



Commissioners Approve 10 Projects In Second Reprogramming Cycle

Ten projects have been approved by Model City Commissioners as part of the second amendment to the Second Year Action Plan.

What this amendment means is that ten projects are receiving a total of approximately \$186,000 in Model Cities' second reprogramming cycle of its second fiscal year.

In reprogramming, the Model Cities fiscal department examines the budgets of all existing projects, collects their unspent funds, and determines the amount which can be redistributed among new or continuing projects.

Task forces, meanwhile, review projects, their needs and priorities, and determine which they want funded for the remainder of this year, which ends July 31. They submit proposals to the Model City Executive Committee, who in turn recommends them to the entire Model City Commission for approval.

The reprogramming process — finding the best ways to spend unspent supplemental funds — is identical to the process which produces the action year plans. Task forces are called upon to identify problems, suggest solutions, and help plan programs to deal with those problems.

The ten projects in this second reprogramming cycle of the year represent eight new supplemental funded projects, one new non-supplemental project (not directly funded by Model Cities), and one continued supplemental project whose budget is being increased.

The package was presented to and approved by the entire Commission at their May meeting. At the same time, Commissioners also approved the Third Year Action Plan which will be implemented August 1.

Money used in reprogramming can become available in various ways. Even with the most careful budget

planning, there are times when new situations arise which alter a project or which prevent a project from beginning on schedule. Budgets are designed to be as flexible as possible, especially those of new projects never tried before.

In reprogramming, the Model Cities staff updates and revises all project budgets when necessary with the consent of the agency directors. Where there is excess money, the Model City Commission takes it to be redistributed among other projects.

The following projects have been approved for funding in this second and final reprogramming cycle of the action year:

- Secondary Summer School is a new project to assist 50 students from junior and senior high in making up courses failed during the regular term. It will be administered through the city school system by the Comprehensive Community Child Care (Fore-See) Agency, and will offer remedial courses in 12 subjects. The entire budget of \$2,500 is provided by Model Cities.

- Community Mental Health is a component of the Guilford County Mental Health Authority's Comprehensive Community Mental Health plan. It is designed to strengthen the county's mental health program with additional staff who will provide preventative services, education, treatment and rehabilitation services on both in-patient and out-patient levels. In High Point existing rehabilitation, pre-care and after-care services will be expanded by adding professionals to the staffs of other agencies such as Family Service Bureau, Alcohol Education Center and Drug Action Council.

One-fourth of the budget, approximately \$25,000, is provided by Model

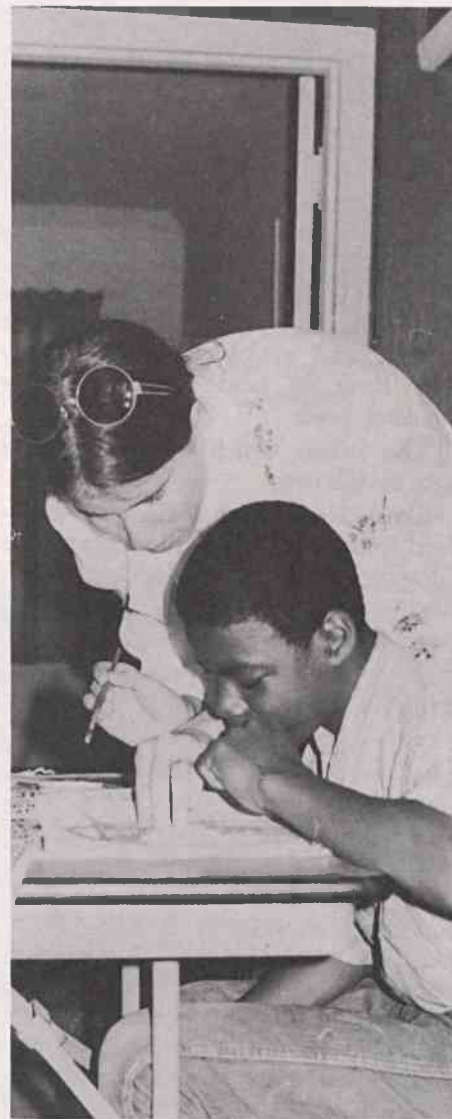
Cities, while the remainder, or \$75,500, is provided by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare-National Institute of Mental Health.

- High Point College Summer Recreation Program will provide one-week camp experiences for 100 boys in each of three age groups. They will be instructed in basketball, softball, track, swimming, archery, and related fields of hygiene, drug education, and so forth. The total budget of \$11,955 is provided by Model Cities.

- Bennett College Summer Program for Girls is similar to that being held at High Point College. Three hundred girls will be given a chance to attend three two-week sessions on the campus. Dance, aquatics, tumbling and gymnastics, team and individual sports will be offered. Model Cities provides the entire budget of \$26,712.

- Sandy Ridge Advancement Center's Education program is aimed at the inmates at the local male correctional center who want to upgrade their education. A learning lab will be set up with a professional staff so that inmates may study under supervision, and transportation will be provided to Guilford Technical Institute so that those who wish may take courses there. With the exception of a \$500

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Try It This Way...

Lynette Massey, an instructor at Cultural Arts, with Jerome McBee. More photos, page 3.

Summer Recreation Program

for 300 Model Neighborhood Boys and 300 Model Neighborhood Girls

Call the Model Cities office, 885-0817 or 885-9081, for more information.

Reassures By Telephone

Vivian Is Lady Behind The Voice

"Hi! It's Vivian."

And with that, about 28 elderly persons in the Model Neighborhood start their day.

The lady behind the voice is Vivian Lee of Clara Cox Apartments. She is one of six volunteers who make daily calls to elderly persons who live alone.

Their project is called telephone reassurance. Its purpose is to check on these elderly people, find out their needs, and relay the problems to Concentrated Social Services or an appropriate agency.

Telephone reassurance was organized in July by Concentrated Social Services, a Model Cities agency operated by the Guilford County Department of Social Services. Ruth Foster of the agency's Daniel Brooks office

coordinates the project.

For two months a Neighborhood Youth Corps worker, LaVerne Curtis, was the only regular caller. When she left in September, Mrs. Foster began looking for volunteers. Vivian Lee was the first to answer the call.

Now with six volunteers, nearly 120 elderly persons are reached every day. Not only do the volunteers make calls, but they also make personal visits, and many times end up running errands for their telephone friends themselves.

Mrs. Lee, for instance, made 25 visits and completed 341 telephone calls last month alone.

The greatest service she renders, she says, is just letting these elderly persons know there's someone who cares. "I try to call all of them every

morning," says Vivian, "At first, when I started calling back in September I'd say 'This is Vivian Lee with telephone reassurance.' Now they all know me, and I just say 'Hi! Vivian.' That's all it takes. . . ."

"Mostly I just ask if there's anything I can do to help, and we get into a general conversation. At first some of them were sort of hesitant to talk, but now they tell me all their problems."

If Vivian fails to contact any one of her 28 wards for three or four days, she either goes to the home herself or sends Ruth Foster. When she's needed, she carries them to buy groceries, to pick up surplus food, to the drug store, or to the doctor's office.

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VIVIAN LEE