

This aid is distinct from existing aids to planning bodies for preparing the plans. It is also distinct from Federal financial aids, the purpose of which is to help provide specific types of well-planned public works.

*Proposed new grant program*

The title would authorize establishment of a new program of supplementary grants to localities and other public bodies in metropolitan areas. These grants would supplement existing Federal assistance to programs for transportation facilities (including mass transit, roads, and airports), water and sewer facilities, and recreation and other open-space areas. The supplementary grant could not exceed 20 percent of the cost of such projects, and the combined Federal grants could not exceed 80 percent of the project cost.

Grants would be available only within metropolitan areas which had established areawide planning and programming adequate for evaluating and guiding all public and private actions of metropolitanwide or interjurisdictional significance. Within such areas, the grants would be available only to municipalities or other public bodies which were carrying out the location and scheduling of public facilities, zoning, and other subdivision actions, and other policies and actions of metropolitanwide or interjurisdictional significance in accord with such areawide planning and programming.

As President Johnson said in his January 26 message: "The powerful forces of urban growth threaten to overwhelm efforts to achieve orderly development. A metropolitan plan should be an instrument for shaping sound urban growth—not a neglected document." This program would provide valuable and much-needed incentive for conformity to such plans.

*The need for additional assistance to metropolitan areas*

This program, which is an outgrowth of existing Federal urban development policies, could be of great benefit to many of our people. Today, 125 million Americans—two-thirds of our total population—live in metropolitan areas. Twenty years from now, we will have added, according to conservative estimates, 54 million people to our metropolitan population, the great bulk of them in suburban areas. This is the equivalent of adding 5 New Yorks or 27 Washingtons. Federal, State, and local governments will be spending, over this period, billions of dollars for basic services for these areas—for schools, highways, and other forms of transportation, parks, sewer and water systems, and other community facilities. Careful and effective planning can greatly reduce the capital costs of these services, and can in addition make great contributions to our goal of a suitable living environment for every American family.

*What programs would receive supplemental grants*

Applicants under eight Federal grant programs would be eligible to receive supplemental assistance under the new program:

1. Grants for basic water and sewer facilities, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965;
2. Grants for construction of sewage treatment works, administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;
3. Grants for highway construction (Federal-aid primary and secondary systems, but not the Interstate System) administered by the Department of Commerce;
4. Grants for airport development, administered by the Federal Aviation Agency under the Federal Airport Act;
5. Grants for urban mass transportation facilities and equipment, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964;
6. Grants for acquisition and development of open space, or for beautification and improvement of public land, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Housing Act of 1961;
7. Grants for the acquisition and development of lands and waters for recreation purposes, administered by the Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965; and
8. Grants for public works and facilities, administered by the Department of Commerce under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (but only if they involve works or facilities of a type which the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development determines to be eligible under items (1) through (7)).