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The Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development have joined together to fund a \$750,000 Federal grant to help underwrite transportation costs of summer youth programs in 51 U.S. cities.

"Transportation is the crucial link between idle youths in the ghetto and jobs or cultural and recreational activities outside the center city," Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said.

"Many cities have programs providing summer jobs and recreational opportunities for inner city youths," Volpe continued, "but these opportunities are generally found in outer city or suburban areas. In all too many instances, these opportunities are wasted simply because inner city youths can't reach them."

The Federal demonstration grant, announced yesterday by Vice President Agnew, was made to the National League of Cities, which, along with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, will conduct the project.

The total cost of the project is \$1,000,000, with the cities contributing 25 percent. Participating cities are:

Akron	Dayton	Kansas City	New York	St. Louis
Atlanta	Denver	Long Beach	Norfolk	St. Paul
Baltimore	Detroit	Los Angeles	Oakland	San Antonio
Birmingham	El Paso	Louisville	Oklahoma City	San Diego
Boston	Fort Worth	Memphis	Omaha	San Francisco
Buffalo	Gary	Miami	Philadelphia	Seattle
Chicago	Honolulu	Milwaukee	Phoenix	Tampa
Cincinnati	Houston	Minneapolis	Pittsburgh	Toledo
Cleveland	Indianapolis	Newark	Portland, Ore.	Tulsa
Columbus, Ohio	Jersey City	New Orleans	Rochester	Washington, D.C.
Dallas				

The Federal grant will supplement transportation services already provided by the cities. "This should substantially increase the number of youths participating in the summer programs," Volpe said.

The project is a demonstration experiment attempting to show that a grant system can be worked efficiently through a private, non-profit organization. "If this can be done, while properly safeguarding public funds, we will have developed a basis for further Federal programming in this area," Volpe said.

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