

THE WORKS PROGRAM

-- Works Progress Administration --

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Over 85 per cent of Michigan's WPA relief cost to be spent for construction and repair work.

Eighty-six and seven tenths of the money for Works Progress Administration projects in Michigan is to be spent for highways, roads and streets; public buildings of all types; parks and playgrounds; flood control and other conservation; water supply and sewer systems, electric utilities and transportation, it was announced today by Harry L. Hopkins, Work Progress Administrator.

A listing of types and cost of projects shows that of a total of \$44,019,374 to be spent by WPA, as of December 31, 1935, the following classes of projects accounted for the bulk of the money:

Highways, farm-to-market roads and streets, \$20,597,908, or 46.8 per cent; public buildings, both governmental and educational, \$3,923,101, or 8.9 per cent; parks and playgrounds, \$1,699,188, or 3.9 per cent; flood control and other conservation, \$3,262,260, or 7.4 per cent; electric utilities, \$189,983, or 0.4 per cent; and transportation, \$1,916,170, or 4.4 per cent.

The balance of the money will be spent to provide work for women, white collar, and other professional and technical workers.

Note: A detailed table is attached.

MICHIGAN

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

Works Progress Administration Projects Selected for Operation
Through December 31, 1935

(Subject to Revision)

Type of Work	Number of Projects		Total Cost Estimate	
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent
		Dist.		Dist.
GRAND TOTAL	1,594	100.0	\$44,019,374	100.0
Highways, Roads & Streets - Total	392	24.6	20,597,908	46.8
Highways	30	1.9	1,516,104	3.4
Farm to market & other secondary roads	154	9.7	6,070,290	13.8
Streets and alleys	69	4.3	7,404,276	16.8
Bridges & viaducts	13	0.8	163,625	0.4
Other *	126	7.9	5,443,613	12.4
Public Building Projects - Total	255	16.0	3,923,101	8.9
Educational buildings	113	7.1	1,608,169	3.7
Federal Government building	2	0.1	44,805	0.1
Other *	140	8.8	2,270,127	5.1
Parks and Playgrounds	95	5.9	1,699,188	3.9
Flood Control & other Conservation - Total	91	5.7	3,262,260	7.4
Forestation	2	0.1	10,299	A/
Erosion control & land utilization	2	0.1	194,124	0.4
Irrigation and water conservation	71	4.5	2,639,548	6.0
Other *	16	1.0	418,289	1.0
Water Supply & Sewer Systems - Total	279	17.5	6,584,580	14.9
Water purification and supply	90	5.7	2,285,636	5.2
Sewer systems	176	11.0	4,144,595	9.4
Other *	13	0.8	154,349	0.3
Electric Utilities - Total	7	0.4	189,983	0.4
Generating plants and equipment	1	0.1	18,440	A/
Transmission and distribution lines	2	0.1	81,292	0.2
Other *	4	0.2	90,251	0.2
Transportation	36	2.3	1,916,170	4.4
Airports and airways	28	1.8	813,741	1.9
Other *	8	0.5	1,102,429	2.5
Educational, Professional & Clerical-Total	248	15.6	2,903,622	6.6
Clerical	19	1.2	109,825	0.2
Professional and technical	62	3.9	900,998	2.1
Research and statistical surveys	67	4.2	1,009,348	2.3
Art, Literary & Recreational	100	6.3	883,451	2.0
Other *				
Goods Projects - Total	101	6.3	1,272,078	2.9
Sewing	96	6.0	1,181,518	2.7
Other	5	0.3	90,560	0.2
Sanitation and Health	1	0.1	1,500	A/
Miscellaneous	89	5.6	1,668,984	3.8

* Includes projects classifiable under more than one of the headings above.

A/ Less than .05 percent

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