

# Federal Grants in Oregon Exceed \$154 Million Last Year

Federal grants paid to governmental units and individuals in Oregon totaled \$154,710,000 during the year ended June 30, 1962.

Based on the state's population of 1,864,000 in the 1962 census estimate, this amounted to \$83 per capita, contrasted with a national average of \$56 per capita, a high of \$224 for Alaska and a low of \$33 for New Jersey.

The largest programs of 1962 provided Oregon with the following amounts: highway construction, \$50,163,326; public assistance \$22,004,094; unemployment insurance \$11,428,435; public health research and services \$1,971,579; food distribution (school lunch program, etc.), \$8,202,653; education \$7,427,539; and agricultural conservation programs \$5,952,135.

Because they depend on tax revenues, federal grant pro-

grams amount to a redistribution of income among the states. Congressional Quarterly has measured this redistribution by computing each state's percentage share of total grants, then comparing it with each state's share of the 1962 federal tax burden as calculated by the Tax Foundation, Inc.

Of course, no state received as many dollars in grants as it paid in taxes. But thirty-five states and the District of Columbia received relatively more in grants than they paid in taxes, and 15 states received relatively less, CQ found.

At the top was Alaska; its 0.53 per cent share of grants was more than four times its 0.11 per cent share of taxes. Delaware, on the other hand, was at the other end of the scale with 2 per cent of the grants and 32 per cent share of the tax burden.

For Oregon, grants received in 1962 amounted to 1.43 per cent of the \$10.4 billion total. The state's share of the 1962 federal tax burden, according to the Tax Foundation, was 0.95 per cent.

Washington—(CQ)—Federal grants-in-aid to state and local governments and to individuals last year topped the \$10 billion mark for the first time.

Grants totaled \$10,385,549,608 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1962, up 6 per cent from the previous year, according to Treasury Department figures.

Included in this total was aid for highways, public health programs, public assistance to needy persons, education, conservation and many other areas.

A grant-in-aid is a payment by the Federal Government to a state or local government or an individual for a particular purpose specified by Congress. Usually the financial grant is made under prescribed standards and the state often must contribute a certain portion of the cost of the program or project.

The 1962 grants increase reflects a virtually unbroken trend during the last decade. With one exception, 1960, total federal grants expanded each year since 1953 as new programs were initiated and old ones expanded.

The \$10.4 billion 1962 total was more than two-and-one-half times the 1953 level of federal aid.

State and local governments received the main share of total grants, \$7,895,000,000. This was a \$793 million or 11 per cent jump from the previous year.

Major increases went for highway construction, \$161 million, and for aid to dependent children, \$135 million.

Grants to individuals decreased by \$233 million or 9 per cent to a level of \$2,491,000,000 in 1962. The decline followed a whopping 26 per cent increase the previous year due largely to a temporary

unemployment benefits program voted by Congress in 1961 in response to the recession. A decline in grants under this program in 1962 helped account for the overall 9 per cent drop.

**Highways Top List**

Federal grant aid goes for a variety of activities ranging from welfare to defense. Treasury figures list 110 specific programs, most of which can be grouped under a dozen or so general categories of aid.

The largest grant program is aid for highway construction and maintenance, totaling \$2.8 billion in 1962. The money is used not only for the new interstate system, but also for primary, secondary and urban roads.

Grants for public assistance were second, totaling \$2.4 billion. The major component was \$1.3 billion for aid to older persons in need of financial help. Other programs helped persons who are blind or permanently disabled and dependent children deprived of parental support or care.

**Public Health**

One of the largest (fourth) and most surprising federal aid programs in 1962 provided \$720 million in grants for public health research and service.

The extent of federal help for public health work is seldom realized because it is fragmented among many separate programs. The total \$720 million in grants included 31 separate programs, only one larger than \$76 million and less than one-third larger than \$20 million. The largest item was \$168 million in grants for hospital construction.

The largest share of public health aid is research into many areas such as heart trouble, cancer, arthritis, health, air and water pollution, accident prevention and others. Research aid was almost twice as large as aid for public health services, such as tuberculosis and venereal disease control, waste treatment works, hospital con-

struction and similar activities.

In contrast to a common belief that schools are supported only at state and local levels, federal grant aid to education was substantial in 1962, totalling \$601 million. This was the sixth largest category of grants. It included aid for the construction and operation of schools in areas where federal facilities had burdened the school system while reducing tax revenues by removing property from the tax rolls. This aid to "impacted" areas, as it is

called, came to almost \$270 million.

Another important educational aid was \$150 million in National Science Foundation research grants and fellowship awards. Other items included agricultural college aid, vocational education and teaching in education of the mentally retarded.

Grants for unemployment insurance payments continued very high, \$887 million, the third largest program. This was due in part to the temporary 1961 program which expired in 1962.

Distribution of food products, such as school lunch, special milk and food stamp programs, added another \$633 million to the grants-in-aid total.

Other important grant programs included those for agricultural conservation, the national guard, public and rural housing and urban renewal, other types of conservation practices and veterans benefits.

**Relative Burden**

Some states received relatively more in grants, in proportion to their population,

than did others. This is because allocation formulas vary from one program to another. Generally speaking, grants-in-aid tend to help poorer states at the expense of wealthier states.

Although no state received as many dollars in grants as it paid in taxes, 35 states plus the District of Columbia received relatively more in grants (in percentage terms) than they paid in taxes, while 15 states paid relatively more than they received.

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**HOLDS RUSTY** - Kathy Metz, 15, holds "Rusty," a cat willed her by Edwin A. Benjamin, 89, a recluse who left \$500,000 to the San Diego, Calif., public library. Kathy is the daughter of Benjamin's closest friend, C. M. Metz, an elementary school principal. (UPI)

**Fellin May Have Been Responsible For Mine Cave-In**

Shepton, Pa. — (UPI)—A state mining official said Thursday in his opinion David Fellin helped get himself into the predicament of being entombed for 15 days by a mine cave-in.

State deputy mines chief Gordon Smith made the statement in answer to a charge by Fellin Wednesday that he should have been rescued in five days.

"The miners in this operation were removing pillars of coal," Smith said. "Fellin showed he doesn't know all there is to know about mining by getting himself in this predicament."

Smith said the miners were not digging deeply for coal, but were taking out coal pillars "left all these years" to support the mine.

Smith made the statement at the mine site where rescuers were drilling to reach Louis Bova, a third miner still trapped more than 300 feet underground. There is little hope for Bova's survival.

Fellin, a co-owner of the mine who was rescued early Tuesday along with Henry Throne, said Wednesday that he "should have been out by the fifth day." He said rescuers should have dug through the crumbled mine shaft, instead of drilling an escape hole from the surface.

"It doesn't even deserve comment," Smith said of Fellin's remark.

Smith is a mining engineer who worked in the mines in this area during the depression. He said he did not know how Fellin expected to make a living from the mine, which had been worked on and off since 1950 after having been closed since 1929.

H. Beecher Charnbury, state mines chief, said Fellin's remark hurt the morale of the rescuers now digging a shaft to reach Bova.

**NAMED CHAIRMAN**

Salem — (UPI)—Paul Rowell, chief of the agricultural development division of the Oregon department of agriculture, has been named chairman of a three-man group to study marketing and transportation matters that might need the attention of the western association of state departments of agriculture.

**ATTORNEY APPOINTED**

Yakima, Wash. — (UPI)—The Yakima County Superior Court Thursday appointed an attorney to represent Billy Joe Hodges, 32, of Grandview, who is charged with first degree murder in the death of Lee Lewis, a transient.

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