

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for the Public Affairs, circa 2003*

Recipient Organization	State/Country	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Government of Armenia	Armenia	\$79,477,242	2
2. Carter Center	GA	22,923,591	29
3. National Chamber Foundation	DC	17,110,000	5
4. Urban Institute	DC	12,608,419	61
5. Van Andel Institute	MI	11,311,042	7
6. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research	DC	10,584,679	58
7. Discovery Institute	WA	9,895,000	3
8. TCI Foundation	India	8,500,000	1
9. National Constitution Center	PA	8,312,500	13
10. Lenders for Community Development	CA	8,196,153	12
11. MDRC	NY	7,921,806	33
12. Brookings Institution	DC	6,591,664	61
13. PowerUP-Bridging the Digital Divide	VA	6,236,680	1
14. Institute for Higher Education Policy	DC	5,996,225	1
15. Center for Public Integrity	DC	5,599,000	16
16. University of Pennsylvania	PA	5,568,000	5
17. Public Interest Projects	NY	5,548,204	19
18. National Governors Association Center for Best Practices	DC	5,375,278	14
19. Shalem Center	Israel	5,313,000	1
20. National League of Cities Institute	DC	5,258,286	13
21. Nonprofit Finance Fund	NY	5,214,024	15
22. Sheridan, City of	WY	5,207,169	3
23. Omaha, City of	NE	5,197,894	3
24. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	DC	5,139,010	30
25. Redding, City of	CA	5,051,636	2
26. Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe	Poland	5,000,000	1
27. University of Richmond	VA	4,700,000	2
28. Advocacy Institute	DC	4,613,583	2
29. Advertising Council	NY	4,575,187	31
30. One Economy Corporation	DC	4,428,810	16
31. National Opinion Research Center (NORC)	IL	4,316,807	5
32. Missouri Development Finance Board	MO	4,258,250	3
33. National Public Radio (NPR)	DC	4,055,000	5
34. K C E T Community Television of Southern California	CA	4,010,000	5
35. Wells Fargo Bank	IN	4,007,996	1
36. Columbus, City of	IN	4,000,000	1
37. American Friends of the Israel Democracy Institute	GA	3,857,814	3
38. Leapfrog Group	DC	3,818,668	3
39. Heritage Foundation	DC	3,727,519	37
40. Public Radio International (PRI)	MN	3,679,750	4
41. Radio and Television News Directors Foundation	DC	3,650,000	3
42. Florence, County of	SC	3,335,000	2
43. Pennsylvania Economy League	PA	3,310,500	16
44. Manhattan Institute for Policy Research	NY	3,263,374	41
45. Collins Center for Public Policy	FL	3,222,500	17
46. Wexner Heritage Foundation	OH	3,175,000	1
47. United States Public Interest Research Group Education Fund	DC	3,115,375	14
48. University of Maryland-College Park Foundation	MD	3,005,000	2
49. RAND Corporation	CA	2,981,562	31
50. Chatham College	PA	2,950,000	1
Total		\$369,194,197	655

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,010 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. The search set includes all grants to recipient organizations classified in this topic area and grants to other recipient types for activities classified in this topic area. Grants may therefore be included in more than one topic table, e.g., a grant to a university for its arts program is included in Education, Higher Education, and Arts.

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