

## Letter to the Editor

# Status of Research Funded by the American Diabetes Association: Year 3

In my Presidential Address in June of 1998 (1), I proudly announced that the most recent Five Year Plan adopted by the American Diabetes Association contained the goal of allocating one of every three dollars of total public support to research awards and grants by the end of five years. I pledged to keep the members of the professional section apprised of our progress toward that goal. The general approach envisaged gradual increases during the first three years, with more steep increases during the final two years.

Table 1 depicts our performance from the year before the Five Year Plan went into effect through this past fiscal year.

The final two years are now upon us. Are we up to the huge challenge that remains? I'll let you know next year.

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TABLE 1  
Five Year Plan progress

Fiscal year	Total public support (millions of dollars)	Amount devoted to research (millions of dollars)	%
1998	90.8	15.5	17.1
Clock starts ticking			
1999	101.5	18.2	17.9
2000	117.8	22.4	19.0
2001	134.6	27.4	20.4
2002	—	—	—
2003	—	—	≥33?

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