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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 41

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A STATE-URBAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
AND AN URBAN ACTION CENTER IN THE STATE PLANNING AGENCY

Minnesota is fortunate that it has strong and thriving urban centers which provide a high quality of life for most, if not all, of its citizens. Unlike much of the rest of the nation, Minnesota's urban problems are clearly solvable, but only if state government and its citizens act now. We cannot ignore the fact that our inner city areas have concentrations of poor and disadvantaged citizens and that physical conditions continue to deteriorate. It is important that programs and priorities be adequately shaped and delivered to solve the unique problems of inner city residents.

The Federal government is engaged in a concentrated effort, through its Model Cities Program, to improve the quality of life in inner city areas. These efforts cannot succeed without the full and affirmative cooperation of state government.

In order to improve state government's capabilities for dealing with urgent urban problems, and by the powers vested in me as Governor of this State:

1. There is hereby created a State-Urban Affairs Council, chaired by the Governor, and composed of the Attorney General, the Commissioners of Health, Education, Welfare, Employment Security, Highways and Human Rights, the Director of State Planning, and the Chairman of the Metropolitan Council. It shall be the responsibility of the Urban Affairs Council to develop a coordinated state-urban policy and to provide for maximum cooperation in implementing this policy throughout state government. The members of the council are instructed to utilize the staff resources of their respective departments to support their participation on the council.
2. An Urban Action Center is created within the State Planning Agency, the director of which shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Urban Affairs Council and shall act for and on behalf of the Governor to insure the effective discharge of the state's responsibility for dealing effectively with the complex problems facing our major urban centers. Specifically, the center shall:
 - a. Advise the Governor and the Legislature of necessary new programs and policies of the State and its departments and agencies, and revisions in existing programs and policies to assist in resolving major problems of cities of the first class. This advice shall include proposed revisions to statutes and administration rules and regulations.

b. Encourage maximum and coordinated participation of the State and its departments and agencies in model cities or similar programs of cities of the first class. To accomplish this purpose, the Urban Action Center shall

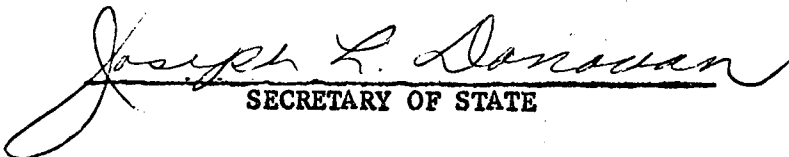
- investigate programs and policies of the state and its departments and agencies and determine those programs and policies which seem best suited to administrative and financial consolidation or coordination;
- develop guidelines, joint or common forms for administrative use, and other materials which may be necessary to assist in the coordination or joint administration of such programs and policies;
- formulate project supervision procedures, including procedures for designating lead agencies to assume responsibilities for administration of policies and programs.

3. All State departments and agencies are directed to cooperate with the Urban Action Center in the performance of its duties and, where it is not inconsistent with the law, to provide high priority to programs dealing with major problems of cities of the first class and to modify existing programs as necessary to meet these problems.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1969.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE