

research related to nursing, with emphasis upon research important to the improvement of patient care.

Research grants also support studies of the development and utilization of nursing services, facilities, and resources.

Research grants in nursing are intended to expand research activities throughout the country, and to encourage nurse and non-nurse investigators to undertake research in health fields important to nursing.

2. Operation

Through extensive programing efforts, the professional nursing staff of the branch provides consultation to potential investigators throughout the United States and in selected international areas prior to the submission of research grant applications. New research areas are identified and stimulated to encourage research needed immediately and in the next five to ten years.

Under the authority of the Public Health Service Act, research grants are made in support of research related to nursing in universities, colleges, medical and nursing schools, schools of public health, hospitals, laboratories, State and local health departments, and other non-profit institutions, such as regional and national nursing organizations.

3. History

The Division of Nursing's research project grants program was started in 1955 under the Division of General Medical Sciences (now the National Institute of General Medical Sciences). Both Divisions shared the administrative responsibility for the program.

In 1963, the total program was transferred to the Division of Nursing, Bureau of State Services (Community Health).

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

Program: Division of Nursing research grant program.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service—Bureau of State Services (Community Health).

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

[Dollars in thousands—estimates]

Measure ¹	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966	Fiscal year 1967 ²
(a) Magnitude of the program (number of grant projects)	64	55	63	63
(b) Applicants or participants:				
State government agencies	1			
Local communities or governments ³	4	4	1	1
Individuals or families				
Other ⁴	59	51	62	62
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available				
Obligations incurred	\$1,980	\$1,952	\$2,170	\$2,230
Allotments or commitments made				
(d) Matching or additional expenditures	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
(e) Number of Federal employees (man-years)	3	3	3	3
(f) Non-Federal personnel	315	275	315	315
(g) Other measures of performance				

¹ See committee inquiry for definitions.

² President's budget.

³ Visiting nurses associations, city research organizations.

⁴ Colleges, universities, research institutions, hospitals, schools of nursing, National and regional nursing organizations.

⁵ No data available regarding additional expenditures by grantees.

⁶ Estimates.