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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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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This material was transferred to RAC in 2015 by the Ford Foundation and ingested by RAC as Accession 2015:094.

Processing Information

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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folder 86, 87, 87A, 88

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

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
PA 53-208 - United Foundation, 1952	box 8	folder 92
PA 539-226 - Conduct of Governmental Affairs, 1952-1953	box 8	folder 93

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PA 54-11 - East European Fund, Inc., 1954	box 8	folder 94
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

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