
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR MUSGROVE
FROM: ARMERITA TELL
SUBJECT: TRICKLE UP ECONOMICS
DATE: 7/26/2000

On Wednesday, July 26, 2000, Dr. David Crook made a presentation to Dr. Betty Fletcher, Mr. J.C. Burns, Representative Chuck Middleton & others representing Franklin County, per your request. Dr. Crook and his company, Nimbus Time Compression Solutions, Inc. are seeking financial assistance from the Department of Human Services and the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Dr. Crook's pilot program involves employment gain and welfare reduction in the arena of the garment manufacturing. He is requesting assistance from DHS and/or DECD to utilize their federal discretionary funds to fund this program. The program would use the funds to train and employ citizens to become active employees again. The money would not be used to continue assisting them in their unemployment; the money would provide them with skills to remain employed.

The funding from DHS or DECD would only be used for initial start-up, not a continual funded program. The program is ready to begin within 30-60 days. Dr. Crook and Nimbus just need the state's support and commitment. This type program has not been implemented anywhere else in the U.S., so there are no models to which to compare the program.

J.C. Burns was not in favor of the program. Before leaving the meeting early, Mr. Burns commented to Dr. Crook that he was lost during his presentation and was unable to understand what Dr. Crook was proposing to the DECD and DHS. Dr. Betty Fletcher asked Dr. Crook if they could take the information under consideration and get back in touch with him, after they had time to review the information.