

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

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By James R. Malley

Date May 17, 1974

FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

Butler County Commissioners
"SEED LEARNING, INC."

Subgrant No. SW-091-71A
Amount - \$159,332

Award Date - July 5, 1972

Information was made available to Mr. Dale Thompson by the Department of Justice Comptroller's Office indicating that this file might be an interesting one to look at in the Governor's Justice Commission. The file at the Justice Commission reflects the following:

Summary of Project

SEED LEARNING, INC. proposes to conduct a year-round semi-residential action project involving up to 35 elementary and junior high school students whose learning, social and personal needs are unmet by existing educational facilities. The experienced project staff will, in closely working with these students, begin to facilitate the amelioration of maladaptive behavior, increase academic skills, and gather data on predelinquent attitudes and behaviors, as well as data needed to aid the criminal justice authorities in the expansion of programs of juvenile crime prevention.

The file does not reflect any unusual activities, other than some critical comments in the auditor's report and some non-compliance on the part of the grantee. The deficiencies were called to the attention of the grantee for correction.

In looking at the purpose of the program, there might be a serious question as to the amount of money being spent on the type of program when compared to the possible results which might be achieved. There is nothing in the file to indicate what actual accomplishments were made as a result of this grant.