

7. The commission has never utilized all of the operation money available to it. Operation expenditures have been kept at approximately one-fourth to one-third of the State's allotment.

As a general comment, the relationship between the State commission and the U.S. Office of Education College Facilities Grants Branch has been of an extremely high order, and most satisfactory. A spirit of excellent cooperation has existed from the beginning of the program.

From the standpoint of the State, we have only praise and no complaints regarding the desire on the part of the Office of Education to render a useful service.

With regard to the programs, we have two suggestions. First, we believe that the level of Federal participation could usefully and helpfully be increased to 50 percent of the eligible project costs for both category 103 and 104 projects.

This is the same level of participation which has existed with most National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health grants. Some compensation to the Federal participation because of this increase could come from elimination of any participation in administrative and loose equipment costs.

This second item is particularly troublesome, in that an inordinate amount of work in great detail is required for both the applicant and for the Office of Education.

Second, we see or sense a need to assist in increasing the quality of instruction through this construction aid program. We know that increased student enrollment capacity is the base for the grants as now programed. However, increased instructional quality could be productive also, and this aspect of the Nation's educational effort could be studied.

In conclusion, we acknowledge with appreciation the valuable aid that this program has rendered to our institutions, and we see every need for its continuance in the future at an increasing rate.

(Attachments to statement follow:)

LIST OF ALL GRANTS RECOMMENDED BY THE GEORGIA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES COMMISSION UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES ACT OF 1963 AS AMENDED

Public community colleges—Category 103

	<i>Grant</i>
1. Middle Georgia College.....	\$125,878
2. Marietta Junior College.....	993,911
3. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.....	121,359
4. Southern Institute of Technology.....	233,333
5. Georgia Military College.....	125,856
6. Albany Junior College.....	655,497
7. DeKalb College.....	759,925
8. Middle Georgia College.....	37,208
9. Gainesville Junior College.....	752,242
10. Dalton Junior College.....	717,292
11. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.....	106,362
12. DeKalb College.....	63,733
13. Columbus College.....	177,848
Total	<u>4,870,444</u>