

the governing body the governmental unit may delegate any or all of its powers and responsibilities to the advisory body.

(f) (1) The Secretary [of the Department of Human Resources] may provide financial assistance to designated community action agencies based upon the availability of federal funds and to the extent that funds are provided in the State budget as follows:

(i) Financial assistance shall be allocated to designated community action agencies on an annual basis.

(ii) In State fiscal year 1983 and subsequent State fiscal years, the Department may use an amount of the federal community services block grant funds allocated to the State for that year to fund existing community action agencies or their successors. As to these federal funds only, an existing community action agency or its successor shall receive an amount of these funds for the fiscal year which is equal to the ratio of the community action agency's local initiative funding in federal fiscal year 1981 to the total amount of local initiative money received by the community action agencies in the State in federal fiscal year 1981 so that the present ratio of distribution of these funds among existing community action agencies is maintained.

(iii) The Department may use any remaining federal community services block grant funds to support newly designated community action agencies or for such other appropriate purposes under this section.

(2) A community action agency receiving financial assistance under this subsection shall report at least annually to the Secretary on the use of the funds.

(g) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this section, a community action agency may:

(1) Receive and administer:

(i) Financial assistance received under this section;

(ii) Funds and contributions received from private or local public sources for community action programs; and

(iii) Funds received from State or federal assistance programs under which a public or private nonprofit agency may act as a grantee, contractor, or sponsor of projects suitable for community action programs;