

maintenance allowances and the provision of tools, books and other equipment. These services are provided directly by the provincial government or purchased from voluntary agencies.

Other rehabilitation services provided by agencies and voluntary organizations may be funded by a province and are eligible for 50 percent reimbursement from the Federal Government under the Canada Assistance Plan.

New horizons The New Horizons Program was established to provide an opportunity for retired Canadians to participate more actively in the life of the community by undertaking activities of their own choice and design. Grants are made available to groups of retired persons, consisting generally of no fewer than ten members, for the purpose of planning and operating projects in which their talent and skills are to be employed for their own betterment, for that of other older persons and for the community at large. Projects must be non-profit in nature and of no commercial benefit to others, and no money is allocated to provide salaries for participants.

Projects funded to date have dealt with physical recreation, crafts and hobbies, historical, cultural and educational groups, social services, information services and activity centres.

### PART III -- WELFARE SERVICES

Social assistance to needy persons and the various welfare services associated with this form of aid, as well as the care of the aged and disabled and the protection and care of neglected and dependent children, are governed by provincial welfare legislation. Administrative and financial responsibility is shared by the province and its municipalities, federal reimbursement for half the costs of assistance and of certain welfare services being made under the Canada Assistance Plan. Provincial administration of welfare services is carried out through a department of social services or social development in each province. In some provinces, municipalities administer assistance to persons in short-term need.

Institutional care for the aged and infirm is provided under provincial, municipal or voluntary auspices. A number of provinces make capital grants to municipalities, voluntary organizations or limited-dividend companies for the construction of low-rental housing for elderly persons.