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CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps	Employed thousands of young men in camps across the country improving public lands by planting trees, clearing trails, and fighting forest fires.	Relief
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission	Set up to monitor the stock market and ensure that no fraud or insider trading was taking place	Reform
AAA	Agricultural Adjustment Association	Paid farmers not to grow crops so that prices of crops would rise back up to normal levels.	Recovery
WPA	Works Progress Administration	Provided jobs to young men to build schools, hospitals, and other public works.	Relief
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority	Provided jobs building dams and improving existing ones so that electricity could be brought to the Deep South.	Relief
SSA	Social Security Administration	Form of insurance for old age and people with disabilities.	Reform
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Inspected banks and provided deposit insurance up to \$5,000 on checking and savings accounts in the event of a bank failure.	Reform
HOLC	Home Owners Loan Corporation	Loaned money at a low interest to homeowners who could not meet their mortgage payments.	Relief
NYA	National Youth Administration	Provided job training for unemployed young people and part-time jobs for needy students. Grants were given to high school and college students in exchange for work.	Recovery