

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See table 8 at the end of the NIH section, which combines grants for mental health center construction with those for health research facilities construction.)

GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH RESEARCH FACILITIES

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

The objective of this program is to raise the quality and capacity of the facilities for health and health-related research by supporting the construction, renovation, and equipping of modern facilities for research and related activities in the sciences related to health. This support is provided to both public and nonprofit private institutions. The activity was initiated in recognition of the need (1) for a program of modernization to overcome the problems of obsolete, overcrowded, and poorly equipped research laboratories, and (2) to expand research facilities resources as the Nation's support of medical research performance grows, new institutions with research capability are created, and the supply of qualified personnel for research training increases.

2. *Operation*

Grants for the construction of health research facilities are awarded by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service upon recommendation for approval by the National Advisory Council on Health Research Facilities.

The applicant for a construction grant must be a public or a nonprofit institution determined to be competent to engage in the type of research for which the facility is to be constructed.

The amount of the grant may not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the construction of the facility; in the case of multipurpose facilities the award is based on the proportionate cost of the part of the facility to be used for research or related activities.

Furthermore, the facility, for 10 years after completion, must be used for the purpose for which it was constructed. In the event that the facility, within 10 years, is not being used for the research purposes for which it was constructed, the regulations provide for the recovery by the Federal Government of an amount proportionate to the value of the facility (at the time of recovery) in the same ratio as the Federal grant for construction bore to the total cost of the construction of the research facility.

In approving awards, particular consideration is given to facilities that (a) will be used for research in disciplines or diseases which have the most urgent needs; (b) are adaptable to the various methods by which research is organized or advanced; (c) will be in institutions or localities with broad research programs and potentials; (d) will promote a better geographic distribution of research through assistance of established or promising new research activities in various areas of the Nation having at present relatively few such research facilities.

The award process.—The National Advisory Council on Health Research Facilities is composed of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, an official of the National Science Foundation, and 12 members appointed by the Secretary, Department of Health, Educa-