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. **x**

is the only difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement.
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<td>STANDARD GRANT</td>
<td>USAID provides a &quot;transfer of anything of value&quot; to support the recipient's program. Recipient is normally paid by LOC for U.S. NGOs and advances for Non-U.S. NGOs.</td>
<td>Period of performance of up to 5 years.</td>
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<td>SIMPLIFIED GRANT</td>
<td>USAID reimburses the recipient for its performance under the award.</td>
<td>Period of performance typically of a short duration.</td>
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<td>FIXED AMOUNT AWARD (FAA)</td>
<td>USAID makes payments at the achievement of predetermined milestones.</td>
<td>Period of performance 3 years or less.</td>
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<td>Milestones are easily discernible.</td>
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<td>Period of performance of up to 5 years.</td>
<td>USAID is substantially involved in award-specific program areas.</td>
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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.

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

Where Can I Learn More?

- ADS 303.3.3 Type of Assistance Instrument
- ADS 303.3.11 Substantial Involvement and Cooperative Agreements
- ADS 303.3.24 Simplified Grants
- ADS 303.3.25 Fixed Amount Awards to Non-Governmental Organizations
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