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n.

1. Provision of help, aid, or support.
2. An endowment or a subsidy, as that given by a government to an institution for research; a grant of financial aid.

[Middle English *subvencioun*, a subsidy by the state, from Old French *subvention*, monetary assistance, from Late Latin *subventiō*, *subventiōn-*, assistance, from Latin *subventus*, past participle of *subvenīre*, to come to help : *sub-*, beneath, behind; see [SUB-](#) + *venīre*, to come; see **g^Wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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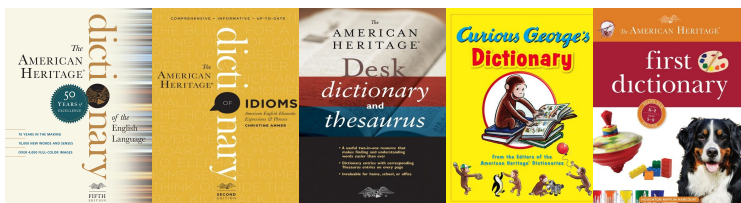
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