

Program 6: Economic Development Center Assistance.

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966, estimate	Fiscal year 1967, estimate
(a) Magnitude of the program (approved projects).....				497
(b) Applicants or participants:.....				
State government agencies.....				35
Local communities or governments.....				715
Other (corporations or companies).....				30
(c) Federal finances:.....				
Unobligated appropriations available.....				\$39,575,000
Obligations incurred.....				\$39,575,000
Commitments made.....				\$43,400,000
(d) Matching or additional expenditures for the program (estimated).....				\$2,000,00
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity (man-years).....				31

5. *Estimated magnitude of program in 1970*

The EDA program is directed to the solution of chronic and severe area unemployment and underemployment. Its magnitude in 1970 will therefore reflect economic conditions at that time. A significant decrease in the national rate of unemployment or in the concentration of unemployment in particular areas would probably bring a decrease in the size of the EDA program. A large rise in unemployment would have the opposite effect. If economic activity remains at about current levels, the program would probably increase slightly in line with population growth.

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

(a) *Pending legislative proposals.*—None. EDA is beginning its first year of operation; any new legislative proposals must wait until this agency has had sufficient experience in operating under the 1965 Act.

(b) *Proposed administrative and organizational changes.*—None. Administrative organization of EDA is currently being worked out.

(c) *Probable changes in conditions under which the program will function in 1970.*—See comments under (5) above. It is probable that by 1970, the regional and multicounty economic development organizations set up under this Act will play a much more important role in guiding development in their areas as they develop experience and professional expertise.

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 requires coordination and/or cooperation with a number of other programs and agencies.

Since EDA has had very little operating experience thus far, the wording of the Act must be relied on for most of the information needed here.

(a) Within EDA, all offices and divisions will be working under close cooperation and coordination. Public facility grants and loans will be related to the industrial and commercial loan activities, all in the context of the planning stimulated by the Overall Economic Development Program. Technical assistance will similarly be coordinated with the needs made apparent by the local and regional planning activities.