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 5. Have the cooperation of other existing agencies.
 6. Provide sufficient opportunities for employing residents of the area in all phases of the program.
 7. Provide local initiative in the planning, development and implementation of the program.
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Model Cities began with Title I of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966.

In the Act, Congress stated, "Improving the quality of urban life is the most critical domestic problem facing the United States..." but, "...cities, of all sizes, do not have adequate resources to deal effectively with the critical problems facing them."

To help meet these problems, Congress formed the Model Cities Program to provide a comprehensive attack on social, economic, and physical problems in selected slum and blight areas. The Act specifically mentions housing, employment, social services, education, health, crime and delinquency, and recreation and culture as problem areas to be attacked by Model Cities programs.

The Act stated that each program should:

1. Coordinate Federal, State and local efforts, both public and private.
2. Demonstrate new and imaginative proposals.
3. Make a substantial impact on the community.
4. Be consistent with comprehensive planning for the entire area.
5. Have the cooperation of other existing agencies.
6. Provide maximum opportunities for employing residents of the Area in all phases of the program.
7. Permit local initiative in the planning, development and implementation of the program.

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Originally, each city with a Model Cities program was to have received Federal grants for a maximum of five years.

Cities will not receive a full five years funding as a result of recent decisions by the current Federal administration. Tacoma's program is expected to last through June, 1974.

Some of the goals of Tacoma's program are to:

1. Create projects that address critical needs and can become self-sustaining after the program ends.
2. Preserve the more beneficial aspects of the program such as (a) social planning capabilities, (b) evaluation and information systems techniques, and (c) citizen participation and involvement methods.

Programs and other 20 percent must be contributed by the City in cash or in-kind contributions such as staff time, supplies, equipment, and services.

To date Tacoma has received three grants from HUD:

• \$141,000 for planning (September, 1968)

• \$1,800,000 for the First Action Year (March, 1970)

• \$1,049,000 for the Second Action Year (October, 1972)

A final grant of \$610,000 will be available to Tacoma after June, 1974.

In addition to grants from the Federal government, Model Cities programs are encouraged to use their money to generate other funds. Model Cities funds may be used as matching money for other Federal categorized grants. During the first two action years, Tacoma Model Cities has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars from other sources.