



Commonwealth Fund records, Board of Directors, SG 1, Series 7

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Biographical/Historical note

The Commonwealth Fund was established in 1918 with an endowment of \$10 million from Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness for "benevolent, religious, educational and like purposes." The early grants supported a variety of programs while generally promoting welfare, especially child welfare. Several grants were made in the field of medical research, but the Board of Directors decided in 1920 that this field was already sufficiently supported by other philanthropic organizations.

Despite this decision, by the mid-1920s the chief interest of the Fund had become public health, including mental hygiene, community health, rural hospitals, medical research, and medical education. Other grant areas included war relief, educational and legal research, child welfare, and international medical fellowships.

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Scope and Contents

Types of records include: meeting minutes, financial statements, and reports.

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Arrangement note

This series is arranged in 5 subseries:

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Subseries 2 Financial Statements

Subseries 3 General Files

Subseries 4 Reports of the Board of Directors

Subseries 5 Special Reports

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File Plan note

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- Child mental health
- New York (N.Y.)
- Child welfare
- Child psychology
- Hygiene
- Education, Rural
- Legal issues
- Law
- Medical education
- Legal research
- Medicine, Rural
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.

- War relief
- Public health
- New York (State)
- United States
- Public welfare
- Social Science Research Council
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Columbia University
- Yale University
- Harvard University

Other Finding Aids

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[FA247 Commonwealth Fund Harkness House drawings](#)

[FA276 Commonwealth Fund records, Annual Reports, SG 1, Series 4](#)

[FA277 Commonwealth Fund records, Archives/Library, SG 1, Series 5](#)

[FA278 Commonwealth Fund records, Austrian Program, SG 1, Series 6](#)

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[FA282 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Community Clinics, SG 1, Series 10](#)

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