

Library. Committees of the National Advisory Council meet frequently with the executives of sports organizations to discuss policy and a federal-provincial committee of government officials advises on and co-ordinates governmental aspects of the program. The Department also co-ordinates work done by other federal agencies in fitness and amateur sport. *Grants to the Provinces* of \$1,000,000 a year are made to those that enter into cost-sharing agreements for provincial programs of fitness and amateur sports. The Federal Government meets 60 p.c. of the cost of projects and the full cost of the scholarships and bursaries. Applications for all grants at the provincial or local level are made in the first instance to the responsible provincial department. Most of the ideas for recreational activities and plans originate in the municipal recreation departments where the needs of the individual communities are best known.

#### Subsection 7.—National Welfare Grant Program

The National Welfare Grant Program was established in 1962 to help develop and strengthen welfare services in Canada through a general welfare and professional training grant and a welfare research grant. For the year ending Mar. 31, 1967, \$2,000,000 was allotted to the program. Provincial governments, municipal welfare departments, non-governmental welfare and correctional agencies, universities and individuals may be the ultimate recipients of grants under one or more provisions of the program. Some are financed and administered entirely by the Federal Government; others require application through a provincial department of welfare that actually makes the award on a cost-sharing basis with the Federal Government.

General welfare, bursary, training and staff development grants are shared provisions. General welfare grants provide funds for projects to improve welfare administration, to develop provincial consultative and co-ordinating services, and to strengthen and extend public and voluntary welfare services in child welfare, aging, general assistance and other welfare fields. Bursaries are provided for full-time graduate training at Canadian schools of social work, and training grants are available for employees of government and voluntary welfare agencies. Staff development grants provide support for a wide variety of staff training programs for personnel employed, or to be employed, in public and non-governmental welfare agencies. The other provisions of the program are administered by the Federal Government. Welfare scholarships are awarded for graduate study in Canadian schools of social work and fellowships for advanced study at Canadian and foreign universities. Teaching and field instruction grants assist Canadian schools of social work with the salaries of additional staff required to implement the program.

Under the welfare research grant, funds are provided for a variety of research studies undertaken by public and voluntary welfare and correctional agencies, universities and research institutions.

The flexibility of the program was increased by policy changes made in 1966. Demonstration grants, to test new and different ways of providing services, previously given on a shared-cost basis, no longer require sharing. Also, national voluntary welfare agencies may now submit directly to the Federal Government projects related to the strengthening and development of welfare services not covered by other provisions of the program.

Total expenditures under the program for the year ended Mar. 31, 1966 amounted to \$1,131,749, distributed as follows: research, \$112,023; bursaries, fellowships and scholarships, \$142,253; training, \$111,250; teaching and field instruction, \$233,287; staff development, \$99,734; and welfare services and demonstration projects, \$433,202.

#### Subsection 8.—Vocational Rehabilitation

The federal-provincial vocational rehabilitation program, started in 1952, was consolidated and extended under the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, 1961. Under federal-provincial agreements to share equally the costs of co-ordination,