

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2005

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$414,193,740	82
2. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	222,916,662	117
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	117,737,296	257
4. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	111,883,798	312
5. The Ford Foundation	NY	93,851,164	315
6. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA	88,709,161	54
7. The Ave Maria Foundation	MI	77,884,868	3
8. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	73,715,047	137
9. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	64,741,804	106
10. The Duke Endowment	NC	58,741,059	39
11. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	36,317,838	83
12. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	32,590,351	89
13. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	31,026,153	43
14. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	30,414,966	34
15. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	29,166,588	224
16. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	28,012,000	127
17. The Sherman Fairchild Foundation, Inc.	MD	27,519,530	10
18. Peninsula Community Foundation	CA	23,790,213	140
19. Bernard Osher Foundation	CA	23,711,183	63
20. James Graham Brown Foundation, Inc.	KY	23,625,000	15
21. Freeman Foundation	NY	23,244,712	61
22. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	22,422,124	157
23. John Templeton Foundation	PA	21,992,026	53
24. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	21,054,878	62
25. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	20,739,081	109
26. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	20,573,600	94
27. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	20,129,492	55
28. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	19,755,000	25
29. The Kresge Foundation	MI	19,735,984	27
30. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	18,313,480	15
31. The Starr Foundation	NY	18,098,050	80
32. Dyson Foundation	NY	17,856,000	8
33. Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.	TX	17,713,653	50
34. The New York Community Trust	NY	17,566,429	305
35. Eli & Edythe L. Broad Foundation	CA	16,951,263	38
36. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	16,572,276	10
37. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	16,152,767	33
38. Wallace H. Coulter Foundation	FL	13,817,611	9
39. The Wallace Foundation	NY	13,749,000	15
40. Verizon Foundation	NJ	13,551,647	272
41. Community Foundation Silicon Valley	CA	13,472,640	160
42. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	13,378,349	53
43. The Picower Foundation	NY	12,973,661	8
44. The Priem Family Foundation	CA	12,600,000	2
45. The Goizueta Foundation	GA	12,322,000	9
46. Simpson PSB Fund	CA	12,085,000	8
47. Lied Foundation Trust	NV	11,880,000	8
48. Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	CA	11,832,882	112
49. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	11,653,226	31
50. Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute, Inc.	FL	11,455,638	89
Total		\$2,104,190,890	4,208

Source: The Foundation Center, 2007. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,154 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving and the top ten foundations in each state). 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.