



# **Ford Foundation records, Asset Building and Community Development Program (ASSETS), Office Files of E. Walter Coward, Jr.**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center  |
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| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Ford Foundation   |
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| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1977-1998   |
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| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |

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## Biographical / Historical

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E. Walter Coward, Jr. served as a program officer, deputy director, and director of the Rural Poverty and Resources program at the Ford Foundation between 1989 and 1995. In 1996, he became the senior director of the Asset Building and Community Development program in the Office of the Vice President, as well as acting director of Human Development and Reproductive Health program. Before joining the Foundation, Dr. Coward was professor of Rural Sociology and Asian Studies at Cornell University. E. Walter Coward, Jr. retired from the Foundation in 1999.

The Ford Foundation's Assets program was a worldwide program concerned with reproductive health, economic development and community and resource development.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains grant files, chronological correspondence files, reports, meeting notes, and conference materials of E. Walter Coward, Jr.

Dr. Coward served as a program officer, deputy director, and director of the Rural Poverty and Resources program at the Ford Foundation between 1989 and 1995. In 1996, he became the senior director of the Asset Building and Community Development program in the Office of the Vice President, as well as acting director of Human Development and Reproductive Health program.

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## Arrangement

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Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in

2011. Accessions continue as necessary. In 2019, two boxes of material from Accessions 2019:140 (Box 41094) and 2019:106 (Box 41093) were added to this collection.

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One box of material was minimally processed in 2012. Two new boxes were added to this collection in 2019, and the whole collection was brought up to standard processing procedure by Katie Martin in December 2019.

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- Agriculture -- International centers
- Community development
- Ford Foundation
- Natural resources -- Management
- Population research
- Rural poverty and resources

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## Collection Inventory

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**RGA Grants, 1993-1996**

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List of E. Walter Coward, Jr.'s RGA Grants (Grantee, Grant Program Action Number, and Length of Grant):

American Farmland Trust (09200413), 1992 February 20-1995 December 31

Arizona Board of Regents Acting for and on Behalf of Arizona State University (09400167), 1993 November 01-1999 December 31

The Center for Rural Affairs (09000632)(09100810), 1990 January 01-1997 March 31

Centro Internacional De Agricultura Tropical (09300793), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (09300792), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Center for Research in Agroforestry (09300794), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Food Policy Research Institute (09300795), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Water Management Institute (09300796), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (09300792), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

Centro Internacional De Agricultura Tropical (09300793), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Center for Research in Agroforestry (09300794), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Food Policy Research Institute (09300795), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

International Water Management Institute (09300796), 1993 January 01-1997 December 31

World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) (09200233), 1991 May 01-1996 March 31

The Etv Endowment of South Carolina

Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists (09450113), 1993 October 01-1997 September 30

High Country Foundation

Community and Indian Legal Services, Inc. (09101023), 1991 July 01-1997 December 31

Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security

Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, Inc. (09201008), 1992 April 15-1994 April 14

Pueblo of Zuni (09200833), 1992 May 01-1999 June 30

Resources Development Foundation

Rural Advancement Foundation International- Usa (09300357), 1993 January 01-1998 January 31

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (09450112), 1993 November 01-1997 November 01

Tides Foundation (09400138), 1993 September 01-1997 April 30

Tonantzin Land Institute (09200612), 1992 February 01-1994 May 31

Trustees of Tufts University (09351311), 1993 August 01-1995 January 31

University of Florida Foundation

Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture, Inc. (09300392), 1993 January 01-1996 December 31

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (09450488), 1994 January 01-1994 December 31

World Resources Institute (09200506), 1991 October 01-1997 March 31

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| Grants A-Z, 1993 May-1994 April | box 1     | folder 1-3 |
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| Chron File A-Z, 1995 January-May   | box 2     | folder 7-8   |
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| Chron File A-Z, 1996               | box 2     | folder 11-12 |
| Chron File A-Z, 1997               | box 3     | folder 13-15 |

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| The International Agricultural Research Centers and The Ford Foundation: A Report to the Ford Foundation by David E. Bell, 1981 October | box 4     | folder 21 |

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|---|-------|--------------|
| People and Forests: A Report of a Ford Foundation Meeting on Social Forestry and Agro-Forestry, Naro Moru, Kenya, 1985 March 20-22  | box 5 | folder 22    |
| Natural Resources Management Program Officer Consultation, Napa Valley, California, 1996 June 9-11  | box 5 | folder 23    |
| All Assets Staff Conference, San Antonio, Texas, 1998 November 11-13  | box 5 | folder 24    |
| Walt's PowerPoint Presentation, San Antonio, Texas, 1998 November 12  | box 5 | folder 24    |
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| A Review of the Ford Foundation's Work Related to Hispanics in the United States, 1997  | box 5 | folder 25    |
| Assessment of the Ford Foundation's Grantmaking Related to Latinos in the United States: The Asset Building and Community Development Program, Edwin Melendez, PhD., 1997 July 21   | box 5 | folder 26    |
| CGIAR Mid-term Meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia, 1996 Information Booklet, 1996 May 20-24  | box 5 | folder 27    |
| CGIAR Research Agendas for Mid-term Meeting, 1996 May   | box 5 | folder 28    |
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DG Responses to July 1992 Letter

Notes from Talks with DGs

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Memo to Susan Berresford, 1993 January

Letter to DGs, 1993 January



DG Responses to 1993 January Letter

Fax to DGs, 1993 March

1993 Mid-Term Meeting

International Centers Week - 1993

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| Biennial Program Review, 1995 March 27-April 7   | box 6 | folder 34 |
| Biennial Program Review Text, 1996-1997  | box 6 | folder 35 |
| Asset Building and Community Development Program, Program Division Biennial Representatives and Directors Meeting, 1997 February | box 6 | folder 36 |
| Meeting of Trustee Committee on Assets, 1996 December  | box 6 | folder 37 |
| USDA National Commission on Small Farms Briefing Book, 1998  | box 7 | folder 38 |
| Worldwide Rural Poverty and Resources Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1993 September 7-10   | box 7 | folder 39 |
| Rural Poverty and Resources Program Review, 1993 November 23   | box 7 | folder 40 |
| Human Development and Reproductive Health, 1998  | box 7 | folder 41 |

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Budget Information Human Development and Reproductive Health FY 1998

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| A World in Motion: Working Globally, Program Division Leadership Meeting, 1998 February 16-20   | box 7 | folder 42 |
| The Asset Building Framework: Perspectives and Tools for a Global Program, Melvin L. Oliver, Assets Worldwide Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 1998 November 11 | box 7 | folder 43 |
| Ford Foundation Agriculture Support - History, 1977-1994  | box 7 | folder 44 |

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Working Against Hunger (publication from 1978)

Tables from 1977 Work in Agriculture report

On-Farm Research in Eastern India: A Decennial Review,  
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Staff lists, 1980-1981

President's Review from the 1977 Annual Report

List of Grants, 1956-1989

World Agriculture and the Ford Foundation, Lowell Hardin

Concept and Issues Paper - Agricultural Productivity  
(Report #011139)

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