



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Records About Funded Projects in Appalachia, 1965 - 2001

Record Group 414

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1. What information is in these records?

This series consists of records of all projects funded by the agency with grants to state, county and local governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations in the Appalachian region. Agency grants-in-aid include projects such as economic development, highway construction, rural development, education, health care, water and sewer development and other similar projects. A record includes project name, type of project, fiscal year, state, county or counties, amount of agency funds and other federal funds, and state and local funds. The only date information in the records is the fiscal year of the grant.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency created this file for reference and reporting purposes.

3. How is Appalachia defined in these records?

The region consists of 406 counties in these 13 states: all of West Virginia and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

4. How can I access a copy of the full file?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Records About Funded Projects in Appalachia, or using the National Archives Identifier 604225, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at:
<https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.