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Congress recently enacted an appropriation bill which included \$7.5 million for the Title VI-A Undergraduate Instructional Equipment Program. Consequently, South Carolina is expected to have \$105,848 available for funding of FY-1977 Title VI-A applications. (\$84,678 under Category-I and \$21,170 under Category-II). You will recall that Category-I relates to laboratory and other special equipment, materials and minor remodeling, and Category-II relates to closed circuit instructional television (CCTV) equipment, materials and minor remodeling.

Procedures for establishing priority ranking of applications for funding, as well as funding levels, are specified in detail in the South Carolina State Plan for Title VI-A which was adopted by the Commission on September 10, 1976, and approved by the U. S. Commissioner of Education on November 5, 1976. These procedures provide a numerical rating for each project, based on objective criteria, which in turn produce a relative priority ranking. Subjective analysis is not involved.

Each project application received prior to the February 10, 1977, deadline has been reviewed to determine that the applicant institution meets basic eligibility requirements, and the relative priority ranking and eligible federal share for each project have been determined by uniform application of the standards and procedures set forth in the State Plan.

Based upon the priority ranking of eligibility projects and the amount of funds tentatively available, the projects listed below qualify for funding at the levels indicated. In accordance with the usual procedure, these projects will be forwarded to the U. S. Office of Education on March 31, 1977, with the recommendation that they be funded as provided for in the approved State Plan.

If there are questions concerning this matter, we will respond to them at the meeting of the Commission on April 7.

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RECOMMENDED FUNDING OF FY-1977 TITLE VI-A APPLICATIONS

Category-I

Institution	Priority Ranking	Total Project Budget	Eligible Federal Share	Tentative Allotment Balance
				<u>\$84,678</u>
Spartanburg Methodist College	1	\$ 5,935	\$ 4,748	\$79,930
USC Spartanburg Regional Campus	2	24,124	10,000	69,930
Morris College	3	12,864	10,000	59,930
Allen University	4	7,638	6,071	53,859
Central Wesleyan	5	10,000	5,866	47,993
¹ Piedmont Technical College	7	19,955	9,955	38,038
Benadict College	8	9,646	4,823	33,215
Limestone College	9	15,000	7,500	25,715
Erskine College	10	18,923	9,461	16,254
Claflin College	11	12,644	6,322	9,932
Francis Marion College	12	19,987	9,932	-0-

Category-II

				<u>\$21,170</u>
Trident Technical College	1	\$19,738	\$ 9,869	\$11,301
Allen University	2	10,950	7,592	3,709
² Columbia College	3	14,869	3,709	-0-

Notes: 1. The sixth ranked Category-I application from Baptist College is not eligible for funding because Baptist does not meet the Title VI-A maintenance of effort requirement.

2. The third ranked Category-II application from Columbia College has an eligible federal share of \$7,434. However, our State's Category-II allotment will only permit a federal share of \$3,709.