

maintenance costs and stimulate the increased and sustained production of housing, and concerned with housing economics and other housing market data."

Section 602 of the Housing Act of 1956, 70 Stat. 1091, 1113, authorizes the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to "undertake such programs of investigation, analysis and research as he determines to be necessary and appropriate in the exercise of his responsibilities."

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

9. *Economic effects*

The economic impact of a research program cannot be readily and precisely identified. The 1950-52 research program of HHFA had a substantial technological component, and several research efforts resulted in improved and more efficient building products and techniques, providing a better and more economical housing product for the consumer. In the nontechnological field, the benefits of the program are more difficult to identify and measure. Frequently, the value of such research activity is revealed in an indirect manner—telling us as much what not to do, as what should be done. Generally, the insights obtained into problems and the conceptual breakthroughs which come from sound research have value far beyond the costs expended for the research activity.

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures*

Expenditures for urban studies and housing research are a purchase of goods and services.

[NOTE.—The U.S. budget shows that Federal expenditures in the fiscal year 1965 were \$444,000.]

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

This program is intended to assist the various States to develop special training programs for the development of skills needed to further economical and efficient community development. It is intended to aid the States in providing the facilities for training the technicians and skilled personnel who would be employed by public bodies. Also, the program seeks to support State and local research activities that will advance effective solution of community development problems.

2. *Operation*

The program will be operated on a 50-50 matching grant basis. Federal assistance will be contingent upon submittal by the individual States of plans for training and research, and these plans must be approved by the Secretary of HUD.

3. *History*

The community development training program was authorized under title VIII of the Housing Act of 1964. However, the Congress has not yet funded the program. A request for an appropriation of \$5 million is included in the administration's fiscal year 1967 budget.