

Columbia Gets \$800,000 For More Housing

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A sum of \$800,000 has been earmarked by Nathan Straus, national administrator, for additional low-cost housing in Columbia, according to telegrams received last night by Mayor L. B. Owens and W. S. Hendley, as chairman, of the Columbia Housing authority. Recently the mayor, in co-operation with the authority, asked that \$1,500,000 be set aside for housing in Columbia.

Both Mayor Owens and Chairman Hendley expressed great pleasure that the funds had been set aside. No specific project has been named, but this money is to Columbia's credit for expenditure when all requirements are met. The housing authority has been active in assembling data and in surveying the situation with the hopes of additional slum clearance.

University Terrace, completed at the cost of \$760,000, was opened in August for families whose annual income averages around \$70 per month. The next project will be for families of even lower income than that. The mayor has expressed hope that it will be built in the western section of the city.

Mayor Owens was advised through Senator Byrnes that the allocation had been made.

The telegram to the Columbia Housing authority of which Mr.

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Hendley is chairman, and Geddings H. Crawford, L. Cooper Smith, S. L. Latimer, Jr., and Dr. E. C. Coker are members, follows:

"Am today announcing earmarking of \$800,000 for Columbia. This territory earmarking does not imply approval of any specific project. Please accept my thanks for your co-operation in launching program." Signed Nathan Straus, administrator, United States Housing authority.

Senator Byrnes wired Mayor Owens: "Straus advises me he has earmarked \$800,000 for Columbia if housing authority can meet requirements."

D. W. Robinson, who serves the housing authority as attorney, was in Washington a few days ago and presented personally Columbia's case. Mr. Straus invited the Columbia Housing authority to be present for a conference and Mr. Robinson was selected to meet with the administrator.

The secretary of the authority is John A. Chase, Jr.

The government lends 90 per cent. The remainder must be put up in land, services, or several other things noted in the law—the requirements to which Senator Byrnes referred.

Since many cities have not received a dime for housing and since there are many seeking (though only a limited number are able to comply), it is especially complimentary that additional housing would be authorized for Columbia. It is known that University Terrace has been well thought of in Washington.

Mr. Hendley said that the housing authority had no announcement to make as to location, etc., but that it was ready to proceed with plans to be submitted to Washington without unnecessary delay provided all details could be worked out satisfactorily in meeting the United States Housing authority's requirements as set forth in the recent law.

Washington, Dec. 23—(AP)—The United States Housing authority earmarked \$31,250,000 for low-cost housing loans today for seven more cities, bringing the total earmarkings to \$136,550,000 for 32 cities which have acceptable housing programs.

The newest earmarkings include New York City, \$18,000,000; Cincinnati, \$8,000,000; Peoria, Ill., \$1,500,000; Tampa, Fla., \$1,500,000; Columbia, S. C., \$800,000; Covington, Ky., \$1,400,000; and Decatur, Ind., \$50,000.

The sum for New York City is the largest thus far set aside for the operations of the Wagner-Steagall slum housing program, and leaves only \$1,000,000 of the New York state allotment to be earmarked.

The federal government lends 90 per cent. of the cost of developing projects. The local housing authorities are required to put up the other 10 per cent.