by the following:
 - a. Promote geographical decentralization.
 - b. Increase mobility through improved public transportation services and facilities.
 - c. Encourage the use of joint facilities, including those of County-wide or regional significance.
3. Encourage personal development and self sufficiency of persons of low and moderate income, the elderly and handicapped, by the following:
 - a. Assuring adequate nutrition and health care;
 - b. Developing new skills for livelihood;
 - c. Overcoming social barriers which limit opportunities;
 - d. Providing accommodations for people who are physically handicapped.
4. Provide opportunities for involvement of elderly to gain the benefits of their knowledge and experience.

5. Assure an open housing market and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of sex, marital status, race, creed, color or national origin.
6. Use funds to provide open space and recreational facilities located and designed to improve neighborhoods and to serve low and moderate income persons.

ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

1. Correct existing public health problems of an environmental nature in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

The following environmental objectives are desirable consequences to be achieved in the course of carrying out the previously stated economic and social objectives. Although not the primary objectives of the program, these objectives should be followed in achieving the Economic and Social Objectives.

1. Assure desirable environmental quality in residential areas.
2. Minimize and offset adverse industrial, commercial and residential blighting influences.
3. Retain open space and agricultural lands.
4. Identify, preserve and restore historical sites and buildings.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The following additional concerns should be incorporated in the planning, execution and application processes as management guidelines.

1. Assure appropriate and effective working relationships among King County, other governmental jurisdictions, the private sector and the general public.
2. Coordinate and cooperate in planning and execution both within and between jurisdictions.
3. Establish and fund continual and representative citizen involvement in each designated action area, in each participating incorporated jurisdiction, and on a county-wide level to assist planning, to monitor implementation and to evaluate program impacts.
4. Inasmuch as the federal regulations prohibit it, these funds will not be used to fund recurring operation and maintenance costs.
5. Plan for and evaluate both intended and unintended social, economic and environmental impacts of major program actions to assure the achievement of program objectives and purposes.
6. These funds shall not be substituted for committed expenditures appearing in existing capital improvement programs and operating budgets, but may be utilized for matching funds where applicable or to augment existing commitments.