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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Record Group 207

Series: Records Relating to Projects to Assist the Homeless (HAMIS)

What information is in these records?

The records contain information on projects from organizations that applied for Federal financial assistance to provide shelter to homeless persons. You can find information about the projects, the organizations that sponsored the projects, and a general description of the homeless population they wished to assist. These records are best used as a guide to potential projects rather than as evidence of how the projects were actually funded or operated.

Why were these records created?

The Department of Housing and Urban Development used the data to evaluate applications for Federal aid from organizations that provided services to homeless persons, to support the work of the Interagency Council on the Homeless, and to answer queries from Congress and the public about those organizations and agency's homeless assistance programs.

Which file should I look at first?

The best file with which to start when using these records is the Applicant Description File. This file contains information on the organization applying for homeless assistance funds (including the name of the organization, contact information for the organization, the geographic location of the organization, etc.) The file also contains some information about projects for which assistance is requested (including a brief description of the project, the amount of money needed to fund the project, etc.).

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