



BHC-MSS 0132

Guide to the Papers of Elaine Liberto on Model Cities and follow-up programs

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Liberto, Elaine

Title: Papers of Elaine Liberto on Model Cities and follow-up programs.

Dates: 1971-1978

Quantity: 1 record carton, ½ manuscript box

Abstract: The Model Cities Program was a nationwide initiative begun by the Lyndon B. Johnson administration and lasted from 1966 to 1974. A part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, participating cities sought to approach urban redevelopment and renewal from a different angle, especially as they began to become popular, well known terms. This collection contains printed material and reports related to Bridgeport's implementation of the Model Cities program, as well as related social service programs that followed in its wake.

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Biographical History:

The Model Cities Program was a nationwide initiative begun by the Lyndon B. Johnson administration and lasted from 1966 to 1974. A part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, participating cities sought to approach urban redevelopment and renewal from a different angle, especially as they began to become popular, well known terms. A key part of the Model Cities Program was to rehabilitate social service programs and emphasize citizen participation. The success of the program's effectiveness varied depending on location.

Bridgeport's success has been considered mixed, although there were a number of similar organizations that followed in the wake of Model Cities. This includes the Urban Coalition as well as the Higher Education Center for Urban Studies (HECUS). Please see those collections for further information.

As Model Cities was meant to provide support to local social service programs, other organizations and works are represented in this collection, with an emphasis on community health and housing. See scope and content note for more information.

Scope and Content note:

The collection contains printed material and reports related to Bridgeport's implementation of the Model Cities program, as well as related social service programs that followed in its wake addressing needs such as community health, employment, and housing. These reports help to demonstrate the needs of Bridgeport in the 1970s and into the 1980s, as well as how various programs tried to respond.

Arrangement Note:

Arranged chronologically.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 2021.06, gift of Elaine Liberto

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Elaine Liberto Collection of Model Cities Material (BHC-MSS 0132), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings*Personal names*

Liberto, Elaine

Corporate names

Model Cities Program (Bridgeport, Conn.)

Subject tracings

Bridgeport, Conn.

City planning

Urban renewal

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

1. Model Cities program application, 1969
2. Model Cities program application, 1969
3. Model Cities program application, 1969
4. Model cities report. 1971
5. CDA fourth year plan, 1973
6. HUD correspondence to other Model Cities, 1973
7. Adult Learning Center evaluation, 1974
8. Final report – OD/HUD interagency report, 1974
9. Targets Project Program, National Work Incentive Demonstration, 1976
10. Targets Project Program, Revision I for Stamford, 1977
11. Targets project program, final report, 1977
12. National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials conference booklet and paper, 1977
13. Letter of recommendation and report of Model Cities Region 1 report, 1978
14. Proposal to purchase Rainbow Terrance Apartments, Cleveland, OH, by the National Tenants Organization, 1978
15. Proposal to purchase Gregory Park III Apartments (Jersey City, NJ) by National Tenants Organization, 1979
16. World Urban Development Forum, 1988
17. Orientation to microcomputer spreadsheet, 1988
18. New Haven Register, 1988
19. 1988 Relocation Study Survey Results, 1988
20. Connecticut Business Attitude Survey Report, 1988
21. Retention, 1988-1989
22. International information, 1989

23. Southwest Community Health Center Grant application, 1989
24. Southwest Community Health Center Grant application, 1989
25. State policies for conservation and development, 1989
26. Business Outreach Center, City of Shelton, CT, 1990
27. Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now Inc., 2002-2003
28. Development Impact Fees, undated
29. Development Impact Fees, undated
30. Development Impact Fees, undated
31. Development Impact Fees, undated
32. Management plan, Gretna Green, LA, undated
33. Unknown proposal, undated
34. Wealth maximization via real estate investment, undated

Box 2

1. Targets Project Plan, part B application, P.T. Barnum apartments, 1976
2. The World is your market, 1990
3. Appointed to Leadership, 1994.
4. Shaping the Local Economy: current perspectives on economic development, undated