

Distribution of Grants by Type of Support and Size of Foundation, circa 2005

Type of Support	100 Largest Foundations				1,054 Other Foundations			
	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
General Support	\$1,540,794	16.9	11,131	26.5	\$1,743,297	23.9	22,293	25.0
General Operating	1,227,554	13.5	9,420	22.5	1,550,107	21.2	19,261	21.6
Annual Campaigns	25,164	0.3	248	0.6	30,844	0.4	352	0.4
Income Development	42,113	0.5	578	1.4	68,692	0.9	1,329	1.5
Management Development	245,963	2.7	885	2.1	93,655	1.3	1,351	1.5
Capital Support	1,603,288	17.6	2,839	6.8	1,429,197	19.6	9,739	10.9
Capital Campaigns	220,693	2.4	433	1.0	185,623	2.5	1,416	1.6
Building/Renovation	835,974	9.2	1,215	2.9	794,599	10.9	5,058	5.7
Equipment	49,015	0.5	329	0.8	104,366	1.4	1,660	1.9
Computer Systems/Technology	48,993	0.5	410	1.0	40,508	0.6	681	0.8
Land Acquisition	66,827	0.7	91	0.2	36,764	0.5	135	0.2
Endowments	311,305	3.4	293	0.7	224,119	3.1	561	0.6
Debt Reduction	4,368	0.0	12	0.0	5,714	0.1	71	0.1
Collections Acquisition	66,114	0.7	56	0.1	37,503	0.5	157	0.2
Program Support	5,061,020	55.5	18,293	43.6	2,308,214	31.6	31,446	35.3
Program Development	3,989,365	43.7	13,844	33.0	1,825,646	25.0	25,549	28.7
Conferences/Seminars	110,797	1.2	1,053	2.5	35,978	0.5	851	1.0
Faculty/Staff Development	182,718	2.0	662	1.6	120,499	1.6	1,716	1.9
Professorships	39,275	0.4	67	0.2	43,961	0.6	175	0.2
Film/Video/Radio	76,255	0.8	280	0.7	22,988	0.3	313	0.4
Publication	65,268	0.7	482	1.1	28,547	0.4	458	0.5
Seed Money	238,321	2.6	332	0.8	45,063	0.6	427	0.5
Curriculum Development	87,609	1.0	322	0.8	50,371	0.7	488	0.5
Performance/Productions	18,595	0.2	233	0.6	25,100	0.3	447	0.5
Exhibitions	73,368	0.8	150	0.4	42,101	0.6	487	0.5
Collections Management/Preservation	22,352	0.2	64	0.2	10,095	0.1	107	0.1
Commissioning New Works	10,244	0.1	54	0.1	6,195	0.1	86	0.1
Electronic Media/Online Services	146,853	1.6	750	1.8	51,671	0.7	342	0.4
Research	1,048,051	11.5	3,031	7.2	390,951	5.4	2,671	3.0
Student Aid Funds	545,055	6.0	1,700	4.1	298,113	4.1	3,458	3.9
Student Aid	53,725	0.6	72	0.2	27,305	0.4	288	0.3
Fellowships	207,364	2.3	652	1.6	76,142	1.0	595	0.7
Internships	3,946	0.0	66	0.2	9,233	0.1	158	0.2
Scholarships	207,839	2.3	601	1.4	154,505	2.1	1,913	2.1
Awards/Prizes/Competitions	72,181	0.8	309	0.7	30,929	0.4	504	0.6
Other	342,494	3.8	811	1.9	53,509	0.7	624	0.7
Technical Assistance	267,180	2.9	520	1.2	23,162	0.3	355	0.4
Emergency Funds	5,616	0.1	8	0.0	3,402	0.0	50	0.1
Program Evaluation	69,698	0.8	283	0.7	26,945	0.4	219	0.2
Not Specified	947,441	10.4	9,814	23.4	1,918,282	26.3	25,378	28.5
Qualifying Support Type¹								
Continuing	2,164,987	23.7	12,953	30.9	2,653,634	36.3	28,572	32.1
Matching or Challenge	365,896	4.0	429	1.0	97,909	1.3	882	1.0

Source: The Foundation Center, 2007. Dollar figures in thousands; grants may occasionally be for multiple types of support and would therefore be counted more than once. Percentages are based on total grant dollars and number of grants reported by foundations in the sample. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,154 larger U.S. foundations. For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file.

¹Qualifying types of support are tracked in addition to basic types of support, e.g., a challenge grant for construction, and are therefore represented separately.