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Hopkins approves 2,196 projects in Alabama, Georgia, and Indiana.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today announced approval of 2,196 projects to cost more than \$70,000,000 as part of the Works Program in three States. These are the first State projects to be approved, and it is estimated they will provide direct employment at the site for one year for 96,692 persons. The projects are all classed as necessary and socially useful and are typical of the character of undertakings that will be included in the program which is designed to remove 3,500,000 persons from the relief rolls and place them at work.

Approved projects in Alabama number 172 for which the Federal Government will allot \$10,196,346. The State and its subdivisions agree to provide \$2,848,642.

The estimated number of daily employees for the 12 months after the projects are started is 6,200 the first month, 12,400 the second month, 28,000 for the third to the eighth month inclusive, 24,300 the ninth month, 21,700 the tenth month, 20,400 the eleventh month, and 13,166 the twelfth month.

The sum of \$5,759,946 is allocated for the construction and improvement of secondary roads and streets, other than routes of State and Federal-aid highways. The sponsors will provide \$1,019,350 of the cost. Labor cost for these 93 projects will be \$3,589,512. Materials and other items will cost \$1,151,084.

Projects of the State of Alabama, including its subdivisions, will be allotted \$2,015,845, of which the sponsors will provide \$371,047. On these

59 projects labor will be paid \$917,982. Materials and other costs will aggregate \$726,816.

A third type of projects, including sanitation in local communities, prevention of stream pollution and miscellaneous undertakings will cost \$5,269,203, of which the sponsor will provide \$1,458,251. On these projects labor will be paid \$2,997,289 with materials, etc., costing \$813,663.

To complete the Alabama projects approved today 15,581 unskilled laborers will be given work and will have the opportunity to earn \$4,127,305 in a year. Skilled labor to the number of 5,237 and at a cost of \$2,627,000 will be employed. There will be jobs for 1,396 technical men and clerks who will divide an aggregate pay roll of \$750,478 during the life of the projects.

Administrator Hopkins has approved 881 projects in the Georgia program. These will give direct employment at the site to 21,983 persons at a cost of \$10,256,603.26 for the Federal government and \$3,312,628.33 for the state and its subdivisions. All of this will go for wages with the exception of \$2,190,039.37 which will be used for the purchase of materials and supplies, etc.

For the construction of secondary roads and streets, other than routes of State and Federal-aid highways, the Federal government will provide \$1,024,610.75. For projects of the State of Georgia and its subdivisions the sum of \$2,758,561.19 is ear-marked, and for projects including sanitation in local communities, prevention of stream pollution, and miscellaneous items the Federal government will allocate \$6,473,431.32.

In the Indiana program approved by Administrator Hopkins are 1,143 projects which will give direct employment at the site to 52,709 persons. The total cost of the work will be \$44,194,862.43, it is estimated, of which the state and subdivisions agree to provide \$7,141,889.

The program includes secondary roads and streets to the number of 1, for the construction and improvement of which \$20,299,798.22 has been allocated, the sponsoring body's share being \$3,687,675.47. Labor's share of the project cost will be \$15,172,480.32 with materials, supplies, etc.,

costing \$1,439,642.43.

Assistance to educational, professional, and clerical workers will be given through 188 projects to cost \$3,101,376.02. The sponsors will pay \$134,208.10 of this sum. Almost the entire sum allotted for these projects will go for salaries and wages as only \$43,998.20 has been set aside for materials and supplies.

Projects of the State of Indiana, including its subdivisions, total 360. It is estimated they will cost \$9,490,147.60, of which \$1,256,299.06 is to be put up by the sponsors. Labor will get \$7,285,970.96 of the total and \$947,877.58 will go for materials, supplies, etc.

Projects including sanitation in local communities, prevention of stream pollution, and miscellaneous projects number 254. It is estimated they will cost \$11,303,540.59, of which the sponsors will provide \$2,063,706.24. Labor's share of the cost will aggregate \$8,338,429.25 and materials, supplies, etc., will cost \$901,405.10.

The estimated number of employees, daily average for the month, for the 12 months after the projects get underway is 25,000 the first month, 40,000 the second month, 60,000 the third month, 75,000 for the fourth to seventh month inclusive, 73,000 the eighth month, 60,000 the ninth month, 35,000 the tenth month, 25,000 the eleventh month, 14,500 the twelfth month.

To complete the Indiana program approved by Administrator Hopkins today 42,249 unskilled laborers will be employed and will divide an aggregate payroll of \$23,500,000. Skilled labor to the number of 6,460 will be paid \$5,529,520 during the life of the projects and technical and clerical help numbering 4,000 will receive \$4,320,000.

Work on municipal airports, now maintained on leased land in some parts of Alabama, are approved under this program contingent upon the municipalities obtaining title to the fee. It is stipulated in the approvals that no work will be done at airports of this character until title to the land actually vests in the municipality.

Work on all the projects approved can start in 10 days, the record shows, as all surveys, plans, costs, etc., have been completed and checked.

Among the white-collar projects listed under the Indiana program, the only State in this group to include projects of this character at this time, are: clerks for county offices, schools, Federal Housing Administration, Works Progress Administration, and other public agencies. Also included are workers for engineering and planning for the State Conservation Department, planning projects in city engineers' offices, project supervision, real property surveys, landscape extension planning, library book repair work, and recreational directors.

Under secondary road projects for all States are rural road repairs and improvements, city streets improvement and construction, sidewalks, curbs, gutters construction and improvements, stone crushing and quarrying, bridge repairs, etc.

Listed as State projects and projects of subdivisions are repairs to almost every sort of public building, including schools, hospitals, county buildings, armories. Also included are: water main extensions, athletic field construction, park and campus improvements, and airport construction.

Levee construction and repair, low dam construction, cleaning creeks and rivers and straightening their channels, building sewers, ditching, soil erosion control, community sanitation, etc., are among the projects enumerated under projects in local communities.

NOTE: Detailed breakdowns of the State programs may be seen in the Office of Press Information of the Works Program, 1417 F St., and in the Publicity Division, Works Progress Administration, Room 216, 1734 New York Avenue.