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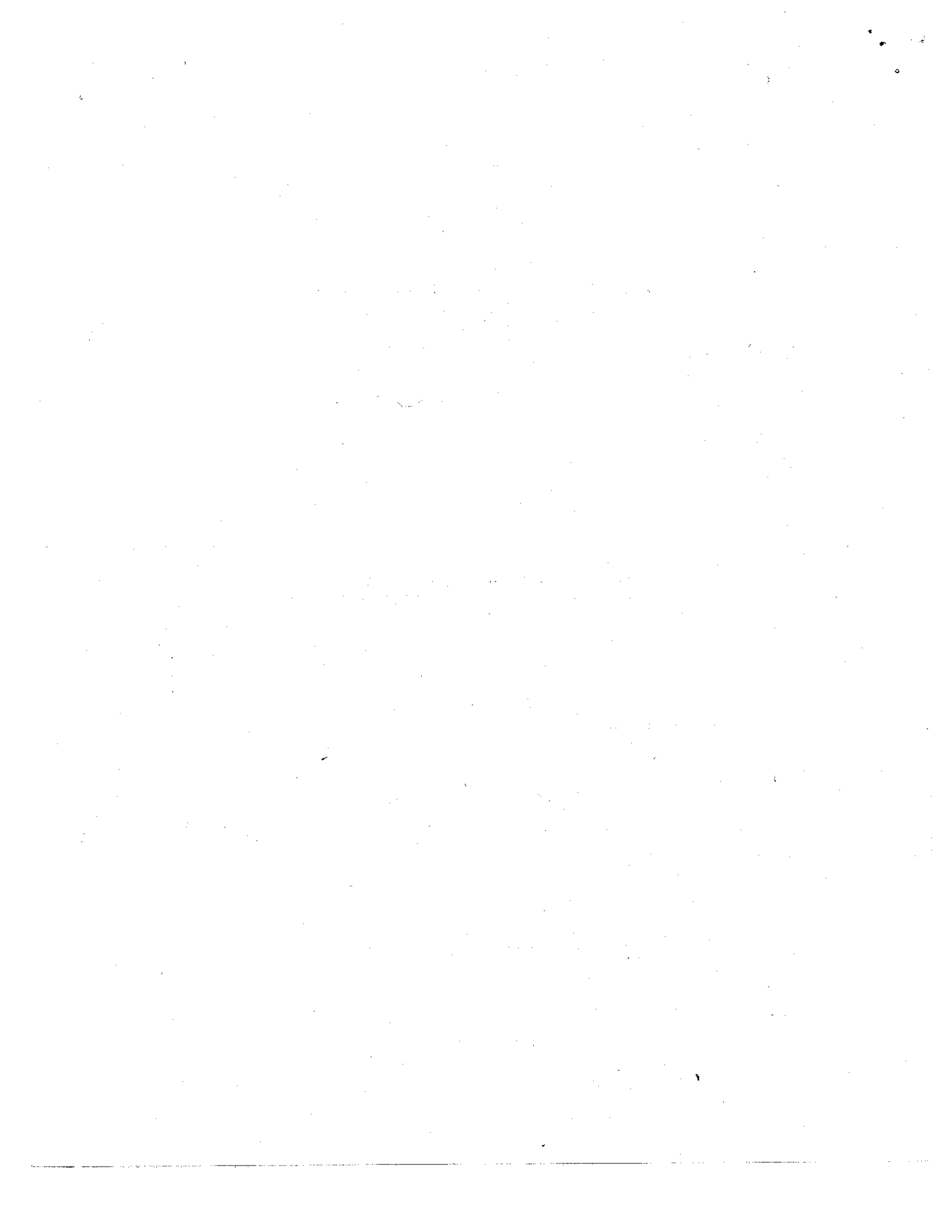
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The response to the provision in the Economic Opportunity Act relating to migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families has been most heartening. The promise of financial support for needed programs and services in the field of housing, sanitation, day care and education gave a new impetus to state and local government and concerned citizen groups to move forward in community planning and action in this area.

By June 30, projects have been developed and financed through the Office of Economic Opportunity in practically every state with any substantial number of migrants or seasonal farm workers. A total of 50 projects from 26 states have been approved and are in operation or shortly will be. These projects not only are meeting needs of this particularly disadvantaged group but they seem to show a new awareness on the part of both public and private agencies of their responsibilities to this segment of the population. The projects show a high degree of cooperative planning on the part of the sponsoring agencies including in some instances the growers and the workers themselves. This summer will see also for the first time in many instances state-wide or multi-county programs of day care, education and improved sanitation and housing as compared to spotty and unrelated programs of other years.

There has been a very real effort to involve the migrants in the planning of the projects but it has not always been possible because usually they are not in the area at the time projects are being planned. Wherever possible in such cases, settled down migrants have been drawn upon to give the migrants point of view and in most projects some migrants actively participate through being hired for a variety of sub-professional or aide jobs. In view of the fact that migrant and seasonal farm workers are for the most part a family group, it is not surprising that most of the projects are or include educational programs for the children. But it is an encouraging note that many also include programs for adult education and training. The education programs generally include remedial education and pre-school as well as elementary school work. Some give training at the high school level, others are basic literacy courses and some emphasize special language work both oral and written. All in one way or another seek to make up the educational deficiencies incurred because of the migrant way of life.

Day care for the younger children is also a common component of the migrant projects. These are aimed at meeting one of the most pressing problems of the migrant families, the care of young children while the adult members of the family are at work. In addition to supervised care these programs help to develop word communication and otherwise enrich the understanding of the children. They also provide nourishing food for them and include a medical examination and necessary health services. In short, the day care program seeks to give the kind of understanding care that will help to make up for the lack of normal family life which their migrant way of life entails.

One of the most crying needs of the migrant agricultural worker and his family is decent housing and sanitation. Under OEO programs some new approaches to this problem are being made. OEO funds are being used to demonstrate the effectiveness of these new approaches. One such project is experimenting with demountable housing on state owned land which can be used in peak seasons in different areas. In other projects technical assistance is provided for self help housing where the cost of the building materials is met through FHA loans. Others include the hiring of migrant workers to do minor repairs of existing housing. This not only provides a better place to live but helps the migrant workers develop a sense of responsibility for helping to maintain their temporary dwelling places in good condition. At the same time they will be receiving some training in building maintenance skills which may make it possible for them to obtain non-farm employment in the off-season.

Only a beginning has been made but a brief review of the migrant projects approved in the first six months of 1965 will give some idea of the scope of program and geographical spread of the projects. The following chart gives the location and a brief summary of the programs that have developed in projects approved by OEO in the first six months of 1965.

<u>AGENCY AND STATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF GRANT</u>	<u>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
<u>ARIZONA</u>			
Arizona Council of Churches - Migrant and Indian Ministry W. W. Reynolds, President 3500 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona (602) 265-7086	1,062,234	Non-Profit	10 day-care centers and 10 community education centers for remedial education for children and adults. Pit stop schools where migrants can be trained in the repair and maintenance of their automobiles.
Arizona Council of Churches - Migrant and Indian Ministry W. W. Reynolds 3500 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona (602) 265-7086	90,775 (migrant)	Non-profit	Program in 10 centers: 10 community aides and 10 volunteers trained for work with migrants; in addition, 150 migrants will get pre-vocational training leading to better employment.
<u>ARKANSAS</u>			
Arkansas Employment Security Division J. J. Bland, Administrator P.O. Box 2981 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 (501) FR 2-4331	158,874	State	Expand and improve rest-stop facilities
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>			
California Office of Economic Opportunity Paul F. O'Rourke, M.D. State Capitol Sacramento, California	3,485,623	State	Demountable housing units on State-owned land for migrants in peak season, otherwise living in trucks and cars or without shelter on ditch banks. Day-care programs for children, and migrant education programs.

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<u>CALIFORNIA (continued)</u>			
Tulare County Community Action Agency California John R. Longley, Chairman c/o Tulare County Court House Visalia, California 93277 (209 ) 732-5511 X244	78,721	Non-profit	Self-help housing: OEO funds to provide technical assistance to migrants in building home-base houses in conjunction with FHA loan for construction materials.
Sutter-Yuba Counties California Donald K. Morales, Director Courthouse Marysville, California 95901	19,026	Non-profit	Demonstration school for 80 children to be used to train 40 teachers in the methods of teaching disadvantaged migrant children.
Santa Clara County Economic Opportunity Commission California Arthur W. Platts, Exec. Director 1048 Pleasant Street San Jose, California 95110	153,057	State	Basic literacy program for Spanish speaking teenagers and adult migrants.
San Joaquin County Community Action Committee California Jerry Enomoto, President Room 19, Court House 109 Weber Avenue Stockton, California 95202 (209) 466-8001 - 944-2428	73,845	Non-profit	Temporary demountable shelter living units for 400 migrants for a six week period. Central sanitary facilities will be provided. These shelters will be demounted and used in other areas for peak crop periods.
Kings County - California Robert A. Bair, Chairman P. O. Box C Hanford, California	37,822	Non-profit	Self help housing. Building materials provided through FHA loan. OEO will provide technical supervision in the construction process and a community development advisor. The project will serve 15 families, a total of 120 persons.

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CALIFORNIA (continued)

Emergency Committee to Aid Farm Workers Ventura County, California John Simmons, Chairman 8455 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles 48 California	95,431 Non-profit	Adult education centered on helping migrants orient to the community, including how to obtain job training and how to get their children into school - 12 community aides from the migrant population will be trained to work with some 10,000 seasonal farm workers to improve themselves and to provide a more effective labor supply
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COLORADO

Weld County Migrant Council California Joseph L. Haefel Chairman 2008 - 18th Avenue Greeley, Colorado 80631	30,075 Non-profit	Day care and after school programs for more than 2,500 children
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DELAWARE

Committee on Education of Migrants - Delaware State Department of Public Instruction Richard P. Gousha State Superintendent P. O. Box 191 Dover Delaware 19901 (302) 734-5711	92,585 State	Pre-school and remedial education; day care and nursery school plus general remedial elementary education. This project will serve 600 children.
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FLORIDA

Florida State Department of Education Thomas D. Bailey State Superintendent of Public Instruction State Department of Education Tallahassee, Florida 32304 222-2900	42,280 State	A planning grant to enable the State Dept. to help local school officials develop school programs, curricula, teaching materials for migrant children and plan training for teachers of migrants.
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Marymount College  
 Boca Raton, Florida  
 Mother de La Croix, RSHM  
 Marymount College  
 Boca Raton, Florida 33432  
 (305) 395-4301

55,137

Non-profit

Self help education projects; Day care and elementary education; tutoring for teenagers and adult education.

Dade County Florida  
 Joseph Hall  
 Superintendent of Public Schools  
 1410 N. E. Second Avenue  
 Miami, Florida 33132  
 (305) FR 7-4311

939,545

Non-profit

Expansion of education facilities at home-base area. Project includes elementary education for children, adult basic education and child-care centers for pre-school children.

Largo Florida Community  
 Services Foundation  
 Dr. Thomas P. Hardeman  
 Deputy Director  
 125 Harbor Bluff Drive  
 Largo, Florida 33540

626,410

Non-profit

Six migrant centers to develop self-help methods and training procedures for migrants and their families. Training in citizenship and home management and family hygiene. Instruction will be given on improvement and use of sanitary facilities; Pre-school programs will be established at 3 of the centers and youth will have counselling in training and job opportunities.

IDAHO

Idaho Farm Worker's Services, Inc.  
 Robert A. Reed, Chairman  
 Caldwell Migrant Ministry  
 Box 1661  
 Boise, Idaho  
 (208) 459-4111

19,685

Non-profit

Day care and summer school to serve approximately 175 children.



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<u>INDIANA</u>			
Associated Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. Grover L. Hartman President Associated Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. 1622 North Meridan Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (317 WA 6-5371	484,704	Non-profit	Remedial education, migrant opportunity center, day care for children, educational and cultural experience, adult education and educational trailer.
<u>IOWA</u>			
Mason City Area Committees on Migrant Relations Robert I. Mott, Chairman Mason City Area Committee on Migrant Relations Box 238 Mason City, Iowa 50401 (515) 423-6923	23,817	Non-profit	Literacy and remedial education for adults and children; Health and physical education courses for adults.
Muscatine Migrant Committee Iowa T. Ray Crews, Director of Projects Muscatine Migrant Committee P. O. Box 683 Muscatine, Iowa 52761 (319) 262-9290 or 263-4046	24,587	Non-profit	Day care center and summer school for 200 children.
<u>KANSAS</u>			
Western Kansas Association for Services to Migrant Workers, Inc. Dale Warkentin Director of Corporation 828 N. College Ulysses, Kansas (316) FI 6-2515	42,916	Non-profit	Infant foster home care; remedial and literacy education for children and adults. Total to be served 250.

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<u>KANSAS</u> (continued)			
Leoti Community Services Kansas Bruce K. Winchester President Leoti, Kansas 67861 FR 5-4320	34,101	Non-profit	Day care, remedial education, adult education, health education, and a social center to serve 200 migrant children and adults.
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>			
Massachusetts Commonwealth Service Corps John C. Cort Executive Director Boston, Massachusetts	93,756	State	Four adult education projects emphasizing English language, health education and citizenship for Spanish speaking adults.
<u>MARYLAND</u>			
Dorchester County Board of Education, Maryland James G. Busick Superintendent of Schools 403 High Street Cambridge, Maryland 21613	33,013	State	Pre-school day care for 100 children, elementary education for 100 children aged 6-12; Recreation program - playgrounds.
<u>MICHIGAN</u>			
Michigan Migrant Opportunity, Inc. W. C. Bassett and Francis J. Coomes Michigan Migrant Opportunity, Inc. 224 North Walnut Lansing, Michigan (547) 467-3719	1,338,926	Non-profit	Day care for an estimated 3,300 children; Adult education for 450; Work training for 200 migrant youth; Housing repair project using migrant Youth.

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MINNESOTA

Polk County Migrant Council, Inc. 18,886 Non-Profit Day care; elementary education.

Kennedy J. Taylor  
Executive Director  
P. O. Box 726  
Theif River Falls, Minnesota 56707

NEBRASKA

Scotts Bluff, Nebraska 41,410 Non-profit Day care services for 210 children, which includes remedial education.

John Gage  
Director  
State Department of Public Welfare  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509  
(402) 477-5211 X427

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity 326,352 State Broad education project: Summer school for pre-school and elementary school age children; high school level and remedial courses for youth and adults; care of infants under 3 in especially equipped trailer houses; health education and instruction in camp sanitation.

New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity 138,126 State Establish and carry on 6 day-care centers serving some 120 children

John C. Bullitt  
Director  
P.O. Box 2748  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625  
(609) 292-6020

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<u>NEW YORK</u>			
New York State Education Department James E. Allen, Jr. Commissioner of Education Albany, New York 12224	233,570	State	16 summer school centers serving 500 children added to 13 such programs now financed by the State - this will provide 58 classes across the State.
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Don J. Wickham, Director State Campus Albany, New York 12226 GR 2-4188	171,075	State	Nine child care centers (in addition to 14 now being operated with state funds). Older children in centers will have educational programs.
<u>NEW MEXICO</u>			
New Mexico Council of Churches Mr. Lee Hbert, President 321 Wyoming Boulevard, N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112 (505) 255-2140	1,360,313	Non-profit	Adult education. 15 Community education centers to provide adult education programs for under-employed seasonal farm workers throughout the rural parts of New Mexico. Also serve as a community center and a focal point for developing other migrant programs.
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>			
North Carolina Council of Churches Samuel S. Wiley Executive Director Box 6337, College Station Durham, North Carolina 27708	270,444	Non-profit	Eight 6-week summer school programs for 240 children; Day-care centers for 830 young children; Homemaker service to relate day-care program to needs of entire family; Improvement of existing housing and sanitation.

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<u>OHIO</u>			
Ohio Department of Agriculture James T. McDorman State Director Ohio Office of Opportunity Ohio Departments Building 316 Old Post Office Building Columbus, Ohio 43215	623,868	State	Establishment of rest-stop facilities. Expansion of educational facilities for children of migrants.
<u>OREGON</u>			
East-Multnomah North Clackamas County Migrant Council Edward Neuenseldt, Chairman P.O. Box 395 Sandy Oregon	7,669	Non-profit	Day care and pre-school education programs for 400 children.
Oregon Valley Migrant League (Portland) 1624 N.E. Hancock Street Portland, Oregon 97212	680,637 (2 grants)	Non-profit	Remedial education for about 800 children; 14 day care centers for pre-school children; Special language instruction for 25 Russian-speaking children.
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>			
Catholic Charities and United Church Women of Charleston Michael E. Kaney, Project Director 119 Broad Street Charleston, South Carolina 29401 (803) 795-3821	36,915	Non-profit	Day care and remedial education for 600 migrant children and adult education in camps.

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TEXAS

Texas Economic Opportunity  
Development Corporation  
(Bexar County)  
Arthur Mathis, Jr., President  
P. O. Box 9066  
San Antonio, Texas

436,104 Non-profit

Basic adult education, homemaker education in 3 rural and one urban center; English language classes for 60,000 Spanish speaking children; Technical assistance in repairing existing housing with donated materials. The project will serve 15,000 seasonal and migrant workers.

Texas Office of Economic  
Opportunity  
Terrell Blodgett, Director  
P. O. Box P - Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas

106,408 State

A technical assistance grant to make possible development of needed migrant programs.

UTAH

Box Elder Migrant Worker  
Council Utah  
Walter G. Jaggi, Co-Chairman  
625 West Sixth South  
Brigham City, Utah 84302  
(801) 723-2777

32,498 Non-profit

Migrant education opportunity center; child and adult education; foster family care for 50 children.

WASHINGTON

Grandview School District  
# Jt. 116-200  
Clarence McClure  
Superintendent of Schools  
P.O. Box 10  
Grandview, Washington 98930  
(509) 882-4141

37,344 Non-profit

Migrant education - Primary ungraded, curriculum enrichment, Kindergarten for approximately 150 children. Training in auto mechanics.

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WASHINGTON (continued)

Sunnyside School District #201 Washington Lee A. Colby, Superintendent of Schools P.O. Box 599 Sunnyside, Washington 98944 (509) 837-5851	13,770 10,159 (supplement)	Non-profit	Summer education programs for 45 children between 7 and 11. Transportation and noon meal will be provided.
Moses Lake School District #161 Washington Robert C. Smith, Superintendent 1318 West Ivy Avenue Moses Lake, Washington RO-5-3485	13,190	Non-profit	Summer remedial education for 75 educationally disadvantaged migrant children.
Quincy School District #144-101 Ernest W. Forge Superintendent of Schools P.O. Box 7 Quincy, Washington 98848	30,408	Non-profit	Day care for 95 children.
Lynden Council for Migrants Sybrant Mulder, President Box Lynden, Washington 98264	36,425	Non-profit	Education and day care to serve 200 children from 50 families.
Columbia Basin Good Neighbor Council Mrs. Deibert Milholland, President 1801 West Lakeside Drive Moses Lake, Washington 98837	114,902	Non-profit	Day Care to serve 400 children.

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<u>WASHINGTON</u> (continued)			
Othello Washington School District Thomas E. Marsden Superintendent of Schools 800 South 10th Avenue Othello, Washington 99344	59,801	Non-profit	Day care services for 90 to 100 children under 6; Remedial education for 30 children 6 to 10 years.
Walla Walla Washington Migrant Council Fred Sporleder, Chairman 1 East Main Street Walla Walla, Washington 99362	178,449	Non-profit	Remedial and adult education programs for 300 to 400 children and adults over a 10-month period; Pre-school and day-care facilities will be provided for children of 1,500 migrant families; Minor repairs to existing housing will be done by migrant workers.
<u>WISCONSIN</u>			
Joint School District and City of Watertown Norman L. Laison Superintendent of Schools Jt. School Dist. No. 1, City of Watertown Watertown, Wisconsin (1-414) 261-2373	2,716	Non-profit	Summer School for approximately 60 children.
Door County Wisconsin Library Board Mrs. Jane Greene, Director Door County Library Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235 (414) 743-4267	2,858	Non-profit	To extend library services and opportunities to migrant children and adults.