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## الملخص

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CWA	Civil Works Administration
ERAA	Emergency Relief Appropriating Act
EU	European Union
FAP	Federal Art Project
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PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
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