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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **Record Group 29**

#### **Series: Records About Grants, Insurance, Loans, Subsidies and Other Economic Assistance Awarded by Federal Agencies, 10/1/1981 –**

##### What information is in these records?

This series contains selected, standardized data on grants, insurance, loans, subsidies, and other economic assistance awarded by Federal agencies. Data are from all departments and major agencies of the executive branch of the Federal Government with grant making authority and covers approximately 600 Federal assistance programs. Programs include assistance to state and local governments, all major Federal aid programs providing transfer payments to individuals, domestic economic assistance, grants-in-aid, community, economic, and rural development, poverty programs, loans, and insurance.

Records contain the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) program number and title; state application identifier; recipient name, including names of businesses; recipient geographic codes and location information including Congressional district; type of recipient code; type of action code; Federal agency code and name; Federal and non-federal funding amounts; dates of funding; transaction code; principal place of performance code and name; and project description.

##### Why were these records created?

The agency collected and processed these records in accordance with the Federal Program Information Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-220), which called for improving the flow of Federal financial information, including reporting on assistance awards. The agency produced computer data files with records about grants, insurance, loans, subsidies, and other economic assistance awarded by Federal agencies for use by Congress and for distribution to the public.

##### Why are there two types of records in these files?

Files contain two record types: action-by-action or transaction records, and county aggregate summary records. Action-by-action records are records of individual grants, insurance, loans, subsidies, and other economic assistance transactions. County aggregate records contain data for numerous individual actions summarized into one record, such as entitlement payments made directly for individuals, or other large volume transactions, such as housing loans and flood insurance.

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