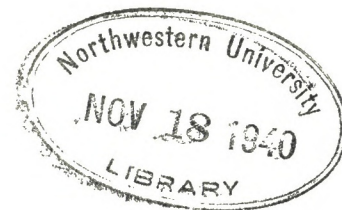


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WPA DEFENSE WORK TOTALING NEARLY \$100,000,000 APPROVED SINCE JULY 1.

WPA projects approved since July 1 for the construction and improvement of national defense facilities and for the training of workers in defense industries had ~~reached~~ a total of almost \$100,000,000 at the end of October, Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today.

During the four-month period, Mr. Hunter said, WPA has approved a total of \$86,657,529 in projects primarily for construction and rehabilitation work at airports, Army and Navy posts and National Guard armories and camps. Two nation-wide vocational training projects, which already have begun to turn out trained workmen needed in key defense industries, aggregate \$11,211,030, he said, making an actual total authorized outlay, in WPA funds exclusively, of \$96,868,559 for defense purposes.

"Increasingly, the emphasis of the WPA program this year is being placed on defense activities," the Acting Commissioner declared. "Approximately twenty percent of all projects approved since the beginning of the fiscal year have been for this purpose and the ratio will increase as the year progresses.

"Unemployment continues to be a serious domestic problem in spite of the great increase in industrial activity during the last twelve months. With seven to nine million workers in the country still unemployed, the waiting list of those eligible for assignment to WPA remains in the neighborhood of a million.

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"As the vehicle for converting this otherwise idle manpower to the strengthening of our naval and military establishment, WPA assumes an increasingly important role in the defense program."

Mr. Hunter reported that the volume of defense project approvals during the last two weeks in October was greater than for any similar period since July 15. Ninety-six individual projects aggregating \$13,018,377 in WPA funds alone, were given final approval between October 16 and 31. Thirty-three states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Hawaii were included.

Projects for the construction and improvement of airports, totaling \$6,204,314, constituted the largest share of funds approved during the two-week period, he continued. Projects for the Army totaled \$2,795,079; those for the National Guard, \$1,432,762, and for the Navy, \$487,869. Defense projects sponsored by local government agencies, several embracing work on strategic military highways, aggregated \$2,063,651. A single project for \$34,702, sponsored by the Coast Guard, completes the total.

Among the municipal airport projects approved as part of the defense program are three in North Carolina. They involve extension and paving of runways, improvement of drainage, installation of lighting equipment and miscellaneous improvements. One is at Charlotte, costing \$259,522 in WPA funds; another in the Greensboro-High Point area, costing \$253,505, and the third at Winston-Salem, costing \$345,132. Other important airport projects are: Madison, Wisconsin, costing \$230,711; Denver, Colorado, two projects aggregating \$586,835;

Palm Beach, Florida, \$420,110, and Sanford, Maine, \$358,036. The Indiana National Guard is sponsor for a project totaling \$1,212,000 for the construction of runways, hangars, lighting and drainage facilities at Stout Field, near Indianapolis.

Two of the Army's important eastern arsenals are to be improved under projects approved late in October. At the Picatinny Arsenal, near Dover, New Jersey, several new buildings to house explosives manufacturing equipment are contemplated under a \$281,123 project. At the Watervliet Arsenal, near Albany, New York, WPA workers will construct a new railroad spur and install heating, lighting and plumbing equipment in several buildings under a \$126,657 project. A \$103,093 project approved for the Delaware Ordnance Depot, in Salem County, New Jersey, will permit the construction of new fences and patrol roads at unprotected portions of the reservation.

Other outstanding projects sponsored by the Army include construction and rehabilitation work at Fort Wayne, Detroit, Michigan, costing \$215,916, and the construction of runways and other improvements at Mitchel Field, New York, costing \$238,301.

A project for \$370,459 was approved for the new Naval Air Station at Opa Locka, Florida, where WPA workers will assist with the construction of the landing field and other necessary facilities. Two outstanding National Guard projects approved are those for Camp Williams, Wisconsin, \$453,417, and Camp Dodge, Iowa, \$257,158.

A number of projects were approved during the last two weeks in October for improvements to roads deemed of military importance.

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Among these was a \$646,918 project for improvements to Florida State Highway 363 connecting Jacksonville with the Southeastern Naval Air Base and Camp Blanding. Portions of the road will be widened, new heavy duty surfacing applied, and bridges and culverts strengthened. This is considered typical of the type of work to be carried on on military access roads in many parts of the country under the program announced recently by WPA and the Public Roads Administration.

An important group of white collar defense projects was also among those approved late in October. In nine states and the District of Columbia WPA clerical workers will bring up to date vital statistics and naturalization files to facilitate the finding of birth records of persons called up in the draft.

(Attached is a table showing by states the number and cost of WPA national defense projects approved from October 16 through October 31, 1940, and cumulatively since July 1, 1940.)

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W.P.A. NATIONAL DEFENSE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
UNDER THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 1941

FROM JULY 1, 1940, AND OCTOBER 15, 1940, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1940

STATE	TOTAL		FROM OCTOBER 15, 1940, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1940						FROM JULY 1, 1940 THROUGH OCT. 31, 1940	
	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	FEDERAL FUNDS	ARMY	NAVY	COAST GUARD	NATIONAL GUARD ETC.	STATE PROGRAM AIRPORTS	STATE PROGRAM OTHER	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	FEDERAL FUNDS
TOTAL	96	\$13,018,377	\$2,795,079	\$487,869	\$34,702	\$1,432,762	\$6,204,314	\$2,063,651	526 *	\$85,657,529 *
ALABAMA	2	29,066	18,249			6,355		4,462	22	1,347,169
ARIZONA									5	892,392
ARKANSAS									9	698,707
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	2	87,661	77,016				10,645		15	2,707,957
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	3	499,900						499,900	15	3,000,432
COLORADO	4	1,154,985	513,099			55,051	586,835		13 *	2,145,072 *
CONNECTICUT	1	157,646					157,646		6	1,550,558
DELAWARE									4	58,448
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1	3,018						3,018	7	741,429
FLORIDA	9	2,195,674		370,459		50,968	641,233	1,133,014	38	7,264,545
GEORGIA	3	573,784	80,217			86,762	406,805		10	1,829,632
IDAHO	1	26,386				26,386			4	80,541
ILLINOIS	3	105,926	22,384					83,542	15	1,666,680
INDIANA	1	1,212,000						1,212,000	3	1,587,825
IOWA	1	257,158				257,158			2	437,852
KANSAS									5	1,461,651
KENTUCKY	1	5,412						5,412	10	1,271,418
LOUISIANA									3	996,945
MAINE	2	561,601				16,383	545,218		13	3,169,720
MARYLAND	2	62,205			34,702		27,503		14	1,914,888
MASSACHUSETTS	5	590,976	115,041				437,879	38,056	24	3,396,320
MICHIGAN	3	527,321	215,916				311,405		5	738,001
MINNESOTA									7	2,508,459
MISSISSIPPI	3	245,363					20,986	224,377	9	579,395
MISSOURI	1	35,488	35,488						9	742,277
MONTANA	2	180,776					180,776		6	587,898
NEBRASKA									3	72,713
NEVADA										
NEW HAMPSHIRE									4	425,632 *
NEW JERSEY	6	602,383	444,254	117,410		2,265		38,454	27	3,635,344
NEW MEXICO									5	214,671
NEW YORK CITY									15	2,856,118
NEW YORK (EXCL. N.Y.C.)	6	642,191	640,951					1,240	15	2,085,116
NORTH CAROLINA	4	923,820				65,661	858,159		10	1,392,824
NORTH DAKOTA	2	213,153				48,403	164,750		3	272,521
OHIO	1	28,337	28,337						9	1,296,093
OKLAHOMA	3	177,895				172,346		5,549	5	711,895
OREGON	1	1,996						1,996	4	238,228
PENNSYLVANIA	3	95,735	95,735						29	2,816,542
RHODE ISLAND									3	537,114
SOUTH CAROLINA	0	121,977	121,977						10	2,008,542
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	146,004				42,450	103,554		8	295,491
TENNESSEE	2	193,404					193,404		4	258,273
TEXAS	4	159,029	53,330				105,699		23	1,340,677
UTAH									4	576,435
VERMONT	1	9,106					9,106		2	122,697
VIRGINIA									19	2,775,812
WASHINGTON	1	19,670						19,670	17	3,359,359
WEST VIRGINIA									4	50,685
WISCONSIN	6	838,246				602,574	230,711	4,961	8	894,569
WYOMING									3	162,537
ALASKA									1	5,021
HAWAII	1	333,085	333,085						4	1,375,030
PUERTO RICO									10	10,332,669
VIRGIN ISLANDS									3	739,100
NATIONAL GUARD									1	1,429,690

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