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# HOPE VI

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Eli J. Segal  
THROUGH: Jim Scheibel & Shirley Sagawa  
FROM: Tim Silard  
RE: Hope VI Update  
DATE: June 8, 1995

Following is an update you requested regarding the Hope VI.

### I. Status of Community Service Plan Approval

Of the 34 implementation sites, as of June 1, 1995 revised community service plans had been received from 19 grantees. Of those, the Corporation has approved 15 and requested additional clarification or information from 4. We have reviewed draft plans from 7 other sites and anticipate submission of final plans within 60-90 days. The remaining 8 sites have not yet submitted a community service plan.

### II. Visits and Hands-on Assistance

Corporation Headquarters staff, consultants and State Program Office staff have conducted a total of 60 visits to all but two of the 34 HOPE VI sites. In a number of sites, State office staff have participated in many meetings with residents, housing authority staff, and local partners to develop quality community service plans.

### III. Resource Materials

The Corporation has developed two principal publications to assist HOPE VI grantees: "Guidelines for Developing HOPE VI Implementation Plans" and "Self-Help in Public Housing: A Handbook for Developing Successful HOPE VI Community Service Programs". In production are five sets of instructional materials on community service in public housing around public safety, education, human needs, neighborhood environment, and small business development. The Corporation has also made a number of publications and materials available to HOPE VI grantees on specific topics

such as: creating intergenerational community service programs, involving youth in community policing and public safety, community service and the delivery of comprehensive health services, etc.

#### IV. Conferences and "Community Service Plus"

The Corporation has sponsored community service workshops at two national conferences for HOPE VI grantees sponsored by HUD. From June 21-24, all 32 grantees will participate in the Corporation's intensive, nuts-and-bolts conference designed to prepare all grantees to launch their community service programs. The June conference also focuses on what we call "Community Service Plus" -- mechanisms for leveraging HOPE VI service dollars through collaborations with the private sector, universities, and other local partners.

#### V. AmeriCorps\*VISTA HOPE VI Leaders

The Corporation has recruited 20 AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leaders to assist HOPE VI sites to develop and launch high-quality service programs. AmeriCorps\*VISTA Leaders are Returned Peace Corps Volunteers or VISTA volunteers who have completed a year or more of service. These Leaders will be trained at the end of June and placed with 15 HOPE VI Grantees. In addition, Leaders will be placed with the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and National Council of the Churches of Christ.

#### VI. National Partnerships

- The "I Have a Dream" Foundation has targeted six HOPE VI sites interested in establishing "IHAD" chapters. IHAD raises endowment funds from private individuals to assist current 8-9 year olds to attend college if they complete high school. In addition, IHAD runs after-school and summer enrichment programs to ensure that the children will indeed graduate. In some existing sites, IHAD has doubled high school graduation rates. Residents and college students will serve with IHAD to raise private endowments and to tutor the children.

- The National Council of the Churches of Christ has raised private dollars to provide loans for very-low income Americans to start their own businesses. NCC, working with the Columbia University School of Business and the Kauffman Foundation, has targeted HOPE VI sites for loans and technical assistance to public housing residents and their neighbors interested in starting businesses, particularly as vendors to local health care providers. HOPE VI community service participants will gain skills with which they can then start their own enterprises in fields such as home-based health care.

- The Corporation is working with the Child Welfare League of America and the Bureau of Primary Health Care to provide technical assistance to HOPE VI sites around comprehensive primary health care and prevention services. HOPE VI community service participants will be trained to work with public and private health care providers to increase birth weights, counsel mothers on nutrition and early childhood development, address senior health needs, and educate their neighbors to prevent substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, and violence.
- The Corporation has also partnered with the Department of Justice to engage community service participants in HOPE VI sites to prevent and address youth violence, delinquency, and gang participation in their communities.