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Streets, highways, sewers, and watermains comprise more than half of WPA Federal allotment approved by the President.

Streets, highways, sewers, and watermains comprise 55.2 percent of the Federal allotments approved by the President for Works Progress Administration projects through October 21. Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator and Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, announced today.

Projects in these classifications constitute 44,945 or 45.3 percent of the total of 99,585 projects approved by the President as of October 21.

Streets and highway projects alone constitute 43.7 percent of the value of Presidential approvals and comprise 35,534 projects or 35.8 percent of the total number.

Sewers, watermains, and similar work constitute 11.5 percent of the total project value and aggregate 9,411 projects or 9.5 percent of the total number.

The next largest classification of WPA projects is public buildings which account for 8.4 percent of the project allotments approved by the President, while the number of this kind of projects accounts for 18.9 percent of the total number of 8,802 projects.

The fourth largest classification in terms of project allotments is recreational facilities, which include parks, swimming pools, playgrounds, and other similar types of public recreation facilities. They call for 8.3 of the total allotments and comprise 5.8 percent of 5,819 projects.

"This preponderance of projects in these classifications indicates what communities of America especially want done under the Works Progress Administration and show beyond sensible doubt that there is a vast amount of solid, needed

improvement throughout the country to provide useful employment for the unemployed transferred from the relief rolls to WPA pay rolls," Mr. Hopkins stated.

"The whole program is good, solid stuff, and every single project is something that responsible local or State sponsors have asked for," he declared.

The remaining 28.1 percent of the project allotments is distributed among other classifications in which the percentages range from 7.6 percent under miscellaneous to .2 percent under public welfare which includes a large proportion of fire protection projects.

Conservation and reforestation projects totalling 2,496 have been allotted 8 percent of the Federal funds. Reclamation and flood control projects total 233 or 3.2 percent of the total number and call for 4.1 percent of the allotments.

Various white-collar-worker projects totalling 6,007 or 6 percent of the number of projects call for 3.6 of the total amount approved by the President. In addition, various survey projects, which will employ chiefly white-collar workers, total 1,965 projects or two percent of the total, and 1.4 percent of the allotments have been approved for them.

Bridge, viaduct, and similar projects call for 1.1 percent of the allotments. They comprise 1,720 projects of 1.7 of the total.

Municipal improvements, including landscaping and repair of public buildings; school grounds projects, navigation facilities, and public welfare including fire protection, all comprise less than one percent each of the total of Presidential approvals in terms of project allotments. All except the school grounds projects, which comprise 2.5 percent of the total number of projects, account for less than one percent of the total number. Miscellaneous projects account for 7.6 percent of the total number of projects and 7.6 percent of the allotments.

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