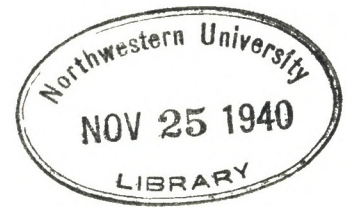


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WPA DEFENSE PROJECTS APPROVED NOW EXCEED \$100,000,000, HUNTER REPORTS

National defense projects approved by the Work Projects Administration during the current fiscal year passed the \$100,000,000 mark during the second week in November, Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today.

Mr. Hunter said that 63 new projects, with an aggregate cost in WPA funds of \$12,683,677, were given final approval during the two-week period ending November 15. This brought to \$107,884,034 the grand total of WPA national defense projects approved since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1.

National defense projects, he said, now accounting for approximately twenty percent of the entire WPA program, take precedence over all other types of projects. Most are placed in operation within thirty days after their approval in Washington.

Included in the latest group of approvals is a single project sponsored by the National Defense Commission totaling \$5,820,000. This is primarily for the employment of WPA white collar workers on a variety of clerical and statistical undertakings essential to the defense program. It will operate on a nation-wide basis and furnish employment for an average of 5,563 persons over a period of twelve months. It is one of the largest single projects approved by WPA under the defense program, Mr. Hunter said.

Of the remaining total of projects approved during the first two weeks in the month, \$3,020,336 worth are sponsored by the Army for construction

and improvements at posts in twenty states, New York City and the District of Columbia. Civil airports, all of which are rated as national defense projects, account for \$2,855,180 of the total; projects sponsored by the National Guard for \$365,342, and by the Navy, \$296,166. Miscellaneous projects aggregating \$326,653 complete the total.

Work at several of the Army's important air bases is included among the projects approved during the first two weeks in November. At Scott Field, Illinois, \$1,244,485 of WPA funds will be devoted to the construction of barracks and the improvement of the landing field, roads, utilities and the field lighting system. At Bowman Field, which is used by the air detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky, streets and roads, underground utility lines, gasoline storage tanks and other facilities will be built under a \$420,170 project. New runways will be graded, storm sewer lines extended, and a group of garages and motor sheds will be built at McChord Flying Field, near Lakeview, Washington, under a project for \$144,610.

Studies and experiments in the art of camouflage and the conduct of blackouts will be conducted by WPA workers in Massachusetts under an Army-sponsored project for \$261,838. The work will include, according to the official description, "constructing models of strategic installations and photographing, camouflaging, and rephotographing these installations from a proper proportional height with a view towards devising methods for concealing such installations from aerial observation . . ." The work also, includes, according to the description, experiments with blackout materials and the chemistry of paint.

Among the group of airport projects approved during the period is one for the City of Jacksonville, Florida, calling for WPA expenditures of

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\$573,473. These funds will be used to effect a sizeable increase in the area and general facilities of the municipal airport, including extension of runways and the field lighting system in order to accommodate large military planes. Similar work will be undertaken at Chandler Field, Fresno, California, under a \$508,480 project sponsored by the City of Fresno. The City of Salinas, California, is sponsoring a \$310,630 project for the construction of a new airport, while the Wisconsin National Guard is sponsor for a \$254,609 project for the construction of an armory, hangar and new runways at the Milwaukee County Airport.

Of three projects sponsored by the Navy, the largest is for the construction of a Naval and Marine Corps Armory at Los Angeles, California. The cost in WPA funds will be \$255,549.

A group of five engineering survey projects sponsored by the Army and aggregating \$201,555 in WPA funds is also included in the group of projects approved during the first two weeks of the month. Two of these are for the preparation of topographical and tactical maps required for military maneuvers and artillery fire control. Two are general engineering surveys of military reservations and one is a similar type survey of airport sites in the State of Maine.

The following table shows, by states and sponsors, the number and value of WPA national defense projects approved during the two-week period ending November 15, 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 NOVEMBER 1, 1940 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 1940

STATE	FROM JULY 1, 1940 THROUGH NOV. 15, 1940		TOTAL		ARMY	NAVY	COAST GUARD	NATIONAL GUARD ETC.	STATE PROGRAM AIRPORTS	STATE PROGRAM OTHER
	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	FEDERAL FUNDS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	FEDERAL FUNDS						
ALABAMA	25	\$ 1,566,630	3	\$ 239,401					\$ 79,028	\$ 100,433
ARIZONA	5	892,392								
ARKANSAS	11	705,356	2	6,649			6,649			
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	16	3,304,025 A/	2	819,110					819,110	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	16	3,336,070	3	335,638	6,989	255,549			71,100	
COLORADO	15	2,238,949	2	93,877				11,109	82,768	
CONNECTICUT	8	1,577,695	2	27,137	27,137					
DELAWARE	4	58,448								
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9	824,169	2	82,740	17,642			65,098		
FLORIDA	42	7,968,047	4	703,502	3,418	6,339			693,745	
GEORGIA	11	1,833,642	1	4,010	4,010					
IDAHO	4	80,541								
ILLINOIS	17	2,968,453	2	1,301,773	1,301,773					
INDIANA	3	1,587,825								
IOWA	2	437,852								
KANSAS	5	1,461,551								
KENTUCKY	11	1,691,588	1	420,170	420,170					
LOUISIANA	6	1,358,331	3	361,386					355,367	6,019
MAINE	15	3,406,040	2	236,320					189,000	
MARYLAND	16	2,122,867	2	207,979	207,979					
MASSACHUSETTS	30	3,971,820	6	575,500	420,691	34,278			120,531	
MICHIGAN	5	738,001								
MINNESOTA	7	2,508,459								
MISSISSIPPI	9	579,395								
MISSOURI	9	742,277								
MONTANA	7	625,295	1	37,397	37,397					
NEBRASKA	3	72,713								
NEVADA										
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5	446,022	1	20,390	20,390					
NEW JERSEY	27	3,635,344								
NEW MEXICO	7	233,799	2	19,128	13,871					5,257
NEW YORK CITY	16	2,860,152	1	4,034	4,034					
NEW YORK (EXCL. N.Y.C.)	17	2,195,266	2	110,150	110,150					
NORTH CAROLINA	11	1,395,527	1	2,703	2,703					
NORTH DAKOTA	3	272,521								
OHIO	9	1,354,615 A/	1	73,992	73,992					
OKLAHOMA	5	711,895								
OREGON	6	293,928	2	55,700	55,700					
PENNSYLVANIA	32	2,994,879	3	178,337				27,877		150,460
RHODE ISLAND	3	537,114								
SOUTH CAROLINA	11	2,033,676	1	25,134					25,134	
SOUTH DAKOTA	8	295,491								
TENNESSEE	5	261,706	1	3,433	3,433					
TEXAS	26	1,382,375	3	41,698	37,214					4,484
UTAH	4	598,965	A/	22,530					22,530	
VERMONT	2	122,697								
VIRGINIA	19	2,775,812								
WASHINGTON	20	3,915,730	3	556,371	173,713				362,658	
WEST VIRGINIA	5	64,894	1	14,209					14,209	
WISCONSIN	10	1,177,789	2	283,219	28,610			254,609		
WYOMING	3	162,537								
ALASKA	1	5,021								
HAWAII	4	1,375,030								
Puerto Rico	10	10,332,089								
VIRGIN ISLANDS	3	739,100								
TOTAL STATES & TERRITORIES	535	90,853,004	62	6,963,677	3,020,336	296,166		365,342	2,855,180	326,653
NATION-WIDE	3	17,031,030	1	5,820,000						5,820,000
GRAND TOTAL	568	\$107,884,034	63	\$12,683,677	\$3,020,336	\$296,166		\$365,342	\$2,855,180	\$6,146,653

* SUPPLEMENTARY APPROVAL.

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