

AMOUNT: \$200,000ACCOUNT: To be charged/to RF 68043 and RF 68044

1. At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 21, 1968, the following actions were taken:

RESOLVED that the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and it hereby is, appropriated for allocation by the President for projects, within the Equal Opportunity program, that contribute to the improvement of secondary or elementary education; this sum to be available for allocation during the period ending September 30, 1968.

RESOLVED that the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and it hereby is, appropriated for allocation by the President for projects, within the Equal Opportunity program, that contribute to leadership development; this sum to be available for allocation during the period ending September 30, 1968.

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2. The Street Academy Program of the New York Urban League has provided a remarkable demonstration of the possibility of reaching and influencing disaffected young people in the city slums through dedicated streetworkers who know and understand the area in which they work and the people in it. High school dropouts who have abandoned hope or ambition, and a large proportion of whom have taken to drugs or various types of delinquent or criminal behavior, have responded in increasing numbers to the friendship and help and challenge by the streetworkers. Through the Street Academies they are helped to repair their interrupted education, develop a constructive goal in life, and pursue it into employment or higher education. The Street Academies are expanding into the slum areas throughout the city, with mounting support from business and industrial sponsors, and in close association with Satellite Centers supported by the City.

High schools in New York slum areas, long in trouble, are facing serious risk of severe disruption from disaffected students. Four high schools, where student disruptions forced early closing last spring, face acute problems at the outset of the autumn term. The District Superintendents responsible for these schools and the Director of the New York Urban League Street Academy Program have prepared plans to cooperate in a program to bring streetworkers into the high schools to work with the students and their parents in an effort a) to develop constructive attitudes toward education and the schools; b) to persuade students not to drop out; and c) to bring students who do drop out, or have to be expelled, into Street Academies located in the neighborhood of the schools and hopefully to bring them back into the schools after a minimum period outside. The streetworkers are likely also to exert an infectious constructive influence on many of the high school teachers and staff. It is the belief of the District Superintendents and the Street Academy people that a successful demonstration of the effectiveness of this program in these four high schools during the coming school year will be sufficient to persuade the Board of Education to continue the program with Elementary and Secondary Education Title I funds from the Office of Education and eventually to expand it into other slum high schools as a regular part of the public school system's program.

The \$200,000 requested from the Foundation would provide salaries and fringe benefits for one year for a Head Coordinator with administrative and secretarial assistance, four supervisory and twenty-four other streetworkers in the four high schools, and miscellaneous expenses.

An allocation of \$200,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to the NEW YORK URBAN LEAGUE toward the cost of a program of streetworkers in New York City problem area high schools, is hereby approved; this sum to be available for a period of one year, beginning approximately September 1, 1968.

*Joseph E. Black*  
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President

DATE: September 12, 1968

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