Program Fund To Aid Aged In Poverty

The Office of Economic Opportunity has signed a \$1,251,580 contract with the National Council on the Aging for a campaign against the problems of the nation's 5,400,000 elderly poor.

Project FIND (Friendless, Isolated, Needy, Disabled) will utilize older persons to locate the indigent elderly in a community who need public services, such as housing, health, employment, etc., and then direct them to these services.

The NOCA will also provide a national and technical assistance program directed at the staffs of OEO and other agencies to accelerate OEO services to older poor persons.

The contract also provides for several demonstration projects that will show how services to older persons can be increased through the utilization of all state government resources with community action activities.

The NCOA is the nation's largest voluntary organization in providing consultation and assistance to national, state and local voluntary and public agencies serving the poor.

Miss Genevieve Blatt, former Pennsylvania Secretary of Internal Affairs, has been nominated by President Johnson as assistant director of the OEO for the problems of elderly poor.