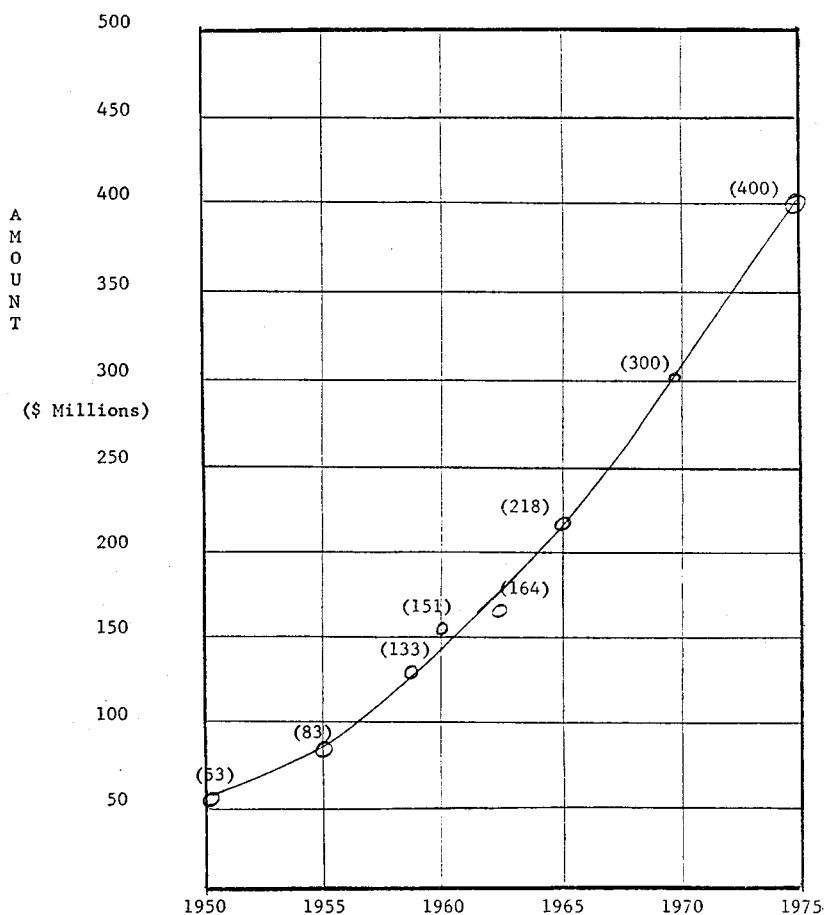


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TREND OF CAPITAL OUTLAY

For General Purpose Public Buildings



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not been foreseen. Between 1925 and 1935, because of the depression, expenditures for nonresidential public buildings dropped 50 percent. Other factors affecting cost of construction include policy decisions on when and where to buy land. Property purchased well in advance of need can frequently be procured for much less than property acquired at the time of construction. Careful site selection providing for future expansion can also reduce the overall cost of construction. Cooperation between different levels of government,