

of approved planning advances indicates that about 80 percent have been made in communities of populations 50,000 and under. Approximately 60 percent of the planning advances have been for water and sewerage facilities.

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

Program: Advances for public works planning.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Housing and Urban Development; Office of Planning Standards and Coordination [formerly in Community Facilities Administration].

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

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimate	Fiscal year 1967 estimate
(a) Magnitude of program:				
Number of planning advances approved.....	526	765	940	492
Amount (millions).....	\$10.5	\$21.1	\$24	\$10
(b) Applicants or municipalities.....	526	765	740	492
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available (millions).....	\$12.6	\$22.1	\$25	\$11
Planning advances disbursed (millions).....	\$14.8	\$13.9	\$17	\$20
(d) Matching additional expenditures for the program.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
(e) Number of Federal employees administering program.....	62	68	67	55
(f) Non-Federal personnel.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

¹ Not applicable.

5. *Estimated magnitude of program in 1970*

The probable magnitude of program activity in 1970 is not expected to increase significantly over the level of \$10 million estimated for fiscal year 1967. Notwithstanding the increasing and continued demand for planning and construction for new public facilities, this decline in program activity from fiscal years 1965 and 1966 is anticipated because of the contemplated application of more stringent eligibility and financial review criteria planned to be put into effect in the latter part of fiscal year 1966.

The imposition of more stringent eligibility and financial review criteria has been found necessary in order to (1) orient the program in the direction of the areawide planning requirements of section VII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, and (2) develop financially sounder projects with greater assurance of earlier construction and faster repayment of the Federal advances.

The more stringent eligibility and financial review criteria will of course result in attrition of a greater number of applications and consequently should result in the program activity estimated for fiscal year 1967 and continue at this level into 1970.

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

There are no pending or foreseeable legislative proposals. Administrative and organizational changes may have some effect on program administration in the future. Contemplated immediate changes in program orientation will have the effect of making the program more responsive to the areawide planning requirements of title VII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, legislative program intent, and public needs as follows:

1. Processing of applications which are for public facilities that are part of an areawide or regional comprehensive plan will be