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Types of Assistance Instruments



There are 2 main types of assistance instruments:

GRANT & COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

USAID's purpose is to financially support the recipient in its accomplishment of a public purpose.



The relationship is a "transfer of anything of value" from USAID to the recipient to further a program goal.



Substantial involvement is anticipated between USAID and the recipient during the performance of the proposed activity.



SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

is the only difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement.

TYPES OF GRANTS

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	USE	CONDITIONS
STANDARD GRANT	<p>USAID provides a "transfer of anything of value" to support the recipient's program.</p> <p>Recipient is normally paid by LOC for U.S. NGOs and advances for Non-U.S. NGOs.</p>	<p>Period of performance of up to 5 years.</p> <p>Recipient performs according to its program description that USAID includes in the award.</p>	<p>USAID will not be substantially involved.</p>
SIMPLIFIED GRANT	<p>USAID reimburses the recipient for its performance under the award.</p>	<p>Period of performance typically of a short duration.</p>	<p>USAID will not be substantially involved.</p> <p>Award will not exceed \$150,000.</p> <p>All costs must be direct costs (no indirect costs permitted).</p>
FIXED AMOUNT AWARD (FAA)	<p>USAID makes payments at the achievement of pre-determined milestones.</p>	<p>Period of performance 3 years or less.</p> <p>Milestones are easily discernible.</p>	<p>USAID will not be substantially involved.</p> <p>No dollar limit for USAID prime FAA awards.</p> <p>For U.S. subrecipients, the dollar limit may not exceed \$150,000.</p>
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	<p>USAID provides a "transfer of anything of value" to support the recipient's program.</p> <p>Recipient is normally paid by LOC for U.S. NGOs and advanced for Non-U.S. NGO.</p>	<p>Period of performance of up to 5 years.</p> <p>Recipient performs according to its program description that USAID includes in the award.</p>	<p>USAID is substantially involved in award-specific program areas.</p>

Remember, Substantial Involvement is Limited to 4 Potential Areas:



1. Approval of the recipient's implementation plan (i.e. workplan).
2. Approval of specified key personnel.
3. Collaborative involvement in award-specific program areas.
4. Halt of a construction activity.



In all assistance awards, the recipient has substantial freedom to pursue its program objectives.



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