

The individual projects are developed and submitted by local agencies throughout the country. They are reviewed by AOA and, if approved, funded by OEO. The local projects become a part of the national demonstration-evaluation effort. The recruitment, training, and assignment of the elderly to the institution is a local responsibility supervised by the agency receiving the grant from OEO. The AOA assists the local group through consultation during the project and supervises the collection and evaluation of data from the local projects. These data are assembled and published by OEO.

Currently, community-initiated projects which do not include a new element or feature are supported from local community action funds (sec. 205) but are under the oversight of the Administration on Aging.

3. History

In the spring of 1965, the AOA (then the Office of Aging) and OEO jointly conducted an investigation into the needs of institutionalized children which might be met by the elderly.

In May 1965 notification of interest in the development of a demonstration-evaluation program was released through the regional offices of HEW. Agencies and institutions indicating an interest in further discussion regarding the potential of the program were invited to meetings in Washington held on June 12 and 22, 1965. Seventy representatives attended. Some 52 institutions from 22 communities submitted applications. On August 28, 1965, President Johnson announced the approval and funding of the 22 projects, mainly for infants and children up to 5 years of age.

During September 1965, plans were developed for extending the program to older children. Projects are constructed to demonstrate and evaluate the benefits and problems of this type of employment opportunity for the elderly. Each project initially is for a demonstration period of a year. Additional funding was authorized by OEO in December.

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

Program: Foster grandparent program.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Administration on Aging in cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

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

Measure	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimate	Fiscal year 1967 estimate
(a) Magnitude of the program (allotment)-----	(1)	(1)	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
(b) Applicants or participants:				
State government agencies.....			15	15
Local communities or governments.....			20	20
Individuals or families.....			0	0
Other nonprofit voluntary agencies.....			25	25
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available.....			\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
Obligations incurred.....			0	0
Allotments or commitments made.....			\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
(d) Matching or additional expenditures for the program.....			\$375,000	\$375,000
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity.....			12	12
(f) Non-Federal personnel employed in the program.....			(2)	(2)
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of performance..			(2)	(2)

¹ Not applicable; program not in operation.

² 200 staff, 2,500 FGP's.

³ See narrative.

NOTE.—This program is also included as part of the community action program of the Office of Economic Opportunity.