

ROOSEVELT O. K'S \$2,475,000 FOR B'KLYN COLLEGE

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of Cash Needed—City
Can Get Rest From
PWA or the Bankers—
New High Approved
With Athletic Field

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Washington, June 27—President Roosevelt has approved a grant of \$2,475,000 for the construction of five buildings for Brooklyn College. The Eagle learned here today.

This represents 45 percent of the money sought on a loan and grant basis. Mayor LaGuardia may borrow the remaining 55 percent from the PWA at 4 percent or, as he has indicated he will do, get the funds from New York City bankers on better terms.

It was also learned that the President has approved a grant of \$1,568,863 for a new Brooklyn high school and athletic field at Jamaica Ave. and Elderts Lane, on the Brooklyn-Queens border.

At the same time Mr. Roosevelt O. K'd \$1,137,681 for a three-story school building at Springfield, Queens, and \$11,360,250 for the sewerage plant on Ward's Island.

These approvals were part of a large disbursement for all parts of the country totaling \$19,536,662.

The success of the Mayor's application for Brooklyn College represents a distinct triumph for the city. The proposal had been all but discarded under the recent ruling of the President that more funds must be spent for direct labor—a return to the old CWA days of small projects—and for less for indirect labor as represented in materials.

Morgenthau Helps

Its approval became possible under a plan worked out jointly by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and Secretary of the Interior Ickes. They reasoned that the regulation calling for a maximum cost per man per year of \$1,400 could be restricted to the grant with no strings on the loan. This let Brooklyn College under the wicket.

The Board of Estimate, months ago, approved an appropriation for purchase of the Wood-Harmon site provided the Federal Government would advance the money for the construction of the buildings. With the Federal action today, an ancient and bitterly fought Brooklyn project appears to have reached realization.