

Annual museum construction funds expended

[In millions of dollars]

Year ¹	Private institutions	Local government	State agencies	Federal Government	Total
1948	1.54	0.59		0.07	2.20
1949	2.72	.54		.10	3.30
1950	1.79	1.48	4.53		7.80
1951	5.87	.94	.22	.07	7.20
1952	2.73	.29		.16	3.175
1953	8.91	1.10	.99		11.00
1954	4.37	.72	2.01	.07	7.17
1955	5.32	1.69	1.35	.08	8.44
1956	4.22	.98	.27		5.47
1957	12.20	2.81	.66	.83	16.50
1958	11.32	.66	.79	.39	13.16
1959	5.34	2.42	3.39	.97	12.12
1960	12.03	2.44	.81	.98	16.26
1961	11.61		.75	.12	12.48
1962	12.51	7.91	2.64	9.89	32.95
1963	13.24	1.20	4.41	1.20	20.05
1964	19.66	5.51	17.30	36.18	78.65
1965	9.96	13.21	1.00	.75	24.92

¹ The year given is the year in which the construction was completed, and not necessarily the year in which the major part of the funds was expended.

The major source of financing for capital outlay has been gifts, bequests, donations, and fundraising drives, amounting to 63 percent of the total in the period 1950-56; and 70 percent of the total from 1957 to 1965. The next largest source is appropriations from tax resources, being 29 percent of the total from 1950-56; and 24.7 percent of the total from 1957-65. Federal Government grant assistance has put in a fairly recent appearance, and accounts for only 0.3 percent of the capital outlay in the period 1957-65, all under grants from the National Science Foundation. The remainder is accounted for by municipal bond issues, amounting to 8 percent of total financing from 1950-56, and 5 percent of the total outlay from 1957-65. No capital development funds have been obtained through State grants-in-aid for construction now in place, borrowing from the Federal Government, or capital flotations in security markets other than the municipal bonds mentioned above.

D. NEEDS AND PROSPECTIVE CAPITAL OUTLAYS

In estimating new construction needs for museum physical plants over the next 10 years, it is necessary to take into account a number of factors, including the rate of establishment of new museums, and the existing backlog of inadequate facilities.

New museum institutions are currently being established at the rate of 2 a week, or about 100 per year. A number of these institutions are historic houses, and will not require capital construction, and another large group will not develop sufficiently to support a new building designed especially for their use within the 10-year period. Therefore, we may assume that only one-fifth of these institutions will attempt to finance new construction for their use, making a total of 200 new buildings during the 10-year period.