

\$225,000 FUND GIVEN TO CHAVEZ CENTERS

A \$225,000 grant to support efforts for improving the economic and social conditions of Mexican - American migrant farm workers in the West and Southwest was announced yesterday by the Ford Foundation.

The grant—to the Center for Community Change, which is based in Washington, D.C.—will help finance seven farm workers' service centers established by the director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Cesar Chavez. Mr. Chavez was jailed 10 days ago in Salinas, Calif., for refusing to obey a court order issued there that directed him to end a lettuce boycott in Salinas.

The centers advise 7,000 Mexican - American laborers

monthly on such matters as welfare and social security benefits, the filing of tax returns and wage claims, and protection of civil rights.

"Farm workers," the foundation announcement said, "are among the nation's most disadvantaged citizens. The year not covered by the National Labor Relations Act, they are often not eligible for welfare, Medicaid, or unemployment benefits, and they are frequently housed in inadequate private housing or labor camps. Many suffer from malnutrition.

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