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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$25,849 grant to the Urban League of Hartford, Connecticut. The funds will be used to seek a solution to the transportation problems of the inner city unemployed to whom jobs located in the suburbs are presently inaccessible.

The grant was awarded by the DOT Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

"The employment picture in Hartford," said Volpe, "is typical of many communities in the nation. We find in Hartford that 25% of the area's unemployed workers live in the Model Cities or inner city community.

"We find, too, that 75 to 80 percent of the manufacturing employment is concentrated in the suburbs. It is in the manufacturing industries where the 'hardcore unemployed' can find work.

"Matching people with jobs through available adequate, inexpensive transportation is the name of the economic game in Hartford and other cities with similar community patterns," Volpe said.

The Hartford Urban League will pinpoint the transportation needs through interviews with job-seekers and employers. Systems Research, a consulting firm, will analyze the collected data and submit plans for a recommended service.

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