

## How Did Institutions Fund Construction Projects?

### Public Institutions

As was the case in prior years, public universities and colleges relied heavily on state and local support for the construction of S&E research space in fiscal years 1992–1993. For this period, state and local governments provided a total of \$930 million or 46 percent of all funds (Table 4-3).

Table 4-3. Trends in public institutions' sources of funding for construction of science and engineering research facilities: 1986–1993

Index and time period	Total	Government		Private donation	Institutional funds	Tax-exempt bonds	Other debt	Other source
		Federal	State/local					
[Constant 1993 dollars in millions] <sup>1</sup>								
Dollar contributions:								
1986–1987 .....	1,570	46	874	300	126	220	2	< 1
1988–1989 .....	1,864	296	904	208	276	166	8	1
1990–1991 .....	2,105	404	843	145	281	416	8	7
1992–1993 .....	2,016	326	930	153	198	390	16	3
[Percentage of total funding]								
Relative contribution:								
1986–1987 .....	100	3	56	19	8	14	< 1	< 1
1988–1989 .....	100	16	49	11	15	9	< 1	< 1
1990–1991 .....	100	19	40	7	13	20	< 1	< 1

Federal funding of construction projects for S&E research space increased from a relative contribution of 3 percent in fiscal years 1986–1987 to 16 percent in fiscal years 1992–1993. This increase occurred at a time when private support for S&E research construction at public universities and colleges declined from 19 percent to 8 percent.