

Ford Foundation records, Urban Poverty Program, Director, Office files of Bernard McDonald

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Summary Information

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Abstract: The Urban Poverty (UP) Program was established as a subdivision

of the United States and International Affairs Program (USIAP) in October 1981, taking over programs formerly administered by the divisions of National Affairs and Education and Public Policy. It administered programs benefiting the poor and inner-city residents in areas that included community development, employment and training, welfare, teen pregnancy, poverty, crime, and precollege education. In 1988, UP became a program area within a newly organized Program Division and in 1996, was merged into the Asset Building and Community Development Program (ASSETS). Bernard McDonald joined the Ford Foundation National Affairs Division in 1978 as a Program Officer in Social Development. He then served as Program Officer In Charge/Director of Urban Poverty from 1981 to 1987. In 1987, he became Director of the Special Project in Community Development in the USIAP Office of the Vice President. His work in Urban Poverty focused on supporting the efforts of poor communities to build their own economic enterprises and building the economic capacities of minority individuals through education and job training. His files span in date from 1974 to 1989 and consist of correspondence, memoranda, proposals, reports, grantee and proposal evaluations, meeting materials, and background information documenting his work in Urban Poverty. The bulk of files concern the management of grants and Program Related Investments to community development corporations (CDCs). There are also files on the Minority Pipeline Task Force, the Rural America Task Force, and the Refugee and Migrants Task Force as well as on the subject of Human Rights

and Governance and the Foundation's Physical, Economic and Social Revitalization strategy area.

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Biographical/Historical note

The work of what became the Urban Poverty Program began when the Public Affairs Program was formally established in 1952. One of the goals of the new program was to work toward greater equality of opportunity for minority groups. In 1965, Public Affairs was succeeded by the National Affairs Division, created to focus on deep-rooted problems facing American society. Program areas under the National Affairs Division included Social Development and Urban and Metropolitan Development. In 1981, a reorganization of the Foundation replaced National Affairs with the United States and International Affairs Program (USIAP).

The Urban Poverty Program was established in October 1981 as a subdivision of USIAP, taking over programs formerly administered by the divisions of National Affairs and Education and Public Policy. It administered programs benefiting the poor and inner-city residents in areas that included community development, employment and training, welfare, teen pregnancy, poverty, crime, and precollege education. It also assumed oversight of the programs in Population and of new programs to combat infant and child mortality. The Urban Poverty Program became a program area within a newly organized Program Division in 1988 and was merged into the Asset Building and Community Development Program (ASSETS) in 1996.

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Biographical/Historical note

Bernard McDonald graduated from Hunter College in 1964 with a B.A. in Economics and received an M.A. in Secondary Education from Brooklyn College in 1968. In 1979, he joined the Ford Foundation National Affairs Division as a Program Officer in Social Development. He then served as Program Officer In Charge/Director of Urban Poverty from 1981 to 1987. In 1987, he became Director of the Special Project in Community Development in the United States and International Affairs Program (USIAP) Office of the Vice President. His work in Urban Poverty focused on supporting the efforts

of poor communities to build their own economic enterprises and building the economic capacities of minority individuals through education and job training. To this end, sustaining and building the capacity of community development corporations (CDCs) committed to physical, economic, and social revitalization became a vital component of the Foundation's strategic approach to alleviating urban poverty. This was carried out through making long-term grants and Program Related Investments (PRIs) to numerous CDCs.

Mr. McDonald also served on the Ford Foundation Minority Pipeline, Rural America, and Refugee and Migrant task forces. The Minority Pipeline Task Force, later renamed the Committee to Improve the Professional Opportunities for Minorities, aimed to increase minority access to professional fields through implementing progressive affirmative action policies in the Foundation's grantmaking. Through the Task Force, the Foundation funded scholarships, internships and research opportunities for minority students and scholars. The Rural America Task Force was funded by a Delegated Authority Project (DAP) grant and was charged with improving agricultural productivity, irrigation, and opportunities for rural employment. The Refugee and Migrants Task Force focused on aiding refugees resettling in the United States, particularly from Haiti and Southeast Asia.

Mr. McDonald left the Foundation in October 1989 for a faculty position at the Pratt Institute. There, he directed the Ford Foundation-sponsored Community Development Corporation Oral History Project. He died in 1991 at age 49.

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Scope and Contents note

The Office Files of Bernard McDonald span in date from 1974 to 1989 and primarily document his work in Urban Poverty. The collection consists of chron files, files on Program Related Investments, and files relating to his administering of grants and service on various task forces.

Many of the Grant-Related and Program Related Investment files pertain to the Foundation's support of community development corporations (CDCs), particularly the South East Alabama Self-Help Association (SEASHA), Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE) and organizations in the South Bronx. Delegated Authority Project (DAP) grants and Program Related Investments (PRIs) constitute the bulk of the grant activity documented in the files.

Program and Grant-Related Files also include files on the Minority Pipeline Task Force (1985-1987), the Rural America Task Force (1980-1985), and the Refugee and Migrants Task Force (1982-1983). The files on the Minority Pipeline Task Force contain memoranda and meeting summaries discussing efforts to increase minority representation in professional fields. Also within these files is Mr. Bernard's working file on implementing the Foundation's internal affirmative action policies (1983-1985). The Rural America Task Force files (1980-1985) contain Delegated-Authority Project (DAP) grant proposals, proposal evaluations, progress reports, meeting minutes, seminar action programs, and related background information.

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Duplicates, reference files, and chronological correspondence files consisting of form rejection letters for unsolicited grant requests and that address purely financial matters were not retained.

Conditions Governing Access note

Material more than ten years old is open for scholarly research.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials note

Appendix A: Reports – Unpublished reports written by Ford Foundation staff and consultants were removed from their original folders, scanned and transferred to the Archives' collection of staff and consultant reports. See Appendix A for a list of these reports and their specific assigned number. The reports are listed in alphabetical order by author. The assigned number may be used to access reports in the online catalog.

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Controlled Access Headings

Ford Foundation

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be restricted from scholarly research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment. Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be restricted from scholarly research at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/RAC Head of Reference.

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Correspondence, 1979-1989

Scope and Contents

This series contains Mr. McDonald's chronological correspondence files dating from 1979 to 1989. The files include reports on site visits and memoranda concerning then-ongoing grant activity and programs.

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Program and Grant-Related Files, 1974-1989

Scope and Contents

The files in this series hold correspondence, memoranda, evaluations, meeting notes, agenda and background material pertaining to proposed or then-ongoing grant activity, ongoing Foundation programs, and collaboration with other philanthropies and organizations. Also included are files on the Minority Pipeline Task Force, the Rural America Task Force, and the Refugee and Migrants Task Force as well as on CDCs such as the South East Alabama Self-Help Association (SEASHA), Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE), and the South Bronx Development Organization (SBDO).

There are also files dating between 1979 and 1986 about the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, a non-profit organization in labor research created in 1974 by a consortium of federal agencies and the Ford Foundation. A few files relate to the Neighborhood Security and Crime Prevention Program (1980-1987), a continuation of the Foundation's ongoing work in community revitalization and redevelopment. Also within this

series are Mr. Bernard's correspondence on the subject of Human Rights and Governance (1983-1987) and files on the Foundation's Physical, Economic and Social Revitalization strategy area (1980-1987).

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Consultants Digilio, James Correspondence Re: Consultancy on Technical Assistance, 1984-1985	box 2	folder 8	
Consultants Dunn, Marvin Memoranda Re: Book on Miami Riots, 1981-1983	box 2	folder 9	
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Consultants Krauskopf, Jack Re: Ford Foundation Homeless Strategy, 1985-1986	box 2	folder 11	
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Consultants Rowser, Sharon Correspondence Re: Consultancy to Complete Assignments, Jun 19 - Nov 14, 1986	box 2	folder 13	
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Physical, Economic, and Social Revitalization Correspondence Re: Ongoing Ford Foundation-Supported PRIs, Site Visit, Update, Mar 24-Dec 17, 1982	box 5	folder 9	
Physical, Economic, and Social Revitalization Status Report and Meetings, Memoranda Re: CDCs and Address to Regional Association of Grantmakers, May 6-Jun 11, 1982	box 5	folder 10	
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Rural America Task Force Memoranda Re: Meetings and Progress Report, 1980	box 7	folder 10
Rural America Task Force Memoranda Re: Proposal Evaluations and Recommendations for DAP Grant Action, Meeting Minutes, Correspondence, Proposals, Report (1 of 4), Jan-Jun 1980	box 8	folder 1
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These files contain correspondence, memoranda, and some program reviews, all regarding Program Related Investments (PRIs). PRI recipients include the Mississippi Action for Community Education (1979-1987) and the Southern Development Foundation's (SDF) Federation of Southern Cooperatives (1979-1987). The files on the SDF include background on an FBI investigation and a Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit of the organization.

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