

Distribution of Grants by Type of Support and Size of Foundation, circa 2004

Type of Support	100 Largest Foundations				1,072 Other Foundations			
	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
General Support	\$1,461,909	17.0	11,065	24.3	\$1,781,965	25.8	20,891	25.8
General Operating	1,087,014	12.7	9,038	19.9	1,609,699	23.3	18,268	22.5
Annual Campaigns	21,781	0.3	223	0.5	27,057	0.4	318	0.4
Income Development	96,107	1.1	733	1.6	51,844	0.8	1,109	1.4
Management Development	257,007	3.0	1,071	2.4	93,366	1.4	1,196	1.5
Capital Support	1,306,062	15.2	2,981	6.6	1,291,772	18.7	8,589	10.6
Capital Campaigns	122,225	1.4	453	1.0	202,118	2.9	1,170	1.4
Building/Renovation	640,660	7.5	1,347	3.0	732,784	10.6	4,503	5.6
Equipment	33,440	0.4	333	0.7	84,592	1.2	1,479	1.8
Computer Systems/Technology	54,812	0.6	434	1.0	34,993	0.5	590	0.7
Land Acquisition	48,066	0.6	66	0.1	35,358	0.5	123	0.2
Endowments	195,989	2.3	261	0.6	175,195	2.5	512	0.6
Debt Reduction	2,588	0.0	14	0.0	6,281	0.1	57	0.1
Collections Acquisition	208,282	2.4	73	0.2	20,452	0.3	155	0.2
Program Support	5,052,921	58.9	19,598	43.1	2,183,386	31.7	28,616	35.3
Program Development	4,079,048	47.5	14,964	32.9	1,686,243	24.5	22,830	28.2
Conferences/Seminars	133,465	1.6	1,187	2.6	41,439	0.6	824	1.0
Faculty/Staff Development	213,182	2.5	714	1.6	124,112	1.8	1,574	1.9
Professorships	46,754	0.5	63	0.1	54,754	0.8	181	0.2
Film/Video/Radio	63,327	0.7	289	0.6	27,495	0.4	340	0.4
Publication	64,281	0.7	501	1.1	24,780	0.4	375	0.5
Seed Money	128,044	1.5	386	0.8	50,002	0.7	393	0.5
Curriculum Development	80,052	0.9	352	0.8	56,783	0.8	524	0.6
Performance/Productions	21,279	0.2	225	0.5	18,672	0.3	504	0.6
Exhibitions	30,039	0.3	144	0.3	44,450	0.6	478	0.6
Collections Management/Preservation	17,242	0.2	70	0.2	14,685	0.2	151	0.2
Commissioning New Works	9,480	0.1	45	0.1	2,871	0.0	87	0.1
Electronic Media/Online Services	166,727	1.9	658	1.4	37,101	0.5	355	0.4
Research	1,008,688	11.8	3,490	7.7	356,059	5.2	2,494	3.1
Student Aid Funds	358,456	4.2	1,810	4.0	242,528	3.5	3,200	3.9
Student Aid	19,044	0.2	86	0.2	32,150	0.5	341	0.4
Fellowships	148,376	1.7	639	1.4	54,192	0.8	653	0.8
Internships	11,457	0.1	149	0.3	8,762	0.1	163	0.2
Scholarships	131,317	1.5	779	1.7	115,599	1.7	1,749	2.2
Awards/Prizes/Competitions	48,263	0.6	157	0.3	31,826	0.5	294	0.4
Other	280,516	3.3	894	2.0	43,406	0.6	641	0.8
Technical Assistance	168,514	2.0	597	1.3	21,386	0.3	374	0.5
Emergency Funds	1,783	0.0	12	0.0	2,407	0.0	37	0.0
Program Evaluation	110,220	1.3	285	0.6	19,613	0.3	230	0.3
Not Specified	1,069,531	12.5	11,677	25.7	1,732,612	25.1	23,063	28.5
Qualifying Support Type¹								
Continuing	2,871,184	33.5	12,460	27.4	2,284,509	33.1	24,181	29.8
Matching or Challenge	225,934	2.6	365	0.8	92,748	1.3	780	1.0

Source: The Foundation Center, 2006. 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 1,172 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.