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The Museum of Modern Art announced today that it has received a grant of \$1,000,000 from the Ford Foundation as a memorial to Edsel Ford in connection with the Museum's Thirtieth Anniversary Building and Endowment Drive. The grant is to be applied to the capital development of the Museum's research and study facilities.

Edsel Ford, along with his father, Henry Ford, established the Ford Foundation in 1936. He was a Trustee of the Museum from 1935 to 1943. His widow, Mrs. Edsel Ford has been a Trustee since 1948.

The Museum's Drive is for \$25,000,000 for endowment, additional building and program. Last summer when the Drive reached the three-quarters mark the Museum's Trustees authorized the start of the first phase of the building program. Formal ground-breaking ceremonies took place in November 1962 for two wings to be completed by the spring of 1964.

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