## In Farmington

## Coalition seeks 'rights' guarantees for funds

By JACKIE KLEIN

The City of Farmington and other communities will be bound by tight-ened exid rights strings attached to their second year applications for fed-eral grants.

eral grants.

So said Joseph Guggenheim, coordinator of the Coalition for Block Grant Compliance, at an area wide as well as a form of the Coalition for Block Grant Compliance and one of the coalition and cryp groups to monitor applications for grants under 1974 IV. Bousing and Community Development. Act Southfield applied or a \$1 million, three-year grant to the Department of Housing and Crban Development. III Di last winter.

The coalition will stress requirements for speeding funds to give maximum feasible priority to activities benefiting loss and medicate income familiars and the elimination of slums and blight. Sout Guggenheim who is

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executive director of The Michigan Committee on Law and Housing "Another requirement is that each community must develop and submit to HUD a housing assistance plan to meet the needs of low-income persons residing or expecting to reside there as the gresult of employment opportu-nities."

EACH COMMUNITY must be in compliance with civil rights laws and overcome prior discrimination to be cligible for Regeral furding. Guggenheim said.

The grant, which must, be applied for each year, will provide \$149,000 for Southfield their first year, \$155,000 the second year and \$55,000 the third, year if reapproved. The cealation has knocked the city's pringram for 'fair, and to meet low income housing needs for persons residing or expected to resouthfield was not of \$5 ccmmunities charged with racism by the letroit NAACP. HUP placed a tempo-

rary freeze on approval of community development applications from the 26 suburb bat Southfield, among others, was finally approved. Last week it raining seasion was attended by respresentatives of Southfield, Farmington-West Bloomfield, and Detroit Leagues of women vaters who are members of the continuous Joyce Mittenthal, co-chairman of the Detroit League of Women Vater's housing action committee, said the coalition has made two major accomplishments.

"THE CLEAR trend of communities applying for grants was to express the need for eigerly housing but not for low income family housing," she said "Southfield is among these computaties.

"We believed this was in violation of the law and a formal complaint was filled with HUD by the National Committee Against Descrimination in Housing. The Detroit area coalition was selected to provide legal services. We've been written up nationally for continuous to the work of the housing and the said but fail to provide housing for craplicys who may want to live in the community. HUD funds, other than block grants, can be spent to full this need, he said.

"The first year funding program was iffy." Guggenheim contended, and communities were in violation of low-income requirements. But HUD will clamp down and we'll bring pressure to bear to insure complaine."

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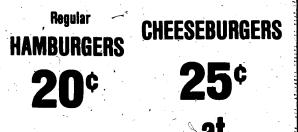
GUGGENHEIM STRESSED that
communities must have housing plans
to be eligible for funding. The plan
must indicate location of progosed low
income housing to avoid excess con"HUT had no interest in redioring
his plan the first year but commuinters including Southfield promised
to estimate low-income housing needs
currently and in the future for second
vera funding." he said
Communities will be required to submit a lengthy, first year performance
report with their reapplication for
funds. Guggespheim said The coalition
will provide technical assistance to
help immicipalities plan meaningful





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