

C. FUTURE NEEDS

During the period 1966-75 it can be anticipated that 20,000 new fire stations will be constructed by the fire service. These can be expected to be divided as follows:

TABLE 6

Population groups	Buildings	Estimated cost
Over 50,000.....	2,000	\$720,000,000
2,500 to 50,000.....	10,000	576,000,000
Under 2,500.....	8,000	75,000,000
Total.....	20,000	1,371,000,000

These buildings will be needed to replace obsolete structures now in use, new stations required to meet expansion of communities, and the creation of entirely new fire departments.

The above projection takes into account the absorption of some small departments into larger ones by annexation as well as the consolidation of stations in departments where changing fire protection requirements indicate this desirability.

It is expected that financing of these buildings will proceed in a parallel manner to that shown in table 4. In this respect it can be anticipated that greater use be made of urban renewal funds in the larger communities. This should result due to forced demolition and relocation of fire stations as the renewal projects proceed.