

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2006

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$297,571,686	65
2. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	179,074,665	85
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	142,327,916	250
4. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	105,994,225	289
5. The Starr Foundation	NY	95,060,000	82
6. The Ford Foundation	NY	93,818,993	363
7. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA	80,494,724	72
8. The Duke Endowment	NC	63,034,490	46
9. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	59,941,712	10
10. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	50,406,647	103
11. Joseph and Bessie Feinberg Foundation	IL	49,785,445	3
12. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	44,509,289	90
13. Bing Fund Corporation	NV	41,575,000	3
14. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	40,393,631	101
15. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	37,093,865	54
16. The Meadows Foundation, Inc.	TX	35,701,600	14
17. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	34,100,070	108
18. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	31,399,955	237
19. Tosa Foundation	CA	30,205,554	12
20. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	29,338,977	28
21. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	26,742,889	96
22. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	26,208,000	27
23. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	24,361,091	61
24. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	23,516,888	79
25. The Ave Maria Foundation	MI	23,029,573	3
26. J. A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Inc.	ID	22,000,000	4
27. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	21,886,000	132
28. The Kresge Foundation	MI	21,852,060	36
29. Eli & Edythe L. Broad Foundation	CA	21,339,380	38
30. Freeman Foundation	NY	20,975,992	77
31. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	20,203,080	144
32. The New York Community Trust	NY	20,173,723	298
33. The Simons Foundation	NY	18,057,636	38
34. Wallace H. Coulter Foundation	FL	17,744,953	28
35. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	16,956,650	63
36. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	16,855,798	61
37. Windgate Charitable Foundation, Inc.	AR	16,386,934	43
38. Cotsen Family Foundation	CA	16,279,712	2
39. Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	NY	15,664,535	30
40. The Priem Family Foundation	CA	15,500,000	4
41. AT&T Foundation	TX	15,161,015	117
42. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	15,071,253	13
43. Community Foundation Silicon Valley	CA	14,587,501	187
44. J. Bulow Campbell Foundation	GA	14,000,000	7
45. Peninsula Community Foundation	CA	13,995,161	163
46. Bernard Osher Foundation	CA	13,492,880	81
47. The Picower Foundation	FL	13,449,221	9
48. Tisch Foundation, Inc.	NY	13,308,748	6
49. Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust	IA	13,232,891	60
50. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	13,099,501	28
Total		\$2,086,961,509	3,950

Source: The Foundation Center, 2008. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,263 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.