

CDBG Funding for Facilities Owned by the YMCA

April 24, 1987

MEMORANDUM TO: All Regional Administrators
All Category A Office Managers

ATTENTION: Regional Counsels
Regional CPD Directors
CPD Division Directors
Chief Counsels

FROM: Jack R. Stokvis, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, CD

SUBJECT: Block Grant Funding for Facilities Owned by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

In my memorandum of November 13, 1986, I advised that, absent evidence to the contrary, it may be assumed that local chapters of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) are not "pervasively sectarian" and therefore eligible for block grant funding for facilities. On the other hand, with respect to local chapters of the YMCA, Field Offices were instructed to submit materials to Headquarters for review on a case-by-case basis.

After considering this matter for some time and reviewing several case questions, we have determined that it may now be assumed by Field Offices that local chapters of the YMCA are not "pervasively sectarian" and are thus eligible for block grant funding for facilities. However, as with local chapters of the YWCA, to the extent that any local YMCA chapter imposes religious requirements or conditions, conducts sectarian activities, or otherwise demonstrates the indicia of actions associated with judicial determinations of institutions as "pervasively sectarian", materials on that local chapter must still be reviewed in Headquarters on a case-by-case basis.