

Government Documents Center Help Guides
Series F - Locating Federal Materials
Part 3 - The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is a government-wide compendium of Federal financial and non-financial grants, programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public. The Catalog lists information regarding federal programs that distribute funds in the form of grants and loans to states, local governments, organizations, and individuals. It provides program descriptions indexed by several program components.

The paper volume is located in the Graduate Library: HC 110 .P63 C36
 It is also accessible online at: <http://www.cfda.gov>

The information provided for each program includes:

◆ Program name	◆ Post-assistance requirements
◆ Agency administering the program	◆ Federal budget
◆ Laws governing the program	◆ Program accomplishments
◆ Objectives	◆ Regulations
◆ Types of assistance	◆ Information contacts
◆ Visas and restrictions	◆ Eligibility requirements
◆ Application Process	

The print and online versions of the catalog are indexed in the same categories:

◆ Agency Index	Describes functions and activities of agencies responsible for administering programs.
◆ Agency Program Index	Lists all programs in numerical order by program identification number, program title and administering agency. Differentiates financial and non-financial assistance.
◆ Functional Index Summary	Lists functional categories and subcategories identifying specific areas of interest.
◆ Subject Index	Provides detailed listing of programs by topic, popular names, general functional terms, categories of services, and beneficiaries.
◆ Applicant Eligibility Index	Lists programs by characteristics of applicants required for eligibility.
◆ Deadlines Index	Lists program numbers and titles by the dates by which applications must be received.

USING THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE

The online version of the Catalog provides a convenient "First Time User's Guide" and "FAQ" page for information about its use. *The online Catalog DOES NOT provide an application form; applications must be made with the agency administering the assistance.*

The database includes program descriptions from which eligibility can be gleaned. The database is searchable by keyword or program number. The contents of the Catalog may also be browsed online alphabetically, by agency, by functional area, deadline, and by aid-type.

The online version of the Catalog also provides assistance for writing grant applications, explanations of assistance types, and searching tips. A compilation of the most accessed ten percent of programs and some historical editions are accessible on the web page as well.

USING THE PAPER VERSION OF THE CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE

The paper version of the Catalog is available in the Graduate Library, HC 110 .P63 C36. Historical versions of the Cataloged are shelved in Buhr.

The Catalog is divided into three sections: (1) indices; (2) program descriptions; and (3) appendices. The indices mirror those found in the paper volume.

Each program description includes a program number, an explanation of the intent of the program, the agency administering the program and its authorization to offer the assistance provided. Each description also gives requirements for applicant and beneficiary eligibility as well as the application and award processes. For further information or application submission, contact information is provided.

Practice Questions

1. What is the subject matter of program 10.222?
2. Who is eligible for funding under program 16.576?

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