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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

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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, 1936-1977

Title/Description	Instances	
PA 36-234 - Edison Institute, 1936-1966	box 1	folder 1-2
Scope and Contents Ford Grant #03600234 Grant Purpose: Construction and operating costs and purchase of antiques Grant Amount: \$1,935,000.00;\$13,852,500.00 Also includes the documentation for other Edison Institute Grants 05100009 and 05100015		
PA 36-235 - Henry Ford Hospital, 1936-1948	box 1	folder 3
Scope and Contents Grant #03600235 Grant Amount: \$985,000.00;\$985,000.00 Grant Purpose: General Support		
PA 37-53 - American Red Cross, 1937-1951	box 1	folder 4
Scope and Contents Grant #03700053 Grant Purpose: Flood relief Grant Amount: \$10,000.00;\$10,000.00 Also contains documentation for other American Red Cross grants #04200062 and #04500054		
PA 37-261 - Museum of Modern Art, 1937-1944	box 1	folder 5
Scope and Contents Grant #03700261		

Grant Purpose: Building Fund

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00;\$100,000.00

Also contains documentation for Museum of Modern Art
Grant #03800260

PA 37-263 - National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., 1937-1949	box 1	folder 6
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Scope and Contents

Grant #03700263

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$10,000.00;\$10,000.00

PA 38-31 - American Federation of Arts, Inc., 1938-1943	box 1	folder 7
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Scope and Contents

Grant #03800031

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$400.00

PA 38-241 - Goodwill Industries, 1938-1941	box 1	folder 8
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Scope and Contents

Grant #03800241

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$1,500.00

PA 38-249 - Howard Street Mission, 1938-1941	box 1	folder 9
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Scope and Contents

Grant #03800249

Grant Purpose: Building Purchase

Grant Amount: \$100.00

Also contains documentation for Howard Street Mission
Grant #04100250

PA 39-274 - The Seeing Eye, Inc., 1939-1949	box 1	folder 10
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Scope and Contents

Grant #03900274

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$4,900.00

PA 40-277 - United Foundation, Inc., 1939-1950

box 1

folder 11

Scope and Contents

Grant #04000277

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$1,221,800.00

PA 41-187 - Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Inc., 1940-1949

box 2

folder 12

Scope and Contents

Grant #04100187

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$37,500.00;\$37,500.00

PA 41-202 - Farmers Federation Educational and Development
Fund, Inc., 1941-1950

box 2

folder 13-14

Scope and Contents

Grant #04100202

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$35,000.00;\$35,000.00

Also contains documentation for Grant #04400200

PA 41-252 - Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, 1941-1945

box 2

folder 15

Scope and Contents

Grant #04100252

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$32,500.00;\$32,500.00

PA 41-254 - Merrill-Palmer School, 1941

box 2

folder 16

Scope and Contents

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

Scope and Contents

Grant #04100279

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$7,000.00;\$7,000.00

PA 41-67 - Antioch College of Yellow Springs, 1942-1949	box 2	folder 18
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PA 42-84 - Berea College, 1951	box 2	folder 19
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04200084

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$2,000.00;\$2,000.00

Also contains documentation for Grant #04500100 and Grant #04700105

PA 42-139 - The Detroit Institute of Arts, 1950	box 2	folder 20
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04200139

Grant Purpose: Publishing the Art Quarterly

Grant Amount: \$65,394.00;\$65,394.00

See PA 52-11 (Grant #05200011) and Fund File A for subsequent proposals and correspondence; PA 42-139 contains documentation for PA 48-138 (Grant #04800138)

PA 42-238 - Frontier Nursing Service, 1942-1950	box 2	folder 21
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04200238

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$9,000.00;\$9,000.00

Also contains documentation for PA 48-236 (Grant #04800236) and PA 50-237 (Grant #05000237)

PA 42-240 - Army Emergency Relief, 1942	box 2	folder 22
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04200240

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$1,000.00;\$1,000.00

PA 42-265 - Navy Relief Society, 1942	box 2	folder 23
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04200265

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$5,000.00;\$5,000.00

PA 43-65 - American Psychiatric Association, 1943	box 2	folder 24
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PA 43-66 - American Women's Voluntary Services, 1943	box 2	folder 25
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04300066

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$250.00;\$250.00

PA 43-125 - Boys' Clubs of America, Inc., 1943-1950	box 3	folder 26
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PA 43-130 - Children's House, 1944-1947	box 3	folder 27
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04300130

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$14,500.00;\$14,500.00

PA 43-203 - Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, 1943-1951	box 3	folder 28
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04300203

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$7,000.00;\$7,000.00

PA 43-262 - National Anti-Syphilis Committee (American Social Hygiene Association), 1942-1949	box 3	folder 29
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Scope and Contents

Grant #04300262

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$1,000.00

PA 43-278 - United Seamen's Service, 1943

box 3

folder 30

Scope and Contents

Grant #04300278

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$1,500.00

PA 43-282 - Wayne University, 1942-1949

box 3

folder 31

Scope and Contents

Grant #04300282

Grant Purpose: Teacher Aviation Education Program

Grant Amount: \$1,500.00

Also contains documentation for PA 46-281 (Grant #04600281)

PA 44-52 - American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., 1942-1949

box 3

folder 32

Scope and Contents

Grant #04400052

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$11,000.00

Includes letters from Helen Keller

PA 44-199 - Diocese of Michigan, 1943-1950

box 3

folder 33

Scope and Contents

Grant #04400199

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Also contains documentation for PA 47-198 (Grant #04700198)

PA 44-253 - Knights of Columbus, 1944-1945

box 3

folder 34

Scope and Contents

Grant #04400253

Grant Purpose: Service Men's Club

Grant Amount: \$400.00

PA 44-258 - Michigan State Highway Department, 1944

box 3

folder 35

Scope and Contents

Grant #04400258

Grant Purpose: Foundation Real Estate Deeded

Grant Amount: \$142,354.00

PA 44-285 - National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A., 1943-1950

box 3

folder 36

Scope and Contents

Grant #04400285

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$40,000.00

PA 45-10 - American Cancer Society, Inc., 1944-1950

box 3

folder 37

Scope and Contents

Grant #04500010

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$25,000

PA 45-94 - Bon Secours Hospital, Inc., 1942-1951

box 3

folder 38

Scope and Contents

Grant #04500094

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$2,500.00

PA 45-136 - Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, Inc., 1944-1950

box 3

folder 39

Scope and Contents

Grant #04500136

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$7,000.00

PA 45-162 - University of Detroit, 1944-1949

Scope and Contents

box 3

folder 40

Grant #04500162

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$13,500.00

Also includes documentation for PA 45-165 (Grant #04500165) and PA 45-193 (Grant #04500193)

PA 45-188 - Detroit Tuberculosis Sanatorium, 1944-1945

box 3

folder 41

Scope and Contents

Grant #04500188

Grant Purpose: General Support

Grant Amount: \$200.00

PA 45-196 - Detroit Young Men's Christian Association, 1944-1945

box 3

folder 42

Scope and Contents

Grant #04500196

Grant Purpose: Rehabilitation of buildings and liquidation of indebtedness

Grant Amount: \$125,000.00

PA 45-245 - Hamtramck Tau Beta Camp Fund, 1944-1950

box 4

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Scope and Contents

Also includes documentation for PA 50-246

PA 45-256 - The Michigan Society for Epileptic Children, Inc., 1944-1949

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PA 45-264 - National Recreation Association, Inc., 1945

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PA 45-267 - Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund, 1948-1950

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PA 45-272 - St. Vincent's Hospital, 1944-1945

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PA 45-273 - The Seaman's Church Institute, 1944-1948

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PA 45-280 - The United Urban League Service Fund, 1945

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PA 46-19 - American Chinese Mass Education Movement, 1947-1949

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

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PA 47-271 - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1946	box 4	folder 55
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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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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
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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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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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PA 52-85 - Organization for the Creation of Peace, 1951-1961	box 5	folder 75-77
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PA 52-107 - East European Fund, Inc. Economic Assistance for Administrative Expenses, 1952-1953	box 5	folder 78
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PA 52-115 - United Foundation, Inc., 1952-1953	box 6	folder 80
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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 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
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