

Reveal Operation Independence Budget

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE, the West Las Vegas "self-help" project that operates a Day Child Care Center and Community Library at Concord and Balzar Sts., is expected to be "on its own" by late November according to project director Elaine Walbroek.

Mrs. Walbroek, who organized the project last year and was instrumental in obtaining demonstration-research grants from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare to underwrite its basic costs, said the sponsoring Nevada Health & Tuberculosis Assn. hoped to be "phased out" of the program by "the end of the fall, at the latest."

Thereafter, Operation Independence will be able to apply and receive grants for its Day Child Care Center as an incorporated entity, Mrs. Walbroek said. In the meantime, the project will operate under a recent grant of \$36,000 from the Federal Welfare Administration and \$9,945 donated in staff time and services by the NHTA.

The Operation Independence budget for the period from March 1, 1965, to Feb. 28, 1966 provides for \$26,235 in administrative, survey and research personnel salaries, \$3,595 for travel expenses, \$750 for consumable office supplies and postage, \$1,200 for employee benefits and \$5,420 for other expenses, including rent, maintenance, utilities, telephone, insurance, bookkeeping, report preparation and duplication and tape-recordings. These allotments are covered by the \$36,000 federal grant.

A salary of \$7,000 has been ear-marked for the Assistant Project Director, a position now held by Lubertha Johnson, with \$4,490 designated for her secretary, who is Georgia Jones at the present time. A \$9,000 job as Co-Project

Director for the remainder of the grant period is still open.

The budget also provides for \$2,445 payable to a survey director and \$2,100 for research and program consultants currently furnished by the University of Nevada when available.

Mrs. Walbroek said that Mrs. Johnson, who became the project supervisor last June 1 at a salary of \$500 per month plus a monthly car expense allowance of \$50, is entitled to \$830 for car expense under the new 12-month budget.

Salaries for Day Child Care Center personnel will be paid from a grant by the Office of Economic Opportunity, now being processed, according to Mrs. Walbroek. The present staff includes Myrtle Banks, Hattie Mitchell and Mrs. Mason, all of West Las Vegas.

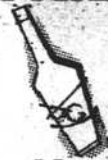
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