

grants to accomplish the foregoing objectives which may not exceed 75 percent of the necessary cost of construction. Applicants must provide assurance that financial support will be available for construction of the project to cover the non-Federal share of cost and for its maintenance and operation when the project is completed. The Surgeon General has appointed a Subcommittee on Construction of University-Affiliated Facilities for the Mentally Retarded. The subcommittee submits recommendations to the Surgeon General for action to be taken on applications submitted in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of the act, title 42, chapter I, subchapter D, part 54, subpart A. The six members of the subcommittee are outstanding experts in disciplines interested in the field of mental retardation.

Applications for assistance under the act are submitted to the Division prior to scheduled subcommittee meetings. Staff, assigned to the program, review applications, consult with the subcommittee and offer suggestions for improvement, and review proposed plans and specifications.

Funds are allocated to those projects in which applicants propose exemplary interdisciplinary training programs of professionals who will either provide direct services to the mentally retarded or provide training of teachers in the disciplines needed for care and treatment of the mentally retarded.

The criteria followed and the provision of staff assistance are concerned with whether the proposed clinical facility will provide a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, as nearly as practicable, and whether the proposed training programs will serve as interdisciplinary models of excellence and provide appropriate settings for professional training. The emphasis is upon quality, both in service and in professional training, which promotes the recruitment of professional personnel for work in mental retardation. Grants may be made only for that portion of a university-affiliated facility which the Surgeon General determines to be attributable to the needs for demonstration and training purposes. The construction phase of the program is administered through regional offices, with Washington office supervision and technical assistance given when the need is indicated.

3. History

Part B, title I, Public Law 88-164, which was approved on October 31, 1963, authorized programs to assist colleges and universities in the construction of clinical facilities providing, as nearly as practicable, a full range of inpatient and outpatient services for the mentally retarded which would either demonstrate provisions of specialized service for the diagnosis and treatment, education, training or care of the mentally retarded or would help in the clinical training of physicians and other specialized personnel needed for research, diagnosis and treatment, education, training or care of the mentally retarded.

The act authorizes appropriations in the total amount of \$32½ million over a 4-year period beginning with fiscal year 1964. Congress has appropriated \$5 million for fiscal year 1964, \$7½ million for fiscal year 1965, and \$10 million for fiscal year 1966. Six applications have been approved which total \$8,455,560. A portion of the balance, \$14,044,440, may be obligated in November 1965 after the subcom-