

for and action related to the conditions of the citizenry — is now intensified and expanded by the tremendous urban problems facing our nation. Member institutions of these Associations are heavily involved in research, educational, and public service programs designed to improve the conditions of urban life. As indicated elsewhere, a chief limitation on their ability to respond to urgent requests for expert assistance is lack of resources for this purpose. The Federal government, through the Demonstration Cities and other programs, is engaged in a major effort to assist in rebuilding slums and blighted areas, and provide public facilities and services essential to solving the problems of the people in our cities. The Associations recommend that adequate provision be made, through amendment of present legislation and in future legislation, for continuing grants for the support of research, demonstration, and educational programs in colleges and universities in professional and subject-matter areas related to the objectives of the legislation. This might be accomplished, for example, by setting aside a percentage of appropriations for this purpose, as is done in Federally aided highway and other legislation.

VII. AID TO INDIVIDUALS IN OBTAINING A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

The most effective and most urgently needed form of aid to individuals in obtaining a college education is a program of support for educational institutions to enable them to keep charges to students low. Much of the present demand and need for individual assistance in financing college costs stems from failure to recognize and act on this fact. The Associations, however, recognizing the necessity of dealing with situations as they exist while working toward more fundamental solutions, have supported expanding access to student loans at reasonable carrying charges, expansion of the work-study program, and provision of economic opportunity grants specifically designed to help the most needy gain access to higher education.

The characteristic of programs designed to help individuals meet the rising costs of college, however, is that they result in pyramiding budgetary costs and administrative complexities without getting at the root of the problem. If student charges are permitted to