

nationwide institutes, collaboration on reports, manuals, and other documents; serving as committee members; preparation of exhibits; and serving as consultants on a variety of projects, and as representatives at numerous meetings and conferences. An illustrative listing of professional associations with which continuous contacts are maintained is as follows:

American Hospital Association.
 Association of American Medical Colleges.
 American Medical Association.
 American Institute of Architects.
 American Physical Therapy Association.
 Illuminating Engineering Society.
 National Fire Protection Association.
 American Dietetic Association.
 American Nursing Home Association.

8. Laws and regulations

Authority for hospital and medical facilities construction and modernization grants is included in title VI of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 USC 291-291o).

The following table shows Hill-Burton authorizations for fiscal years 1964-66.

	Construction	Areawide planning
1964.....	\$220,000,000	
1965.....	250,000,000	\$2,500,000
1966.....	260,000,000	5,000,000

PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

9. Economic effects

In its 19 years of operation, the Hill-Burton program has made substantial contributions to the national economy and to economic growth. Some have been readily adaptable to quantitative measurement. Others, although of equal importance, are not so clearly measurable; for example, the effect upon individual and community health productivity. The following are examples of measurable benefits of the program since its inception:

a. Construction of needed hospitals and other health facilities has been stimulated throughout the Nation, bringing to many communities the basic resources for saving life, preventing sickness, and rehabilitating the disabled. At the start of the program, 10 million people were living in areas without any acceptable general hospital beds. Today, fewer than 2 million live in areas without acceptable facilities. Altogether, \$7.5 billion in health facility construction funds has been expended in local communities since 1947, a dollar volume three times the Federal aid involved.

b. During the period of construction of Hill-Burton projects approved to date, opportunities have been created for an estimated 2,500,000 man-months of employment for workers in the building and equipment trades.

c. Permanent, year-round employment opportunities have also been created for an estimated 325,000 persons in the various health