

Second Largest

The next largest allotment in Illinois was \$700,000 for constructing 700 miles of line in Iroquois, Ford, Livingston, Vermilion and McLean.

The Adams Electric co-op at Quincy got \$400,000 for construction of 384 miles of line in Adams county, while the Coles-Moultrie co-op got \$355,000 for erecting 333 miles of line to serve 995 customers in Coles and Moultrie counties.

The Illini Electric co-op at Champaign received \$186,000 for constructing 190 miles of line to serve 500 customers in Champaign, McLean, Ford and Piatt counties. The Shelby Electric co-op got \$176,000 for 181 miles of line to serve 363 customers in Shelby, Macon and Moultrie counties.

Several other projects in the state already are under construction, or have been approved for funds.

First established under executive order, the REA was approved by Congress in 1936. The plan at that time was for a 10-year program with annual appropriation of 40 million dollars.

Allotment Boosted

Last year, the program hit a snag in Congress and got only 30 million dollars. This time, however, it is having a re-birth and is flush not only with the regular 40 million, but with an additional allotment of 100 million dollars from the lending-spending bill.

Because of this tremendous increase in funds it is expected that many more projects, not only in Illinois but throughout the nation, will be approved during the rest of the present fiscal year.

Of the 140 million available at the beginning of the fiscal year, about 120 million is still available for allocation, officials said.