

ILLINOIS EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMISSION

1319 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

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From _____ County

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Field of Activity _____

Date of Approval _____ Signature _____

Director of Work Relief

(APPLICANT WILL NOT WRITE ABOVE THE LINE)

APPLICATION FOR WORK RELIEF PROJECT

1. Application is hereby made for approval of a work relief project to the Lake County Relief Committee of the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission.

2. Name of Governmental Unit requesting project Village of Deerfield, Illinois

3. Project for Street Repairs, Repairing Water Mains, Cleaning & Repair of Sewer System, (Brief Description of General Type of Work) Village Clean-up

4. Description and location and Pruning & care of trees and shrubs, on streets. Development of Ball diamond, Skating rink, tennis courts. (Township High School property)

Within Village limits.

and on public works.

Project to be supervised by Marshall Pottenger, Deerfield, Ill. (Name and Address)

5. Estimated cost: Labor as listed to be paid by I. E. R. C. \$ 10,950.00 11835
All other costs to be paid by applicant \$ 600.00
Total workers 30 Total cost \$ 11,550.00

Plans attached? _____ Who owns site of the work? Village - Deerfield-Shields Twp.H. School

Is this work provided for in current budget? No Are wage rates listed those customarily paid by you? Yes

Do you agree to make a complete detailed report on this project when completed or on request? Yes

For Village of Deerfield (Governmental Unit) Marshall Pottenger (Signature of Official Representative) Public Works Chairman (Title)

440 Elm St., Deerfield, Ill. (Address of Representative) Dfd. 241 (Telephone Number) 9-11-34 (Date)

Application shall be routed, signed and dated as follows:

	Name	Date
Work Relief Superintendent.....	_____	_____
County Work Relief Committee.....	_____	_____
County Emergency Relief Committee	_____	_____
District Representative	_____	_____
Register Clerk	_____	_____
Project Analyst	_____	_____
Engineer	_____	_____
Director of Women's Work.....	_____	_____
Director of Work Program.....	_____	_____

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF PROJECT

This project (when signed below) is approved by the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission subject to the following conditions; less labor may be supplied than requested, or it may be discontinued temporarily or permanently. The Illinois Emergency Relief Commission is under no obligation to complete this project.

State Administrator of Work Relief.

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LABOR AUTHORIZATION FOR WORK RELIEF PROJECT

6. Wages and Salaries

Date _____

Check Kind							Shift:—		Class of Workers	No. of Workers	No. of Days	Hours Per Day	Rate Per Hour	Total Man-Hours	Total Amount Dollars	To Report For Work	
Union	Non-Union	Whites	Colored	Male	Female	Handicapped	Date	Hour									
		X		X					Common Laborers	20	100	6	.50	12,000	\$6,000.00		
		X		X					Plumbers	3	100	6	1.00	1,800	1,800.00		
		X		X					Truck Drivers	2	100	6	.75	1,200	900.00		
		XX		X					Semi-skilled	5	100	6	.75	3,000	2,250.00		
Total										XXXX	XXXX	XXXXXX		18,000	10,950.00	XXXXX	XXXXX

Workers will report to Marshall Pottenger at Deerfield Village Hall
(Name of Person) (Place to Report)

For further information relating to the assignment of labor on this project, or in case information in last two columns above is not given, the assignment office can contact Marshall Pottenger
(Name)
440 Elm St., Deerfield, Ill. Deerfield 31
(Address) (Telephone Number)

The undersigned hereby applies to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission for Work Relief labor as specified above, and agrees to accept as its legal employees the workmen assigned to this project by the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and to supplement the medical care and other relief* given to injured workmen and their dependents by the Commission, as may be necessary to fully meet the requirements of the Workmen's Compensation Act of the State of Illinois.

*The Commission, during its legal life, will furnish adequate medical treatment for injured workmen and will place injured workmen on normal direct relief during the period of disability. However, medical treatment beyond first aid will not be furnished by the Commission in case compensation insurance policy covering these workmen is provided by the governmental unit since this would involve duplication of expense.

Village of Deerfield
(Name of Governmental Unit)
Marshall Pottenger
(Signature of Official Representative)

Lesson Plan – “Work Relief Project” (The New Deal)

Background

With the Stock Market Crash of October, 1929, the United States entered a period of economic hardship known as the Great Depression. Franklin Roosevelt became President in 1933. His administration developed what became known as the New Deal. The “Alphabet Agencies” of this economic program included the AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Act), REA (Rural Electrification Administration), and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). The goals of the New Deal were the three “R’s” – Relief, Recovery, and Reform.

The most important immediate goal was relief – helping the many thousands of people – who had lost their jobs, homes, and often hope – survive until economic recovery set-in. From 1933-1935, the Federal Emergency Relief Commission (FERC) distributed federal money, through state agencies, for emergency relief (such as food and clothing) and to develop work projects for the employment of those on relief. In Illinois, the FERC worked with the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission (IERC). For 1935, the federal government allocated about \$1,100,000 for relief in Illinois; the state provided nearly \$36,000,000 more (the state did this by adding an additional one cent to the sales tax). The average monthly relief grant was \$30.66. In 1936, the Works Progress Administration took over the work of the FERC. The IERC later became the Illinois Public Aid Commission.

There are many stories about relief efforts in Illinois during the Depression. Caseworkers for the IERC in Pope County distributed “surplus commodities”, such as flour, smoked and canned meat, and even grapefruit – which was quite an exotic fruit back then. In Elgin in 1935, people were employed to dredge part of the Fox River. The gravel was then used to expand the surface area, which was seeded and landscaped with trees and shrubbery. On April 18, 1934, in the town of Greenville, 500-600 men marched on the local IERC headquarters with signs demanding milk, more food and a greater variety of food. However, to emphasize the crowd’s loyalty, one man carried a large American flag. In the documents below, the Village of Deerfield makes a request both to put people to work and to complete projects that will benefit the community.

Internet sources –

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/hard_times/doc40

www.springhousemagazine.com/sorrow4.htm

www.elginhistory.com/eaah/eaah-ch08.htm

www.greenvilleusa.org/akeith/protest.htm

Document 1 - "Application for Work Relief Project"

1. What is the date of the document? _____

2. What was going on with the U.S. and world economy at that time?

3. In the document title, what do you think "relief" means?

4. Describe the project requested by the Village of Deerfield -

5. Who will benefit from this project (think private individuals or the public)?

6. How many workers will be employed? _____

Why do you think they need the work? _____

Document 2 - "Labor Authorization for Work Relief Project"

1. Which worker gets paid at the highest rate? _____

The lowest rate? _____ Why the difference? -

2. Looking at the project description in Document 1, what job might each worker do -

common laborer -- _____

plumber -- _____

truck driver -- _____

semi-skilled -- _____

3. Refer to the "Check Kind" categories in the upper left hand corner ...

Who received all the jobs -- _____

Who didn't receive any jobs -- _____

Why do you think this was so (there could be several reasons) -- _____

4. Why do you think the U.S. government required this checklist?
