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about two-thirds of the cost associated with the annual folklife festival, plus support for lecturers, instructors, and field researchers.

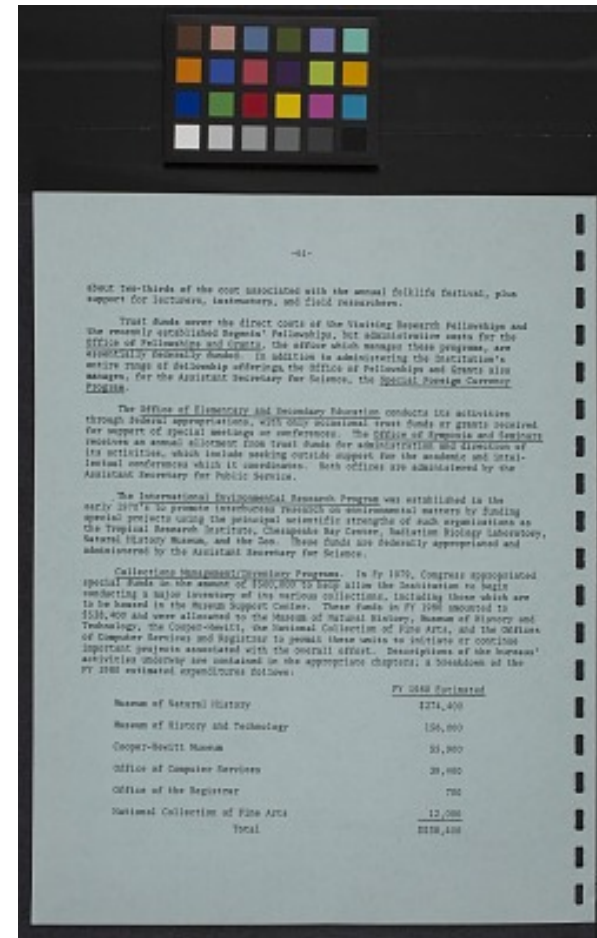
Trust funds cover the direct costs of the Visiting Research Fellowships and the recently established Regents' Fellowships, but administrative costs for the Office of Fellowships and Grants, the office which manages these programs, are essentially federally funded. In addition to administering the Institution's entire range of fellowship offerings, the Office of Fellowships and Grants also manages, for the Assistant Secretary for Science, the Special Foreign Currency Program.

The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education conducts its activities through federal appropriations, with only occasional trust funds or grants received for support of special meetings or conferences. The Office of Symposia and Seminars receives an annual allotment from trust funds for administration and direction of its activities, which include seeking outside support for the academic and intellectual conferences which it coordinates. Both offices are administered by the Assistant Secretary for Public Service.

The International Environmental Research Program was established in the early 1970's to promote interbureau research on environmental matters by funding special projects using the principal scientific strengths of such organizations as the Tropical Research Institute, Chesapeake Bay Center, Radiation Biology Laboratory, Natural History Museum, and the Zoo. These funds are federally appropriated and administered by the Assistant Secretary for Science.

Collections Management/Inventory Programs. In FY 1979, Congress appropriated special funds in the amount of \$500,000 to help allow the Institution to begin conducting a major inventory of its various collections, including those which are to be housed in the Museum Support Center. These funds in FY 1980 amounted to \$538,400 and were allocated to the Museum of Natural History, Museum of History and Technology, the Cooper-Hewitt, the National Collection of Fine Arts, and the Offices of Computer Services and Registrar to permit these units to initiate or continue important projects associated with the overall effort. Descriptions of the bureaus' activities underway are contained in the appropriate chapters; a breakdown of the FY 1980 estimated expenditures follows:

FY 1980 Estimated	
Museum of Natural History	\$274,400
Cooper-Hewitt Museum	55,900
Office of Computer Services	39,400
Office of the Registrar	700
National Collection of Fine Arts	12,000
Total	\$538,400





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