

2. Operation

Eligible recipients under the program (public school system, college or university, State educational television agency, or nonprofit corporation) apply directly to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare for grants for the acquisition and installation of transmission equipment for educational television broadcasting. Grants for activation of new stations are made on a 50-50 matching basis; those for expansion of existing stations are made on the same basis, except that credit for 25 percent of the cost of existing facilities may be given. No more than \$1 million may be granted to any one State. Not more than 15 percent of any grant may be used to connect two or more stations. The Secretary of HEW approves all applications, but he has delegated the technical processing of applications to the Office of Education.

3. History

This program was established by Public Law 87-447 on May 1, 1962, and the first appropriation was made on May 17, 1963. Since that time over \$29 million of the \$32 million authorized through fiscal year 1967 has been appropriated. A total of \$13,917,510 has been obligated to construct 37 new stations and to expand 36 existing ones. Applications totaling \$9,140,223 are currently pending. Applications which exceed the \$1 million statutory limitation have been received from five States.

Total applications received represent 43 States (including Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico). The 73 grants approved (to date) were made in a total of 35 States (including Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico). Through the grant program seven States were able to activate their first educational television stations.

By the end of fiscal year 1966, 50 percent more ETV stations will be in operation as a result of this program than were operating prior to passage of Public Law 87-447. The following table reflects other comparative results of the program:

	1963 (June 30)	1965 (Dec. 1)
Number of ETV stations in operation.....	79	112
Total population in reception area.....	(1)	128,000,000
Number of students in reception area (all levels of instruction).....	2 25,000,000	35,000,000
Number of States having at least 1 ETV station.....	33	40

¹ Less than 100,000,000.

² Approximately.

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

Program: Educational television facilities.

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