

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Overview

What is a CFDA number?

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public. It contains financial and non-financial assistance programs administered by departments and establishments of the Federal government. Each program is assigned a unique number by agency and program that follows the program throughout the assistance lifecycle enabling data and funding transparency. The complete CFDA number is a five digit number, XX.XXX, where the first two digits represent the Funding Agency and the second three digits represent the program. CFDA serves as the authoritative source for all CFDA numbers, including those assigned to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA, or the Recovery Act) programs.

Why are they important?

Under OMB Circular A-133, the Institute is required to report the correct CFDA numbers for all federal and federal flow through awards that are received by the Institute. CFDA numbers are critical for compiling the Annual A-133 Schedule of Expenditures Report and ARRA reporting.

The CFDA number is located on the bottom left corner of the Project Director Notification Form (PDN). The Institute is required to inform any subrecipients of federal primes of CFDA number. The CFDA number will be referenced on the upper right corner on the face page of the subaward document.

There is also a field for the CFDA number on the Project Information Form (PIF). It is to the far right of Solicitation/RFP No. & URL, and should be included whenever known. Most federal sponsor solicitations will have their CFDA number displayed prominently on the opportunity's face page. CFDA numbers are often used in CAYUSE to locate the correct application for download.

Common Agency CFDA Numbers

Agency	CFDA
USDA United States Department Of Agriculture	10.XXX
DOD Department Of Defense	12.XXX
DOT Department Of Transportation	20.XXX
NASA National Aeronautics And Space Administration	43.XXX
NEA National Endowment For The Arts	45.XXX
NEH National Endowment For The Humanities	45.XXX
NSF National Science Foundation	47.XXX
SBA Small Business Administration	59.XXX
VA Department Of Veterans Affairs	64.XXX
EPA Environmental Protection Agency	66.XXX
NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission	77.XXX
DOE Department Of Energy	81.XXX
ED Department Of Education	84.XXX
HHS Department Of Health And Human Services	93.XXX
SSA Social Security Administration	96.XXX
DHS Department Of Homeland Security	97.XXX

Resources

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