

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Public Affairs, circa 2006

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$126,517,161	69
2. The Ford Foundation	NY	80,317,931	263
3. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	45,912,524	90
4. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	25,360,500	64
5. Northwest Area Foundation	MN	24,855,487	15
6. The Annie E. Casey Foundation	MD	20,960,899	196
7. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	20,379,835	59
8. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	18,943,000	55
9. J. A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Inc.	ID	16,863,286	18
10. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	15,404,917	104
11. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	13,647,100	84
12. The Dallas Foundation	TX	12,695,000	7
13. WellPoint Foundation	CA	10,780,000	9
14. The Joyce Foundation	IL	10,504,464	37
15. Open Society Institute	NY	10,394,029	84
16. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	10,382,750	20
17. Howard Charitable Foundation	WA	10,100,000	3
18. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	9,440,380	28
19. The California Endowment	CA	8,660,756	30
20. AT&T Foundation	TX	8,539,600	58
21. Community Foundation Silicon Valley	CA	7,692,670	57
22. Peninsula Community Foundation	CA	7,675,712	40
23. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	7,675,002	21
24. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	7,493,009	35
25. The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Inc.	WI	6,967,011	86
26. JEHT Foundation	NY	6,899,339	53
27. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	6,700,000	22
28. J. Paul Getty Trust	CA	6,640,000	3
29. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	6,568,809	26
30. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.	MD	6,540,000	10
31. The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation	TX	5,790,000	5
32. Sarah Scaife Foundation, Inc.	PA	5,700,000	34
33. Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.	NY	5,639,501	62
34. John William Pope Foundation	NC	5,499,507	56
35. Marguerite Casey Foundation	WA	5,457,500	26
36. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	5,400,000	24
37. The Marcus Foundation, Inc.	GA	4,984,000	4
38. The New York Community Trust	NY	4,644,000	90
39. Iowa West Foundation	IA	4,564,543	17
40. Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc.	CT	4,520,492	33
41. Energy Foundation	CA	3,990,000	46
42. The Goldman Sachs Foundation	NY	3,945,000	4
43. ExxonMobil Foundation	TX	3,685,298	34
44. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	3,664,200	11
45. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	3,560,000	2
46. The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation	GA	3,445,000	5
47. The Starr Foundation	NY	3,395,000	19
48. The Heinz Endowments	PA	3,307,825	23
49. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	3,206,000	5
50. J. Roderick MacArthur Foundation	IL	3,129,264	2
Total		\$659,038,301	2,148

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.