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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Record Group 381

Series: Records About Community Action Program Grants and Grantees

What information is in these records?

This series contains two types of files. The Grantee Organization Master Files provide the names, addresses, and target areas of organizations that received grants-in-aid through the Community Action Program (CAP). The Funded Program Account Master Files document the history of federal aid to community development through approved CAP grants and funding. The files list each transaction separately, such as request and action by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for initial or supplemental funding, obligation, or amendment. Each of the transactions forms a separate record identified by OEO Region, Grant Number, and Organization Number. These files document neighborhood and community based poverty programs as funded by CAP. The files contain information on grants awarded to activities such as: occupational training and placement; child care; education for all ages; housing services; health services; substance abuse prevention and treatment programs; emergency aid programs; urban and rural community development; migrant services; senior citizen services; and consumer and legal services.

Why were these records created?

The agency created these records to track grants made to local community action programs and the organizations receiving grants.

How can I locate a grant records awarded to a specific organization?

To locate specific organizations or those in a specific geographic region, search the Grantee Organization Master Files first. Then use the Grantee Number(s) found to search the Funded Program Account Master Files to identify the grants awarded to that organization.

Are there errors in the data?

Many variables in these files contain either no data or strings of zeroes. In particular, the agency did not consider the data on anticipated participants as reliable or consistent and ceased collecting this information after 1971.

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