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*F: Neighborhoods Against
Crime*

April 11, 1978

Dear Neighborhood Chairperson:

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) has funds available for crime prevention programs of several types. My office has been preparing a preliminary city grant request to LEAA for an improved crime prevention program in Portland to be based upon plans drawn up with neighborhood involvement. LEAA also has funds available for a community anti-crime program. Rick Levine and Janet Putnam of the Tri-County Community Council have been working with many of you to help prepare a grant request for this second program as well.

I will be asking City Council to approve the city grant request which proposes programs for recruiting and training volunteers to carry out block meetings, involving large institutions and businesses in the program, and developing innovative programs for youth.

The grant request for the community anti-crime program (the Neighborhood Grant) proposes coordinators to work in eight districts of the city. These coordinators would be responsible to the neighborhoods and would help to develop neighborhood plans for crime prevention. They would also help implement the plans, identify community resources, develop a two-way flow of communication between the police and the neighborhoods, and inform the community of the results of the programs. This grant could bring a total amount of funds up to \$500,000 spread over the next two years.

Together these two grants can help us to work cooperatively toward the reduction of crime and the fear of crime. Before we go any further, however, several decisions need to be made before the community anti-crime grant proposal can be finished. These decisions include:

Which private non-profit neighborhood-based organizations shall act as the sponsor for the grant? It would be helpful to choose a group with some experience in federal grants.

What kind of decision-making process should be established?

How will coordinators be hired if the grant application is successful?

Which eight districts will best respect neighborhood boundaries and coalitions while reaching across precinct lines as little as possible?

We have been discussing these questions with you, but the time for decision is upon us, as the grant application deadline is April 30th. Therefore I am asking if you would attend a meeting next week. After checking the neighborhood calendar we selected Wednesday, April 19th as a date which does not conflict with any general meetings (or any Blazer games!) I have asked John Werneken of the Goose Hollow Footballs League to chair the meeting, because this is one set of decisions for neighborhood representatives alone to make. Jim McKillip, my Executive Assistant, and Mary Pedersen, Coordinator of the Office of Neighborhood Associations, will be attending as resource people.

This meeting will be held at the Water Bureau Auditorium located at 1800 S.W. 6th Avenue. Parking will be available in the CRAG garage which you can enter from Harrison Street between 5th and 6th. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. We wish that we could have given you more notice of this meeting, but we are working with a very strict deadline.

This meeting may well be the most important meeting on the community anti-crime grant proposal. The success of the crime prevention program depends a great deal on the involvement of the citizens, and you will need some assistance to carry out your part of the work. Please send a representative to this meeting so the decisions which are made can reflect the points of the view of as many neighborhoods as possible.

Sincerely,



CHARLES JORDAN
Commissioner of Public Safety

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cc: Neighborhood Chairpersons
Neighborhood Association Offices
Precinct Councils
Tri-County Community Council

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

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ANNOUNCING THE NEIGHBORHOODS AGAINST CRIME PROGRAM

OCTOBER 9, 1978

The purpose of this conference is to announce that a grant of \$245,855 has been awarded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) to Portland's neighborhoods working with the Center for Urban Education (CUE) as fiscal agent and grant manager for the Neighborhoods Against Crime program.

Neighborhoods Against Crime is a citizen program designed by and for citizens.

The purpose of the program is to involve people in crime prevention in Portland's neighborhoods in programs they have designed.

This is the first time that Portland's neighborhoods have joined together to create a city-wide program. It is also the first time that LEAA has funded a city-wide consortium of neighborhoods in coordination with a police bureau grant.

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The grant will alert neighbors to what they can do about neighborhood crime problems. This awareness will hopefully lead to a climate in which citizens can take the initiative in acting on their problems.

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The effect is that people no longer have to face the problems alone. Instead, they will be working together with people on their block and around the neighborhood to create a safer community.

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The Neighborhoods Against Crime program is the result of a year-long effort by representatives of over 30 Portland neighborhood associations and citizen committees including Portland's four precinct councils. The grant proposal was written by the Tri-County Community Council.

A citizen board composed of 17 members will operate the program. It will be working with seven area boards around the city. These area boards will each be funded to hire one staff person to coordinate neighborhood volunteers.

The area boards will be asking people to become involved in identifying the problems and helping to build a safer neighborhood and a stronger community.

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October 9, 1978
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEIGHBORHOODS RECEIVE CRIME PREVENTION GRANT

Portland's neighborhoods have been awarded a grant of \$245,855 from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) to fund the Neighborhoods Against Crime program. Working with the Center for Urban Education (CUE) as fiscal agent and grant manager, Neighborhoods Against Crime will involve citizens at a neighborhood level in crime prevention programs they have designed.

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Neighborhoods Against Crime staff will alert neighborhoods to what can be done about crime problems and will work with neighborhoods to develop

programs which respond to the problems.

During the course of the 18-month grant, each of the seven areas of the city will have four neighborhoods selected as target neighborhoods for staff activity.

Target neighborhoods will be chosen based upon the severity of the crime problems in the neighborhood, the population of the neighborhood, the extent to which the neighborhood is organized, its ability to provide volunteer support, and the extent to which the neighborhood demonstrates an interest in participating in an organized crime prevention program.

The grant is designed to work together with an earlier LEAA grant which was received by the Crime Prevention Unit of the Portland Police Bureau.

The Center for Urban Education, fiscal agent and grant manager for the Neighborhoods Against Crime program, is affiliated with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The Center was chosen by neighborhood representatives because of its city-wide focus and its history of working with neighborhoods in carrying out educational programs.

NEIGHBORHOODS AGAINST CRIME
PRESS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 9, 1978

Participating in the conference:

Neighborhoods Against Crime Program Policy Board Members:

Kathy Glankler, 6324 N.E. Garfield

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City Commissioner Charles Jordan

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