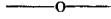


the State's medical care program in the counties and Baltimore City; a survey of nursing needs and resources of the State; and a study of the relationship of the medical schools to the Chronic Illness Program.

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund .....	\$84,707	\$68,428
Special Fund .....	7,900	6,250
Totals .....	\$92,607	\$74,678

Staff: 14.



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