

dependent establishments and agencies of the Federal Government; or engage profit-motivated organizations to carry out such programs of data collection, research and analysis as he deems desirable and necessary.

The Secretary depends upon his staff, primarily within the Office of Program Policy, to identify areas in which research and analysis are required and to screen proposals which are submitted by various applicants who seek HUD funds for research in fields which relate to departmental programs. The Director of the Office of Program Policy is head of a Departmental Coordinating Board for Research and Demonstrations, and this Board establishes guidelines and priorities with regard to research efforts, and it also evaluates proposed research activities for their possible value and applicability.

The Director of the Office of Program Policy negotiates the terms and conditions of the research contract, which he submits to the Secretary for approval. The Director passes upon the scope of the survey, its cost, its methodology, and the caliber of the professionals who will manage and direct the effort.

3. *History*

The housing research and urban studies program was authorized in the Housing Act of 1948 and was amended by the Housing Act of 1949. Pursuant to this authorization, an active research program was conducted in HHFA from 1950 through 1952. In 1952 the Independent Offices Appropriation Committee's action terminated the program, allowing only such funds as were necessary to terminate outstanding research contracts. The scope and kinds of research undertaken during this period were broad and varied, with a substantial portion of funds spent upon technological research.

In 1956 a new research program authorization was enacted by the Congress. This new authorization did not limit, in any way, the research authority previously granted under the earlier research legislative authorizations. No funds, however, were voted to implement this more recent authority until 1961. In 1961 \$350,000 was appropriated to conduct the housing and urban studies research program. Through fiscal year 1965 the annual level of appropriations has remained at this same level. The fiscal 1966 level, however, is proposed at \$700,000.

The limitation of funds for research has circumscribed the numbers and kinds of research and analysis which could be undertaken by this Department. A substantial portion of available funds has been spent for expanding and refining housing production and marketing data, and this service has been contracted through the Census Bureau.

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

Program: Urban studies and housing research.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Housing and Urban Development; Office of Program Policy.