The African Development Foundation (ADF) was established by the African Development Foundation Act (22 USC 290h), as a nonprofit, government corporation to support the self-help efforts of poor people in African countries. The Foundation became operational in 1984. Its purposes are to:

- Strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between the people of Africa and the United States
- Support self-help development activities at the local level designed to promote opportunities for community development
- Stimulate and promote the effective and expanding participation of Africans in their development process
- Encourage the establishment and growth of development institutions that are indigenous to particular countries in Africa and that can respond to the requirements of the poor in those countries
To carry out its purposes the Foundation makes grants, loans, and loan guarantees to any African private group, association, or other entity engaged in peaceful activities that enable the people of Africa to develop more fully.

1 Rejected Grant Proposal Files  GRS 3/13

Case files pertaining to rejected grant proposals. Files include proposals, correspondence, biographical information concerning the individuals who would conduct the proposed projects, grant application forms, invoices, projected costs and productivity data, and related documents.

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