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A \$74,471 Federal anti-poverty grant to up-grade Fairfax County's Gum Springs area has been approved by the directors of the United Planning Organization.

If passed by the Office of Economic Opportunity, headquarters for the Johnson Ad-

ministration's war on poverty, and by Virginia Gov. Albertis S. Harrison, Gum Springs would become the first suburban Washington community to qualify for such an award.

Working through a local service center and a pre-school education project, officials hope to raise living standards in the predominantly Negro area of about 800 families.

The program will attempt to improve the quality of education, housing, employment and legal help.

Social workers will interview underprivileged citizens. Volunteer doctors will survey medical problems, with special attention to childbirth and family planning.

The pre-school day-care center will aid in the cultural adjustment of children from uneducated families. It will be coordinated with County public school pilot projects in this field.

Also proposed is an employment service center.

Most of the grant—\$55,000—will go for salaries. Officials are interviewing candidates for a professional staff of about 14.

plans when the application was made.

Fairfax County Supervisor John Parrish, who represents the area, is expected to ask his fellow Supervisors to approve the plan at today's Board meeting.

Officials said that the Gum Springs project received approval earlier than others because Gum Springs leaders had developed preliminary