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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas.

During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains grant approval letters, correspondence, financial information, reports, and clippings related to Ford Foundation grants from 1936-1977.

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Arrangement

The collection contains one series: Grant Files.

The material is arranged in order of Program Action (PA) number (loosely chronological by year).

Each Ford Foundation Grant and the corresponding Grant File is identified by a unique Program Action (PA) number. PA numbers begin with the year a grant was made (2-digits), followed by a sequential number within that year (4-digits).

For example: PA 55-0123 was the 123rd grant made in the year 1955. PA numbers are often typed or handwritten on Ford documents in the following format: 55-123 (year)-(#####). However, the Ford Foundation's grants database (LINKS) uses an 8-digit format for PA numbers: 05500123 (0YY#####).

In some cases, the 4th digit in the 8-digit PA number was used to encode at least three different types of Ford grants:

1. 0YY5##### = Delegated Authority Grants (DAG) / Delegated Authority Projects (DAP)
2. 0YY6##### = Grants to Individuals
3. 0YY9##### = Foundation Administered Projects (FAP)

Individual folders are typically arranged reverse chronologically.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Most of the material in this collection has been microfilmed and corresponds with material found in the following Ford Foundation microfilm collections:

(Note: When searching for corresponding microfilm material, Program Action (PA) numbers in this collection are typed or handwritten on Ford documents in the following format: 55-123 (year)-(#####). However, the Ford Foundation's grants database (LINKS) uses an 8-digit format for PA numbers: 05500123 (0YY#####). The materials in the microfilm collections are searchable in the 8-digit format)

[FA732A Ford Foundation records, Grants, A-B](#)

[FA732B Ford Foundation records, Grants, C-D](#)

[FA732D Ford Foundation records, Grants, H-K](#)

[FA732E Ford Foundation records, Grants, L-N](#)

[FA732F Ford Foundation records, Grants, O-R](#)

[FA732G Ford Foundation records, Grants, S-Thel](#)

[FA732H Ford Foundation records, Grants, Them-Tw](#)

[FA732I Ford Foundation records, Grants, U-Z](#)

More information relating to individual grants can be found in these collections' additional description notes.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Arts
- Charity
- Cold War
- Ford Foundation
- Hospitals
- schools
- World War II

General

Most folders contain the following note from March 1980:

This is a grant* made during the period 1936-1952. The following documents are the only records known for this grant action. The files kept for grants given at this time were maintained by the Treasurer in alphabetic order by institution. This grant file, like the others of this period, was assigned a Program Action (PA) number under which it has been microfilmed.

In some cases the "grant" was only a donation to a particular charity, society, or cause.

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Collection Inventory

Grant Files

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| PA 36-234 - Edison Institute, 1936-1966 | box 1 | folder 1-2 |
| Scope and Contents Also includes the documentation for PA51-009 and PA51-015 | | |
| PA 36-235 - Henry Ford Hospital, 1936-1948 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| PA 37-53 - American Red Cross, 1937-1951 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Scope and Contents Also contains documentation for PA 42-62 and PA 45-54 | | |
| PA 37-261 - Museum of Modern Art, 1937-1944 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Scope and Contents Also contains documentation for PA38-260 | | |
| PA 37-263 - National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., 1937-1949 | box 1 | folder 6 |
| PA 38-31 - American Federation of Arts, Inc., 1938-1943 | box 1 | folder 7 |
| PA 38-241 - Goodwill Industries, 1938-1941 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| PA 38-249 - Howard Street Mission, 1938-1941 | box 1 | folder 9 |
| Scope and Contents Also contains documentation for PA41-250 | | |
| PA 39-274 - The Seeing Eye, Inc., 1939-1949 | box 1 | folder 10 |
| PA 40-277 - United Foundation, Inc., 1939-1950 | box 1 | folder 11 |
| PA 41-187 - Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Inc., 1940-1949 | box 2 | folder 12 |
| PA 41-202 - Farmers Federation Educational and Development Fund, Inc., 1941-1950 | box 2 | folder 13-14 |

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Also contains documentation for PA 44-200

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| PA 41-252 - Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, 1941-1945 | box 2 | folder 15 |
| PA 41-254 - Merrill-Palmer School, 1941 | box 2 | folder 16 |

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Also includes documentation for PA 52-81 and PA 56-11

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|---|-------|-----------|
| PA 41-279 - United Service to China, Inc. (Formerly United China Relief), 1941-1942 | box 2 | folder 17 |
| PA 41-67 - Antioch College of Yellow Springs, 1942-1949 | box 2 | folder 18 |
| PA 42-84 - Berea College, 1951 | box 2 | folder 19 |

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Also contains documentation for PA 45-100 and PA 47-105

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| PA 42-139 - The Detroit Institute of Arts, 1950 | box 2 | folder 20 |
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See PA 52-11 and Fund File A for subsequent proposals and correspondence; PA 42-139 contains documentation for PA 48-138

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|---|-------|-----------|
| PA 42-238 - Frontier Nursing Service, 1942-1950 | box 2 | folder 21 |
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Also contains documentation for PA 48-236 and PA 50-237

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|---|-------|-----------|
| PA 42-240 - Army Emergency Relief, 1942 | box 2 | folder 22 |
| PA 42-265 - Navy Relief Society, 1942 | box 2 | folder 23 |
| PA 43-65 - American Psychiatric Association, 1943 | box 2 | folder 24 |
| PA 43-66 - American Women's Voluntary Services, 1943 | box 2 | folder 25 |
| PA 43-125 - Boys' Clubs of America, Inc., 1943-1950 | box 3 | folder 26 |
| PA 43-130 - Children's House, 1944-1947 | box 3 | folder 27 |
| PA 43-203 - Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, 1943-1951 | box 3 | folder 28 |
| PA 43-262 - National Anti-Syphilis Committee (American Social Hygiene Association), 1942-1949 | box 3 | folder 29 |
| PA 43-278 - United Seamen's Service, 1943 | box 3 | folder 30 |
| PA 43-282 - Wayne University, 1942-1949 | box 3 | folder 31 |

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Also contains documentation for PA 46-281

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|---|-------|-----------|
| PA 44-52 - American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., 1942-1949 | box 3 | folder 32 |
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Includes letters from Helen Keller

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| PA 44-199 - Diocese of Michigan, 1943-1950 | box 3 | folder 33 |
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Also contains documentation for PA 47-198

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| PA 44-253 - Knights of Columbus, 1944-1945 | box 3 | folder 34 |
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| PA 44-258 - Michigan State Highway Department, 1944 | box 3 | folder 35 |
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| PA 44-285 - National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A., 1943-1950 | box 3 | folder 36 |
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| PA 45-10 - American Cancer Society, Inc., 1944-1950 | box 3 | folder 37 |
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| PA 45-94 - Bon Secours Hospital, Inc., 1942-1951 | box 3 | folder 38 |
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| PA 45-136 - Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, Inc., 1944-1950 | box 3 | folder 39 |
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| PA 45-162 - University of Detroit, 1944-1949 | box 3 | folder 40 |
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Also includes documentation for PA 45-165 and PA 45-193

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| PA 45-188 - Detroit Tuberculosis Sanatorium, 1944-1945 | box 3 | folder 41 |
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| PA 45-196 - Detroit Young Men's Christian Association, 1944-1945 | box 3 | folder 42 |
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| PA 45-245 - Hamtramck Tau Beta Camp Fund, 1944-1950 | box 4 | folder 43 |
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Also includes documentation for PA 50-246

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|--|-------|-----------|
| PA 45-256 - The Michigan Society for Epileptic Children, Inc., 1944-1949 | box 4 | folder 44 |
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| PA 45-264 - National Recreation Association, Inc., 1945 | box 4 | folder 45 |
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| PA 45-267 - Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund, 1948-1950 | box 4 | folder 46 |
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| PA 45-272 - St. Vincent's Hospital, 1944-1945 | box 4 | folder 47 |
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| PA 45-273 - The Seaman's Church Institute, 1944-1948 | box 4 | folder 48 |
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| PA 45-280 - The United Urban League Service Fund, 1945 | box 4 | folder 49 |
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| PA 46-19 - American Chinese Mass Education Movement, 1947-1949 | box 4 | folder 50 |
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Includes Section 5: Grant Attachments

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| PA 46-244 - Greenfield Congressional Church, 1946 | box 4 | folder 51 |
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| PA 46-247 - Hindman Settlement School, 1946 | box 4 | folder 52 |
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| PA 46-283 - The Wayside Inn, 1945-1952 | box 4 | folder 53 |
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| PA 47-97 - Children's Hospital of Michigan, 1947-1951 | box 4 | folder 54 |
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Also contains documentation for PA 50-122

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| PA 47-271 - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1946 | box 4 | folder 55 |
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| PA 49-109 - Berry School, 1948-1950 | box 4 | folder 56 |
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| PA 49-194 - Detroit University School & Grosse Pointe Country Day School Corporation, 1948-1950 | box 4 | folder 57 |
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| PA 50-242 and PA 50-243 - Greater Detroit Hospital Council, 1948-1950 | box 4 | folder 58-59 |
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| PA 50-257 - Michigan Society for Mental Hygiene, 1950 | box 4 | folder 60 |
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| PA 50-270 - Protestant Children's Home, 1949-1950 | box 4 | folder 61 |
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| PA 51-13 - Committee of Hospital Trustees on Reimbursable Costs, 1950-1951 | box 4 | folder 62 |
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See also PA 50-242

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| PA 51-14 - Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Inc., 1951-1954 | box 4 | folder 63 |
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| PA 51-16 - The Harper Hospital, 1951 | box 4 | folder 64 |
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| PA 51-17 - International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc., 1951 | box 4 | folder 65 |
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| PA 51-18 - Dearborn Public Schools, 1951-1969 | box 5 | folder 66 |
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| General Information about 11 East European Fund Grants from April 1951 - February 1954, 1954 | box 5 | folder 67 |
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The 11 Grant Numbers include PA 51-22, PA 51-40, PA 52-73, PA 52-107, PA 53-190, PA 53-201, PA 53-31, PA 53-31A, PA 54-169, PA 54-11, PA 54-11A

The East European Fund was the Free Russia Fund from April 1951-October 1951)

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| PA 51-22 - East European Fund, Inc. Research on U.S.S.R. & Orientation of Recent Soviet Emigres, 1951 | box 5 | folder 68 |
| PA 51-40 - East European Fund, Inc. Research on U.S.S.R. & Orientation of Recent Soviet Emigres, 1951 | box 5 | folder 69 |
| PA 52-11 - The Detroit Institute of Arts Magazine "The Art Quarterly", 1951-1952 | box 5 | folder 70 |

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See also PA 42-139

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| PA 52-12 - United Foundation, 1951 | box 5 | folder 71 |
| PA 52-73 - East European Fund, Inc. Research on U.S.S.R., Chekhov Publishing House, Displaced Persons General Administration, 1952 | box 5 | folder 72 |
| PA 52-81 - General Support to the Merrill-Palmer School, 1951-1954 | box 5 | folder 73-74 |

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See also: PA 47-254 and PA 56-11

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| PA 52-85 - Organization for the Creation of Peace, 1951-1961 | box 5 | folder 75-77 |
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Foundation-Administered Project (FAP) - Conditions of Peace Project (05290085)

Cross reference with Council on Foreign Relations PA 53-84

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| PA 52-107 - East European Fund, Inc. Economic Assistance for Administrative Expenses, 1952-1953 | box 5 | folder 78 |
| PA 52-114 - American Red Cross (Detroit Chapter, Tornado & Flood Relief) , 1952 | box 6 | folder 79 |
| PA 52-115 - United Foundation, Inc., 1952-1953 | box 6 | folder 80 |
| PA 52-118 - University of Chicago, 1952-1972 | box 6 | folder 81 |
| PA 52-150 - M.I.T., 1952-1968 | box 6 | folder 82-85 |

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Note from cross reference sheet - (Formerly A-835) The early grants to MIT overlap extensively. Several reports that could not be located in this file may be found in others. This file covers the years 1951-1956 (with correspondence

box 7
folder 86, 87,
87A, 88

to 1967) while the subsequent grant PA 56-104 covers the period 1956-1977.

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| PA 53-31 - East European Fund, Inc. Research on U.S.S.R. Project, 1953-1954 | box 7 | folder 89 |
| PA 53-190 - East European Fund, Inc. Research on U.S.S.R. Cultural Aspects, etc., 1952-1953 | box 7 | folder 90 |
| PA 53-201 - East European Fund, Inc. Literary, Scientific, Educational Activities, etc., 1952-1953 | box 7 | folder 91 |
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| PA 539-226 - Conduct of Governmental Affairs, 1952-1953 | box 8 | folder 93 |

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| PA 54-152 - United Foundation, 1953-1954 | box 8 | folder 95 |
| PA 54-169 - East European Fund, Inc. Support Chekhov Publishing House, 1952-1972 | box 8 | folder 96 |
| PA 56-11 - General Support to the Merrill-Palmer School, 1954-1962 | box 8 | folder 97-99 |

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See also PA 47-254 and PA 52-81

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| PA 56-104 - M.I.T., 1955-1977 | box 9 | folder 100-102 |
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