

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
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Dear Friends,

The Mississippi Summer Project needs funds and supplies!

As you all can imagine the Mississippi Summer Project will cost upwards from \$200,000 if the scope we envision for the program is to materialize. Fund-raising should have already begun and, if not, should start immediately.

Enclosed are several memo's and lists of needs which can be used as a basis for soliciting supplies, funds, cars and equipment. Most of you should already have copies of the Freedom School prospectus, outlines of other projects like the community centers, research projects, law students project and basic information on COFO. These were mailed directly from the Jackson office. If you don't have these things and want them, write me and I'll send them off immediately.

IMPORTANT

We feel that it is really essential that each Friends of SNCC group, each campus or each city attempt to plan an entire drive around the Summer Project, which would include:

1. Publicity on the project and the fund/supply drive
2. Approaching local firms and stores for the donation of materials.
3. Approaching various community organizations and churches to assume responsibility for funds and/or supplies for some specific aspect of the program.
4. Organizing a door-to-door solicitation for funds, supplies, etc. as well as for the educational value of spreading the word about the Mississippi Summer Project.
5. Your own ideas.

Your area might, for example, adopt one Freedom School as a project which would involve soliciting funds and supplies for the operation of that one school. On the other hand, no one should turn down materials if your "quota" of one movie projector is filled since it would be very difficult for us to get too much of anything. Although further material will follow on specific immediate needs, you should all let us know what you've been able to raise so that we can reassign priorities as the drives continue.

All of this fund-raising can and should be tied in to conditions in Mississippi, the recent passage of the Highway Patrol bill which gives sweeping powers to the Governor and gives full police powers to the highway patrol, the sterilization bill (which provides for involuntary sterilization of women who have had more than two illegitimate children) now pending in the Mississippi Senate, past instances of brutality and harrassment and extreme poverty and deprivation.

Keep in touch and let us know how the drives are going.

Freedom,
Betty Garman, Atlanta SNCC