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DALLAS--Announcement in Washington of \$5,613,598 in grants for The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School wraps up the government's initial portion of a \$40 million Phase One building program to increase student enrollment, UTSMS officials said Friday.

The latest figure, which will partially fund three buildings, plus \$12,725,436 granted in May for a five-story Basic Sciences Teaching Building with elevated plaza and four lecture halls, all adds up to \$18,339,044 in grants from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

To provide local matching funds, Southwestern Medical Foundation has announced it will seek to raise \$7.5 million on behalf of the school. The University of Texas System will provide the rest of the needed funds. (Of the \$40 million figure, a Basic Sciences Building contracted at about \$7 million already is under construction with previous funding and is due to be finished in the spring of 1972).

The three new buildings funded in the latest grant, made under the health profession's educational facilities program, include the Florence Bioinformation Center, an Auditorium-Cafeteria building and an Academic-administration building.

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The Bioinformation center, expected to cost \$7,593,000, was allotted \$2,924,975 in federal funds. The Auditorium-Cafeteria, estimated at \$3,313,000, was granted \$1,439,312. And the Academic-Administration Building, due to cost \$2,014,000, was given \$1,249,312.

UTSMS Dean Charles C. Sprague, under whose direction the Phase One program was drafted, was pleased at the news. "It indicates that the health administration recognizes the strengths of Southwestern in gearing up to double enrollment. It was a solid vote of confidence in our promise to train more physicians".

The Phase One segment originally had been designed to increase annual enrollment from the current 105 to 150. Later, however, the goal was set at 200 per class of entering freshmen by 1975.

To reach the latter goal, further applications will be made to the government for assistance in constructing a new clinical science building, renovation of the existing Cary Basic Science building to house clinical departments, expansion of physical plant and animal care facilities.

Coupled with the \$40 million medical school program and add-on clinical facilities, a \$25 million expansion program is underway at the school's primary teaching facility, Parkland Memorial Hospital. This means improvements at the medical complex on Harry Hines will total nearly \$70 million in the next few years.

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