

IMPORTANT (3/88)

A PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAM FOR URBAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Arthur P. Becker  
February 26, 1970

A. Statement of purpose:

The general purpose of the Program is to promote research in urban economic problems. Specifically, its efforts will be directed toward applying and discovering useful economic methodology in identifying, analyzing, and understanding economic problems and their causes, which are common to urban communities.

It is expected that the Program will serve as a catalyst for expanding urban economic research activities and opportunities for faculty and students in line with the mission of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee. It is further expected that mutual assistance will flow from the urban research efforts of the Program, other departments and the (proposed) Center for Urban Studies.

B. Initial program of the Program would provide:

1. The Director with released time to engage in and promote urban economic research.
2. A Robert Schalkenbach Research Fellowship in order to encourage a carefully selected student to pursue advanced (graduate) study in urban economics. The duties of the Fellow would be that of assisting the Director in his research.
3. For holding the annual conference of the Committee on Taxation, Resources and Economic Development.
4. For attending a limited number of meetings by the Director and members of TRED to further the work of the Program and TRED.

C. Advantages to the Department, College of Letters and Science, and the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee.

1. It will stimulate urban economic research and demonstrate the UWM's interest and determination in developing along the lines of the UWM's mission as a major urban university.
2. It will stimulate graduate study in economics and assist in launching the new Ph.D. program in urban economics.
3. It will identify with the UWM and its Department of Economics the efforts of TRED in promoting research. It would bring a long-hidden asset (since 1962) out into the open for the University and Community to see and know.
4. As an affiliate of the Center for Urban Studies each can be expected to enhance the status and work of the other.

D. Space Requirements

1. For July or September 1970
  - a. Office for director
  - b. Adjacent office for secretary
  - c. Office for research fellow and work-study student
2. Later
  - a. Office for the Executive Secretary of TRED. At present Mr. Weld Carter works out of his home. When he retires his successor should be officed by the Program for greater efficiency.
  - b. Offices for additional research fellows and other personnel.

E. Budget estimates for 1970

1. From the University

- a. A 25% reduction in teaching load during the academic year for the director.
- b. Steno III, one-half time devoted to the Program with part of her salary paid by the Foundation and one-half time devoted to the Department of Economics. Even though the secretary would be free to work on departmental assignments for one-half of her time, it would be desirable for her to be located in the office all day to answer the telephone and personal inquiries on Program matters.
- c. Furniture and equipment

1) Secretarial work station(\$130) and chair (\$36)	\$ 166
2) IBM Typewriter	405
3) Three 5-drawer letter size filing cabinets with locks @\$69	207
4) Large size double pedestal desk (\$150), credenza (\$120) and chair (\$36)	306
5) Storage cabinet (35" x 18" x 78")	<u>52</u>
	\$1,136

- d. A one-party telephone for the director and secretary

2. From the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

a. Summer salary grant for the Director (2/9 of \$17,600)	\$3,911.11
b. Secretarial services	500.00
c. Fringe benefits on 2a and 2b @ 12%	529.33
d. Research Fellowship	4,000.00
e. Supplies	200.00
f. Travel, room and board expenses	
1) Annual Conference for TRED	6,000.00
2) Meeting of TRED	1,500.00
3) For Director, exclusive of 1 and 2 above 10 meetings @ \$150 (5 meetings of Tax Institute, Board and annual conference; 5 other meetings)	1,500.00
	<u>\$18,140.44</u>

F. Duration and review

It is understood that at present the centers of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee and their organization are being reviewed by the administration. In view of this fact, the provisions of the proposal stated above including its name as a "Program" are to be reviewed before April 1, 1971 in order to make any changes that may be necessary to satisfy the UWM and the Foundation.