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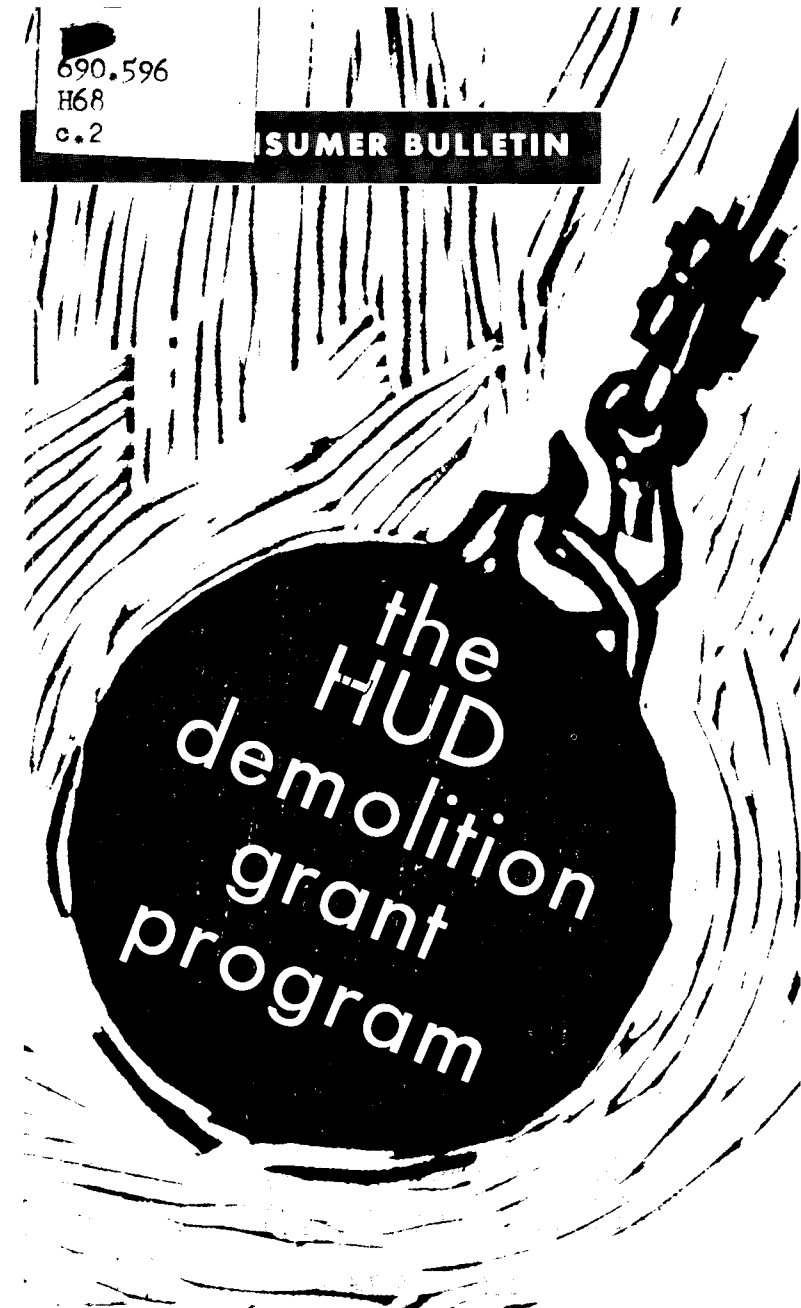
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THE HUD DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM

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Most communities have old, dilapidated, hazardous, and usually vacant structures they would like to eliminate. Usually lack of financial resources is the reason communities are unable to rid themselves of such structures.

Federal financial assistance is now available to share in the cost of demolishing structures which, under State or local law, have been determined to be structurally unsound or unfit for human habitation. The removal of an occasional dilapidated structure or group of structures in otherwise sound neighborhoods will substantially improve the appearance of such neighborhoods. The removal can serve as an incentive to owners of adjacent structures to improve them since serious blighting influences no longer exist. In many cases the removal of the bad structures will enhance the economic value of surrounding structures.

Federal Financial Assistance Provided

Federal financial assistance is provided by HUD to cities, counties, and other municipalities, which have legal authority to condemn and demolish hazardous structures. Direct grants are made to localities, with HUD contributing two-thirds of the actual cost of demolishing the structure, clearing debris and vermin, and leveling the land. No land is actually acquired in the process, and no administrative expenses are eligible for inclusion in program costs. In addition to the shared cost of demolition, 100 percent reimbursement is made to the locality for relocation grants and adjustment payments to displaced individuals, families, and businesses.

The amount of a Demolition Grant is based on an estimate of the amount needed to demolish eligible structures, submitted by the municipality and subject to Departmental approval, and on a final audit of program costs. Grant payments are based on requisitions submitted by the locality for demolition work completed, either under the city's own force account or under written contract or agreement.

Eligibility Requirements

Demolition assisted under this program must be on a planned neighborhood basis—not hit or miss—and may occur only after all local, legal resources have been exhausted in trying to obtain remedial action by the owners of the properties.

The structures to be demolished must

constitute a public nuisance and be a serious hazard to the public health and welfare. The demolition must further the overall renewal objectives of the municipality. Communities participating in the Demolition Grant Program must have in effect a Workable Program for Community Improvement and be carrying out a program of enforcement of existing housing and related codes. They must also have a definite plan and schedule for demolishing—within two years—the eligible structures in the selected areas.

Demolition Grant Programs are subject to Civil Rights legislation, Equal Employment Opportunity regulations, and Labor Standards Requirements. A community must provide assurances that all persons displaced as a result of program activities will be relocated in decent, safe, and sanitary housing. The local governing body must certify that all legal remedies to secure demolition by the owners of the property have been exhausted for all structures for which reimbursement is claimed. This certification must be provided when submitting a requisition for payment.

Application For A Demolition Grant

A community that undertakes a federally assisted demolition program should be in touch and work closely with HUD Regional Offices in developing its application. These regional offices will be glad to provide further clarification, appropriate application forms, and a representative to assist in preparing applications.