

Beginning with the fiscal year 1960-61, a redistribution and merging of certain grants was effected to provide a more flexible measure of assistance and at the same time make larger amounts available for programs where additional aid was necessary. Adjustments were also required for services aided under certain grants, such as laboratory and radiological services and cancer control, now aided under the Hospital Insurance Program. The total allocation remained approximately the same but the number of separate grants was reduced to nine. The General Public Health Grant was increased by almost \$5,500,000 and projects under two previously separate grants—the Laboratory and Radiological Services Grant and the Venereal Disease Control Grant—were absorbed into it. The Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Grants were merged and the combined allocation increased by more than \$1,000,000. The Mental Health Grant was increased by more than \$1,500,000 and the Professional Training and the Public Health Research Grants by about \$1,250,000 each. The Tuberculosis Control Grant was decreased by nearly \$750,000 and the Child and Maternal Health and Cancer Control Grants by lesser amounts. The grants for professional training and public health research, previously fixed amounts, were placed on a per capita basis, to increase with expansion of the population.

During the year 1962-63, flexibility was introduced by setting aside an amount of \$250,000 in the Medical Rehabilitation Grant to be given to the provinces for use in special projects to assist children with congenital defects. Part of the Cancer Grant (\$350,000) was allocated for cancer research, to be distributed upon application.

Up to Mar. 31, 1963, aid for hospital construction had been approved for 105,521 beds, 13,340 bassinets, 21,206 nurses' beds, 716 interns' beds, and space in community health centres and laboratories. Approximately 35,000 health workers had been trained or were undergoing special training and more than 5,000 health workers were employed with federal grant assistance. Payments in 1962-63 totalled \$50,295,363, or 86 p.c. of the amount available; the average utilization during the fifteen years of the program was 77 p.c.

1.—Amounts Available and Amounts and Percentages Expended under the National Health Grant Program, by Grant, for the Fifteen-Year Period Ended Mar. 31, 1963 and for the Year Ended Mar. 31, 1963.

Grant	1948-63 Period			Year Ended Mar. 31, 1963		
	Amount Available ¹	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended	Amount Available ¹	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Crippled Children ²	6,207,728	4,431,677	71	—	—	—
Professional Training.....	11,521,344	10,688,005	93	1,816,800	1,511,675	83
Hospital Construction.....	191,317,172	172,810,959	90	20,367,320	20,000,000	98
Venereal Disease Control ³	5,968,336	5,146,209	86	—	—	—
Mental Health.....	100,547,056	81,594,768	81	8,765,391	7,923,109	90
Tuberculosis Control.....	59,044,862	54,806,886	93	3,500,000	3,152,012	90
Public Health Research.....	10,469,448	8,845,219	84	1,816,800	1,458,299	80
Health Survey ⁴	645,180	540,960	84	—	—	—
General Public Health.....	127,299,801	88,112,733	69	14,534,400	10,425,594	72
Cancer Control.....	53,565,653	37,774,258	71	3,500,000	2,898,322	83
Laboratory and Radiological Services ⁵	47,404,300	14,450,881	30	—	—	—
Medical Rehabilitation ⁶	6,500,000	3,016,750	46	—	—	—
Child and Maternal Health ⁷	16,750,000	11,642,790	69	1,750,000	1,345,629	77
Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children.....	7,875,000 ⁸	4,354,841 ⁸	55 ⁸	2,625,000	1,580,723	60
Totals.....	645,115,880	498,116,936	77	58,675,711	50,295,363	86

¹ As set out in the General Health Grant Rules. ² Merged with Medical Rehabilitation Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ³ Absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁴ Lapsed in 1953. ⁵ Introduced in 1953 and absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁶ Introduced in 1953 and merged with Crippled Children Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁷ Introduced in 1953. ⁸ Amounts for 1960-63 only; see footnotes ² and ⁵.