

used to assist local educational agencies in establishing programs and pilot projects in adult basic education, to assist with the actual costs of adult instruction, and to assist State educational agencies to improve their technical and supervisory services to adult basic education.

3. History

The adult basic education program was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, enacted on August 20, 1964. Funds for the program became available in March of 1965. Prior to that time, however, with the aid of the Ford Foundation and the individual States, training workshops were held throughout the country. Program regulations were issued in March.

By the end of January 1966, 43 States had won final approval of their adult basic education plans and received their funds. Six States were notified that their plans were in substantially approvable form while the plans of four additional States were under review.

A county-by-county survey of State education agencies revealed that as of the end of 1965, 197,000 persons were enrolled in State programs. Based on estimates from the States, total fiscal year 1966 enrollment is projected at over 258,000, more than triple the expected response to the program. These figures indicate that the States' share of program expenditures will exceed the 10-percent matching requirement.

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

Program: Adult basic education.

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

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

[Dollar amounts in millions]

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964 ¹	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimate	Fiscal year 1967 estimate
(a) Magnitude of the program (classes).....		² 1,900	15,216	20,000
(b) Applicants or participants: State educational agencies.....		15	55	55
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available ³		\$19	\$30.4	\$30
Obligations incurred ²		\$4.2	\$30.4	\$30
Allotments or commitments made.....		\$18.6	\$29.6	\$20.2
(d) Matching or additional expenditures.....		² \$.4	\$4.8	\$3
(e) Number of Federal Government employees admin- istering, operating, or supervising the activity (man-years administering).....		4.9	20	31
(f) Non-Federal Government personnel employed (persons).....		20	19,793	20,000
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of performance (trainees).....		37,991	258,000	300,000

¹ Not applicable.

² Estimated.

³ Includes funds for program administration.

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970

Not answered.

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

Not answered.

7. Coordination and cooperation

Funds for this program are appropriated to the Office of Economic Opportunity which transfers them to the Office of Education.