

In 1958, federal assistance under the Hospital Construction Grant was increased to \$2,000 per hospital bed (whether active treatment, chronic, mental or tuberculosis), double the previous grant for active treatment beds. In addition, funds were made available to meet up to one third of the cost of approved alterations and renovations to existing facilities, with the federal contributions being at least matched by the provinces.

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.

Up to Mar. 31, 1962, aid for hospital construction had been approved for 101,322 beds, 12,633 bassinets, 20,495 nurses' beds, 663 interns' beds, and space in community health centres and laboratories. Approximately 33,694 health workers had been trained or were undergoing special training and more than 6,500 health workers were employed with federal grant assistance. The proportion of the total grants appropriation paid out to the provinces has increased steadily. Payments in 1961-62 totalled \$48,999,753, or 89 p.c. of the amount available; the average utilization during the fourteen years of the program was 76 p.c.

1.—Amounts Available and Amounts and Percentages Expended under the National Health Grant Program, by Grant, for the Fourteen-Year Period Ended Mar. 31, 1962 and for the Year Ended Mar. 31, 1962.

Grant	1948-62 Period			Year Ended Mar. 31, 1962		
	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.....	9,704,544	9,176,330	95	1,781,400	1,447,457	81
Hospital Construction.....	170,949,852	152,810,959	89	17,367,320	18,999,996 ³	109
Venereal Disease Control ⁴	5,968,336	5,146,209	86	—	—	—
Mental Health.....	91,781,665	73,671,659	80	8,765,391	8,237,447	94
Tuberculosis Control.....	55,544,862	51,654,874	93	3,500,000	3,249,366	93
Public Health Research.....	8,652,648	7,386,920	85	1,781,400	1,617,096	91
Health Survey ⁵	645,180	540,960	84	—	—	—
General Public Health.....	112,765,401	77,687,139	69	14,251,200	9,659,723	68
Cancer Control.....	50,065,653	34,875,936	70	3,500,000	2,785,311	80
Laboratory and Radiological Services ⁶	47,404,300	14,450,881	30	—	—	—
Medical Rehabilitation ⁷	6,500,000	3,016,750	46	—	—	—
Child and Maternal Health ⁸	15,000,000	10,197,161	68	1,750,000	1,388,443	79
Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children ⁹	5,250,000	2,774,118	53	2,625,000	1,614,914	62
Totals.....	586,440,169	447,821,573	76	55,321,711	48,999,753	89

¹ As set out in the General Health Grant Rules. ² Merged with Medical Rehabilitation Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ³ Expenditure exceeds 100 p.c. of amount available through revote of funds unused in previous years. ⁴ Absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁵ Lapsed in 1953. ⁶ Introduced in 1953 and absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁷ Introduced in 1953 and merged with Crippled Children Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁸ Introduced in 1953. ⁹ Amounts for 1960-62 only; see footnotes ² and ⁷.