

STATE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

For Support of the State Redevelopment Agency from the General Fund

Item 191 of the Budget Bill and page 390 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$129,560 for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. This compares with \$68,250 estimated expenditures for the period December 21, 1947, to June 30, 1948, an increase of \$61,310. Expenditures shown in the current fiscal year represent initial organization expense and *the increase proposed for 1948-49 is due principally to the fact that the Budget request represents a full year's operations and that the major portion of the work of the commission will be performed in the coming fiscal year.* This is a new agency and appears in the Budget for the first time.

Chapter 1515, Statutes of 1947, creates the State Redevelopment Agency of five members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The agency shall appoint a Director of Redevelopment and such other officers, advisers, and employees as it may require.

The Budget request proposes that the commission will make contact directly with planning officers, city officers, and lay persons connected with city planning for the purpose of bringing about more effective administration of planning agencies.

The State Redevelopment Agency has the following functions:

(a) To stimulate community planning and redevelopment by the dissemination of information and studies relating to land uses in blighted areas by assisting local communities with technical advice and assistance in relation thereto.

(b) To collect and maintain comprehensive facts and figures on community redevelopment needs throughout the State and to report such needs to the Governor, Legislature, and local communities and the building industry in such detail as will tend to stimulate production to meet such needs.

(c) To collect and disseminate current information on conditions of supply in the building construction field as a service to manufacturers, contractors, building organizations, etc., with a view of stimulating construction at a rate which will utilize the full resources of the State and maintain a healthy building industry.

(d) To study the housing needs of veterans with a view of recommending and stimulating activities that will tend to alleviate present emergency conditions.

(e) To give particular consideration to the problem of replacing temporary emergency housing facilities and to give technical advice and assistance to private industry in an effort to stimulate this production.

(f) To study and analyze the problems of private financing of housing for sale or rental to persons of moderate or low income.

(g) To study state and local laws and building codes with a view to encouraging uniformity, improved quality, lower construction costs without impairment of the improvement of health and safety standards.

(h) To accept financial assistance pursuant to federal laws made available to carry out the purposes of the act establishing this agency.

(i) To perform such other duties as the Legislature may require.