

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION RE: FY 1996 FUNDING POLICY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Corporation has reviewed current and pending legislation regarding its authority and appropriations for the purpose of making grants for the provision of legal assistance in FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's usual grant period begins on January 1, and recipients of Corporation funds need new grants in order to continue to provide services to eligible clients in 1996; and

WHEREAS, two Continuing Resolutions have contained authority and funding for such grants for a portion of the fiscal year, additional Continuing Resolutions are currently being discussed in Congress, and an appropriation of funds and authority for grants under specific terms and conditions has been approved by a Conference Committee of both Houses of Congress but has been neither endorsed nor vetoed by President Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the current and pending authority and funding require that FY 1996 Corporation funding policy be different than prior Corporation funding policy; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the provisions of the pending appropriations bill approved by the Conference Committee, and subject to further directions from the Congress, it is the intention of the Corporation to provide basic field funding for people under the poverty level enumerated in the 1990 Census at an equal per capita level, as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation may have to amend the funding policy for FY 1996 adopted in this resolution in light of legislation which will be enacted subsequent to the date of the meeting at which this resolution is adopted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1. Subject to amendment pursuant to paragraph two, the Corporation funding policy for the first three months of FY 1996 shall be:
- A. Native American service areas shall receive grants at an annualized total level of \$6,657,069, distributed through pro rata reductions from the funds appropriated for fiscal year 1995 that were received by the Native American recipients for those service areas;
- B. Each state, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Guam and Micronesia (consisting for these purposes of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Northern Marianas and the Republic of Palau), shall be designated as separate geographic areas and, for each geographic area, equal per capita funding shall be allocated on the basis of the 1990 Census (with adjusted population counts pursuant to prior Corporation policy for Hawaii, Alaska, the Virgin Islands and Micronesia) at an annualized level of \$258,342,931;

C. Within each geographic area:

- (i) a number of migrants shall be identified as included within the Census count for the geographic area based on the number of migrants identified in prior years by the Congress and by prior Corporation funding policy;
- (ii) a single service area within the geographic area shall be designated to provide legal assistance to the migrants identified as included within the Census count;
- (iii) that service area shall receive the equal per capita funding that attaches to those migrants;

D. Within each geographic area:

- (i) the non-migrant population enumerated in the Census shall be distributed among the one or more service areas that were funded for basic field services in FY 1995;
- (ii) within each service area, the portion of the geographic area poverty population to be funded shall be the Census count for the service area minus a proportional share of the migrant population identified as included within the Census count for the geographic area pursuant to this resolution;
- (iii) the proportional share shall be determined by dividing the Census count for the service area by the Census count for the geographic area;
- (iv) each service area shall receive the equal per capita funding that attaches to the service area poverty population as determined by this section.

2. The Chairperson of the Board is delegated the authority to make changes in this funding policy as he deems necessary or appropriate pursuant to Corporation appropriations and Continuing Resolutions.	
	Adopted by the Board on: December 18, 1995 Lanely Douglas S/Eakeley Chairperson

Victor Fortuno
Corporate Secretary

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