ILLINOIS EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMISSION
1319 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Temporary Number

From: ____________________ County: ____________________

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


4. Project to be supervised by: Marshall Pottenger, Deerfield, Ill.

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

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)
   (Signature of Official Representative)
   (Address of Representative)
   (Telephone Number)

   Marshall Pottenger
   Public Works Chairman

   440 Elm St., Deerfield, Ill.
   Dfd. 241

   9-11-34

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.

Applicants are requested to read carefully the instructions on reverse side of sheet before filling out.
### Labor Authorization for Work Relief Project

6. Wages and Salaries

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<th>Shift:</th>
<th>Class of Workers</th>
<th>No. of Workers</th>
<th>No. of Days</th>
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<th>Rate Per Hour</th>
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<td>Common Laborers</td>
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<th>To Report For Work</th>
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Workers will report to **Marshall Pottenger** at **Deerfield Village Hall**

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**

440 Elm St., Deerfield, Ill.

Village of Deerfield

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*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 what is 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.*

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**(Name of Governmental Unit)**

**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
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?
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________