

per pupil of constructing minimum school facilities. Applications for school construction assistance are submitted to the Office of Education through State educational agencies and contain the essential source data required for the determination of eligibility and payment. The State agency certifies that the data are correct and that the proposed project is in conformity with the overall State plans and requirements for the construction of school facilities. The State agency also provides the information required to calculate the average cost per pupil of construction of minimum school facilities in the State. Where no local educational agency is able to provide suitable free public education, the application is submitted by the appropriate Federal agency. No matching is required; however, Federal funds may be used only for the construction of "minimum" school facilities and local funds must be used for the remaining costs of a project.

3. History

In 1949, the House Committee on Education and Labor investigated problems created for school districts by Federal activities. As a result, Public Law 815 was enacted in September 1950, with an initial termination date of June 30, 1952. The act has had numerous amendments, mostly of a liberalizing nature, but the basic provisions, intent, and purpose have remained the same. Assistance on behalf of children who live on Federal property with a parent employed on Federal property was made permanent by Public Law 85-620. The latest extension of the temporary provisions of the law by Public Law 88-665 provides authorization through fiscal year 1966. Public Law 88-313 amended the law to provide aid to schools in disaster-struck areas.

Since the passage of Public Law 815 in 1950, nearly \$1.2 billion has been appropriated to aid school construction in 1,900 school districts. With this sum plus State and local expenditures (approximately \$715 million), a total of 58,000 classrooms and related facilities have been built for 1.8 million children.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: School construction in federally affected areas.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Office of Education; Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education.

TABLE 1.—*Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67*

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimate	Fiscal year 1967 estimate
(a) Magnitude of the program (classrooms provided) . . .	707	3,092	2,700	1,000
(b) Applicants or participants: State educational agencies (projects filed)	331	360	368	121
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available (millions)	\$68.6	\$105	\$78.1	\$37.1
Obligations incurred (millions)	\$21.9	\$77	\$63.9	\$25.1
Allotments or commitments made				
(d) Matching or additional expenditures				
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity (administering)	31	31	31	31
(f) Non-Federal Government personnel employed				
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of performance (pupils housed)	¹ 80,500	¹ 89,700	78,300	29,000

¹ Estimated.