

Authority for a Model New Works Projects Act of 2020, Prepared for the Adoption of any Body Corporate or Politic, by Antarah A. Crawley (newsyllabus.org).

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. N.S. POLICY BUREAU. JUNE 28, 2020.

A MODEL ACT

For the relief of un- and underemployment through the performance of useful work.

Be it prescribed by Antarah A. Crawley, That for the purpose of relieving the acute condition of widespread distress, unemployment, and underemployment now existing in the United States as a result of COVID-19, civil unrest, and other reasons, and in order to provide for the development and dispensation of America's human capital workforce, as well as the maintenance of a reserve of skilled labor through an orderly program of public and private works, the following language is hereby proffered to the consideration, deliberation, modification, and potential enactment of any body corporate or politic soever. Such a body, having for its government a President or Committee or officers of the general type described herein, may adapt this model language to their particular mission.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby established in the public and/or private sectors, under the direction of the President of a body corporate or politic or other such officer(s) as may best carry out the provisions of this Act, certain local, regional, and national work relief agencies as follows: (a) A new Works Projects Administration, which shall be responsible to the President or presiding officer(s) for the honest, efficient, speedy, and coordinated execution of the work relief program as a whole, and for the execution of that program in such manner as to move from the relief rolls to work on such projects or in private employment the maximum number of persons.

SEC. 3. For the purposes of establishing the new Works Projects Administration, the enacting body may adopt, modify, and pass any or all parts of the following model language.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Model New Works Projects Act of 2020."

Prescribed, June 28, 2020, 1 p.m.

73rd CONGRESS. SESS. I. CHS. 16, 17. MARCH 30, 31, 1933.

AN ACT

For the relief of unemployment through the performance of useful public work, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose

of relieving the acute condition of widespread distress and unemployment now existing in the United States, and in order to provide for the restoration of the country's depleted natural resources and the advancement of an orderly program of useful public works, the President is authorized, under such roles and regulations as he may prescribe and by utilizing such existing departments or agencies as he may designate, to provide for employing citizens of the United States who are unemployed, in the constructions, maintenance, and carrying on of works of a public nature [...] as the President may determine desirable: Provided, That the President may in his discretion extend the provisions of this Act to lands owned by counties and municipalities and lands in private ownership [...] The President is further authorized, by regulation, to provide for housing the persons so employed and for furnishing them with such subsistence, clothing, medical attendance and hospitalization, and cash allowance, as may be necessary, during the period they are so employed, and, in his discretion, to provide for the transportation of such persons to and from the places of employment. That in employing citizens for the purpose of this Act not discrimination shall be made on account of race, color, or creed [...] The President is further authorized to allocate funds available for the purposes of this Act, for [...] research [...]

SEC. 4. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby authorized to be expended, under the direction of the President, [...], such sums as may be necessary [...]

74th CONGRESS. SESS. I. CHS. 47, 48. APRIL 8, 1935.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making appropriations for relief purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to provide relief, work relief and to increase employment by providing for the useful projects, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used in the discretion and under the direction of the President, to be immediately available and to remain available until [June 30, 1937] the sum of [\$4,000,000,000...]

Sec. 3. In carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution the President may (a) authorize expenditures for contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, periodicals, newspapers and press clippings; travel expenses, including the expense of attendance at meetings when specifically authorized; rental at the seat of government and elsewhere; purchase, operation, and maintenance of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; printing and binding; and other such expenses as he may determine necessary to the accomplishment of the objectives of this joint resolution [...]

Executive Order 7034—Creating Machinery for the Works Progress
Administration
May 06, 1935

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me under the "Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935," approved April 8, 1935 (Public Resolution No. 11, 74th Congress), and of all other authority vested in me, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I. I hereby establish within the Government certain agencies, and prescribe their respective functions and duties, as follows:

(A) The Division of Applications and Information of the National Emergency Council, to be under the general supervision of the Executive Director of the National Emergency Council. Such Division shall receive all applications for projects, cause the applications to be examined and reviewed, obtaining when necessary aid and assistance of governmental departments or agencies, and transmit such applications to the Advisory Committee on Allotments hereinafter established. The Division shall furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

(B) The Advisory Committee on Allotments, which shall be composed of:

The Secretary of the Interior

Chairman The Secretary of Agriculture

The Secretary of Labor

The Executive Director of the National Emergency Council

The Administrator of the Works Progress Administration

The Director of Procurement

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget

The Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army

The Commissioner of Reclamation

The Director of Soil Erosion

The Chief of the Forest Service

The Director of Emergency Conservation Work

The Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads

The Administrator of the Resettlement Administration

The Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration

The Federal Emergency Relief Administrator

The Director, Housing Division

The Vice-Chairman, National Resources Board, and a representative of

(a) the Business Advisory Council

(b) organized labor

(c) farm organizations

(d) the American Bankers' Association, and

(e) the United States Conference of Mayors

Such Committee shall make recommendations to the President with respect to the allotments of funds for such projects covered by the applications submitted by the Division of Applications and Information as will constitute a coordinated and balanced program of work under the said Act.

(C) A Works Progress Administration, which shall be responsible to the President for the honest, efficient, speedy, and coordinated execution of the work relief program as a whole, and for the execution of that program in such manner as to move from the relief rolls to work on such projects or in private employment the maximum number of persons in the shortest time possible.

To this end, the Works Progress Administration shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To establish and operate a division of progress investigation, and to coordinate the pertinent work of existing investigative agencies of the Government, so as to insure the honest execution of the work relief program.

2. To formulate, and, with the approval of the President, to require uniform periodic reports of progress on all projects; and, where any avoidable delay appears, forthwith to recommend to the President appropriate measures for eliminating such delay, and, similarly, to recommend the termination of projects where it develops that they are not affording the amount of employment warranting their continuance.

3. With the approval of the President, to prescribe rules and regulations:

a. To assure that as many of the persons employed on all work projects as is feasible shall be persons receiving relief; and

b. To govern the selection of such persons for such employment.

4. To formulate and administer a system of uniform periodic reports of the employment on such projects of persons receiving relief.

5. To investigate wages and working conditions and to make and submit to the President such findings as will aid the President in prescribing working conditions and rates of pay on projects.

In addition to the foregoing powers and duties, the Works Progress Administration shall:

1. Provide for the coordination of such data compiling projects as form a part of the work relief program and of such portions of other research activities as may be necessary or useful in carrying out such program.

2. Coordinate all requests for opinions and decisions addressed to the Executive departments or independent establishments of the Government on questions affecting the administration of the Act or of orders issued thereunder.

3. Recommend and carry on small useful projects designed to assure a maximum of employment in all localities.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administrator shall serve also as Administrator of the Works Progress Administration.

II. I hereby direct:

(A) The Secretary of the Treasury, (1) through the disbursing and accounting facilities under the Commissioner of Accounts and Deposits of the Treasury Department, to make provision for all disbursements from the funds appropriated by the "Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935," subject only to such exceptions as the Secretary may authorize, and to maintain a system of accounts necessary to enable the President (a) to exercise Executive control over such funds, (b) to provide current financial and accounting information for governmental agencies concerned, and (c) to make a complete report to the Congress concerning expenditures made and obligations incurred, by classes and amounts, and (2) through the Director of Procurement, to purchase, or to provide a system for the purchase of all materials, supplies and equipment to be procured with the said funds.

(B) The Director of the Bureau of the Budget to pass upon all requests for allotment of funds for administrative expenses.

III. All permanent and emergency agencies of the Government will afford full cooperation to the agencies herein established or designated and make available such personnel and facilities as may aid in carrying out the provisions of the said Act.

IV. The agencies established or designated hereunder are hereby authorized to prescribe such administrative procedures, and to submit for the approval of the President such rules and regulations as may be necessary, to carry out their respective duties and powers under the provisions of this Order.

V. Within such amounts as may hereafter be allotted by the President, the agencies herein established or designated are authorized to employ the services and means mentioned in sub-division (a) of Section 3 of said Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, to the extent therein provided, and, within the limitation prescribed by such section and at the direction of the President, to exercise the authority with respect to personnel conferred by subdivision (b) thereof: Provided, That so far as practicable the persons employed under the authority of this section shall be selected from those receiving relief.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Executive Order 7034—Creating Machinery for the Works Progress Administration Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/208644>

Letter on Allocation of Work Relief Funds.

August 26, 1935

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inform you that all applications for allocation of funds from the \$4,880,000,000 appropriation under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, approved April 8, 1935, must be in the hands of the Division of Applications and Information of the National Emergency Council not later than Thursday, September 12, 1935, in such form that they can be presented to the Advisory Committee on Allotments for final action at its meeting of September 17, 1935. No applications for allocation of funds will be received or considered thereafter.

It is planned that all allocations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Allotments up to and including September 17, 1935, and approved by me will have been acted upon by the Secretary of the Treasury and by the Comptroller General prior to September 24, 1935. It is therefore directed that all governmental agencies, Federal, State, municipal, etc., be prepared on or before October 22, 1935, either to ask for bids for construction work or begin operations by direct labor

(force account) on the project. Where projects are to be carried on under contracts, such contracts must be awarded and signed on or before December 15, 1935.

Very sincerely yours,

The President addressed the above letter to:

The Secretary of Agriculture

The Secretary of Commerce

The Secretary of the Interior

The Attorney General

The Secretary of Labor

The Secretary of the Navy

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of the Treasury

The Secretary of War

President, Civil Service Commission

Director, Emergency Conservation Work

Chairman, United States Employees' Compensation Commission

Administrator, Resettlement Administration

Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration

Administrator of Veterans' Affairs

Administrator, Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration

Administrator, Works Progress Administration

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Letter on Allocation of Work Relief Funds.
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records of the Work Projects Administration [WPA]

(RECORD GROUP 69)
1922-44 (Bulk 1930-44)

69.5 RECORDS OF WPA PROJECTS 1934-43

History: The Division of Engineering and Construction and the Division of Professional and Service Projects administered WPA projects. The majority were planned, initiated, and sponsored by cities, counties, or states. WPA sponsored nationwide projects until 1939.

69.5.1 Administrative records of Federal Project No. 1

History: Federal arts program approved as WPA-sponsored Federal Project No. 1 on September 12, 1935, to provide employment for qualified artists, musicians, actors, and authors. Superseded all art projects operating under FERA or WPA state administrations. Consisted of the Federal Art, Music, Theatre, and Writers' Projects; and until October 1936, the Historical Records Survey. Terminated June 30, 1939. Except for the Federal Theater Project, abolished July 1939, the arts programs continued as state projects.

Textual Records: Records of the finance officer, 1935-39.
Correspondence relating to quotas and budgets in states, 1936-39.
Weekly statistical reports, 1936-37.

69.5.2 Records of the Federal Art Project (FAP)

History: Established in August 1935. Terminated September 1939 with instructions for states to allocate all project art work to eligible tax-supported public institutions.

Textual Records: General records, 1935-40. Correspondence with regional and state offices, 1935-40. Records relating to publicity and exhibitions, 1936-37. Reports of the Exhibition Department, 1936-37. Scrapbook relating to National Art Week, Chicago, IL, 1941. Records of federal art projects in NY, NJ, and OH, 1934-42. Records relating to allocation of WPA works of art, 1937-43 (2 rolls of microfilm).

Photographs (10,903 images): General photographic file and state file documenting fine arts, practical arts, and art education; artists and their work; exhibits; art centers; officials and dignitaries such as FAP director Holder Cahill, and Eleanor Roosevelt, 1936-43 (AG, AS; 3,050 images). New York City art program, including artists and their work, 1935-43 (AN, ANM, ANS; 7,303 images). Depictions of life in New York City, including photographs by Sol Lieberman, David Robbins, and Helen Levitt, 1935-39 (ANP, 550 images). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Subject Access Terms: Index of American Design.

69.5.3 Records of the Federal Music Project (FMP)

Textual Records: Narrative reports of state activities, 1935-40. Reports relating to education, 1936-40; employment, 1936-40; performance and attendance, 1936-40; and American composers, 1936-38. Records relating to folk music, 1936-40; the Composers Forum Laboratory, 1935-40; music festivals, 1935-40; and music research, 1935-36, including cowboy, Creole, and Negro folk music. Programs and schedules, 1936-40. Press clippings, 1936-40. Subject file of correspondence, reports, and press releases, 1936-40. Records relating to Nikolai Sokoloff, director, FMP, 1935-39, and Harry L. Hewes, project supervisor, 1936-40. Scrapbooks relating to the FMP activities in New York City, 1936-41.

69.5.4 Records of the Federal Theatre Project (FTP)

Textual Records: Correspondence of the national office, 1935-39, including that of Hallie Flanagan, National Director, 1937-39. Correspondence with regional and state offices, 1935-39. Statistical, narrative, and activity reports; lists of plays; and publicity material, 1935-39. Press clippings and releases, 1934-39. Records relating to production of "It Can't Happen Here," 1936-37. Letters of commendation, 1935-39. Records relating to CCC entertainment, 1936-39. Vassar College collection of press clippings, programs, and promotional material relating to FTP, 1935-39. Correspondence and other records relating to the National Service Bureau, 1935-39.

Architectural and Engineering Plans (29 items): Blueprints showing floor plans, lighting plans, and stage scenery for FTP productions, 1938-39. SEE ALSO 69.7.

Photographs (25,092 images): FTP productions, 1935-39 (TMP, 92 items). Production scenes, sets, theaters, audiences, performances, playwrights, WPA officials, and politicians, 1935-39 (TC, TS; 25,000 images). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Photographs, Original Drawings, and Paintings (333 images): FTP costumes and set designs, 1935-39 (TSR). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Posters (290 images): Advertising FTP productions, 1935-39 (TP). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Related Records: Federal Theatre Project archives are in the custody of the Special Collections, George Mason University Libraries, Fairfax, VA.

Subject Access Terms: Children's Theater; dance; Dies Committee; Dramatists' Guild; Federal Theatre National Advisory Board; Jaffe, Sam; "Living Newspaper"; marionette projects; Meredith, Burgess; Negro theater.

69.5.5 Records of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP)

History: Organized in 1935 to give employment to writers, editors, historians, researchers, art critics, archaeologists, geologists, and map draftsmen.

Textual Records: Central office correspondence and memorandums, field reports, manuals of instruction, and lists of consultants and references, 1935-39. Records relating to publishing, 1936-39, and to publicity, 1935-41. Correspondence relating to ethnic, ex- slave, folklore, architectural, Indian, and Negro studies, 1935- 40. Records relating to the American Guide, 1938-39, and the History of Grazing, 1940-42; state publications, 1936-41, and record cards of state sponsored publications, n.d.; and the Library of Congress Project Writers' unit, 1939-41. Records of the Massachusetts Writers' Project, 1935-40, including radio scripts and correspondence of the New Bedford, MA, district office. Correspondence and other records of the Los Angeles, CA, district office, 1935-37. Microfilmed records (3 rolls) concerning FWP copyrights, 1935-40; and the Alaska Writers' Guide, 1939-45.

Photographs (2,500 images): For use in American Guide series, including scenic, historical, cultural, and economic aspects of each state; Washington, DC; PR; and VI; and including also some scenes of Venezuela, 1936-42 (GU). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Finding Aids: Katherine H. Davidson, comp., Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Federal Writers' Project, Work Projects Administration, 1935- 44, PI 57 (1953).

69.5.6 Records of the Historical Records Survey (HRS)

History: Organized in 1935 as part of the Federal Writers' Project, to document resources for research in U.S. history. Became an independent part of Federal Project No. 1 in October 1936; and a unit of the Research and Records Program, Professional and Service Division, in August 1939. Terminated February 1, 1943, pursuant to Presidential letter, December 4, 1942.

Textual Records: General project and editorial correspondence, 1936-42. Reports of progress, 1936-42; employment, 1936-39; and from field supervisors, 1936-42. Records of conferences and speeches, 1936-41. Project applications, 1936-39. Press clippings and publicity materials, 1936-42. Instruction manuals, n.d. Records relating to the origin of the Survey, 1934-36; and to collections of records and manuscripts, 1935-36. Microfilmed records (8 rolls) relating to the American Imprints Inventory, 1939-42. Voting lists and copies of statutes used in the Atlas of Congressional Roll Calls Project, 1937-41.

Maps (33,913 items): Atlas of Congressional Roll Calls Project, documenting the 1789–1941 geographic distribution of ye-a-nay roll call votes, boundaries of congressional districts, counties, federal court jurisdictions, and city wards, 1937–41. SEE ALSO 69.7.

Subject Access Terms: Evans, Luther H.

69.5.7 Records of the Survey of Federal Archives (SFA)

History: Organized in January 1936 as Federal Project No. 4, with the National Archives as cooperating sponsor. Became part of Historical Records Survey, on a reduced basis, in June 1937. Terminated June 30, 1942.

Textual Records: General records including correspondence, memorandums, reports, and bulletins, 1935–42. Correspondence with regional offices, 1936– 43. Abstracts pertaining to the progress and coordination of state surveys, ca. 1936–43; area index pertaining to state administrative activities, n.d; survey reports on motion picture, photographic, and sound recording collections, 1936–40. Project superintendents' reports, 1936–37. Reports of the location, title, and dates of each series of records surveyed, 1936–40. Survey of nonfederal records, 1936– 40. Manuscripts, 1936–42.

Photographs (3,000 images): Survey of federal archives, 1936–41 (SFA). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Finding Aids: Francis T. Bourne, comp., "Preliminary Checklist of the Records of the Survey of Federal Archives, Work Projects Administration, 1935–43," PC14 (1944).

69.5.8 Records of the Research and Records Project

History: Assembled and analyzed statistical information for WPA-sponsored projects.

Textual Records: Project application files, general administrative correspondence, reports and unpublished studies, procedural material, statistical data, and copies of publications; charts and related records pertaining to surveys and projects, ca. 1935–42; and final project reports, 1935–42.

Related Records: Record copies of publications of the Research and Records Project in RG 287, Publications of the U.S. Government.

69.5.9 Records of the National Research Project (NRP)

History: Studied changes in industrial techniques and their effects on the volume of employment and unemployment. Most of its records were

turned over to the Bureaus of Labor Statistics and Agricultural Economics.

Textual Records: Reports, memorandums, and correspondence, 1941– 42. Statistical reports of the survey of American listed corporations, 1938–1942.

Photographs (800 images): Workers, working conditions, and housing in fourteen industrial communities, by Lewis Hine, NRP chief photographer, 1936–37 (RP, RPA, RPM, RPR). SEE ALSO 69.10.

Photographic Prints (800 images): Illustrations for reports showing workers engaged in agricultural, manufacturing, mining, and transportation occupations, 1936–40 (RH). SEE ALSO 69.10.

69.5.10 Records of the Public Work Reserve Project

History: Studied proposed postwar projects.

Textual Records: Correspondence, consultant files, and project summaries, 1941–42. Records relating to 6-year state plans, defense and war projects, scrap collection program, and service projects, 1941–42.

69.5.11 Records of other WPA projects

Textual Records: Administrative correspondence and procedural manuals of library service and newspaper indexing projects, 1935– 42; Library of Congress project to inventory and arrange records of WPA arts projects, 1940–41; the workers service program, 1935– 43; and a project to teach Spanish to members of the Army Air Forces, 1941–42. Reports and miscellaneous records of the recreation program, 1934–43. Entry slips of the bibliography of territories and island possessions. Records of the social service training program, 1934–36.