

(1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH:

(I) THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;

(II) LOCAL COMMISSIONS ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY;

(III) CITIZENS' GROUPS; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL UNITS.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE LOCAL ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION REGARDING THEIR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS.

(B) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) COLLECT AND ASSEMBLE INFORMATION RELATING TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FROM OTHER UNITS OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

(2) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO FURTHER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS IN THE STATE BY PUBLICATION, ADVERTISEMENT, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, PROGRAMS, LECTURES, OR OTHER MEANS.

(C) CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY.

(1) CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR ASSUME ANY OTHER FUNCTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY OTHER UNIT OR INSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, ANY OTHER STATE, OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ANY STUDY OR RESEARCH ACTIVITY THAT IS NECESSARY AND PROPER.

(D) ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL AND PRIVATE ASSISTANCE.

IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A PERSON OFFERS OR GRANTS ANY SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR FUNDS TO THE STATE OR TO A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ACCEPT THE ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AND AUTHORIZE ANY OFFICER OF THE STATE OR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO RECEIVE AND USE THE ASSISTANCE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, §§ 6-204 and 6-203(a), (b), and (d).

In subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section, the reference to the "United States Department of Health and Human Services" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Federal Community Services Administration".