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As a result of scientific needs in World War II, patronage of American mathematics took a decisive upturn from the situation which had prevailed between 1900 and 1940. This talk summarizes the developments in financial support over the first half of the 20th century and illustrates the remarkable changes that began in the 1950s. The focus will be on funding patterns over the last 40 years and the setting in which they developed. (Received October 02, 2000)