

Distribution of Foundation Grants by Subject Categories, circa 2008

Subject	Dollar Value of Grants		No. of Grants	
	Amount	%	No.	%
Arts and Culture				
Policy, Management, and Information ¹	\$ 18,762	0.1	232	0.1
Arts-Multipurpose	249,467	1.0	2,705	1.6
Media and Communications	406,992	1.6	1,831	1.1
Visual Arts/Architecture	101,546	0.4	963	0.6
Museums	1,079,020	4.3	4,849	3.0
Performing Arts	937,325	3.7	9,441	5.7
Humanities	158,835	0.6	1,055	0.6
Historic Preservation	175,247	0.7	1,582	1.0
Other	28,700	0.1	244	0.1
Total Arts and Culture	\$ 3,155,895	12.5	22,902	13.9
Education				
Policy, Management, and Information ¹	\$ 55,502	0.2	381	0.2
Elementary and Secondary	1,697,921	6.7	12,402	7.5
Vocational and Technical	12,744	0.1	230	0.1
Higher Education	2,385,371	9.4	9,680	5.9
Graduate and Professional	645,993	2.6	2,790	1.7
Adult and Continuing	19,442	0.1	490	0.3
Library Science/Libraries	221,330	0.9	1,247	0.8
Student Services	137,925	0.5	1,081	0.7
Educational Services	324,403	1.3	3,805	2.3
Total Education	\$ 5,500,632	21.8	32,106	19.5
Environment and Animals				
Environment	\$ 1,917,425	7.6	8,599	5.2
Animals and Wildlife	255,677	1.0	2,186	1.3
Total Environment and Animals	\$ 2,173,101	8.6	10,785	6.6
Health				
General and Rehabilitative				
Policy, Management, and Information ¹	\$ 128,016	0.5	623	0.4
Hospitals and Medical Care	1,306,268	5.2	7,058	4.3
Reproductive Health Care	509,795	2.0	1,212	0.7
Public Health	885,142	3.5	2,667	1.6
Other	235,747	0.9	1,261	0.8
Specific Disease	1,050,298	4.2	3,932	2.4
Medical Research	1,395,872	5.5	2,469	1.5
Mental Health	267,494	1.1	2,943	1.8
Total Health	\$ 5,778,632	22.9	22,165	13.5
Human Services				
Crime, Justice, and Legal Services	\$ 218,885	0.9	2,917	1.8
Employment	169,732	0.7	2,003	1.2
Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture	242,427	1.0	2,780	1.7
Housing and Shelter	335,643	1.3	4,780	2.9
Safety and Disaster	110,169	0.4	633	0.4
Recreation and Sports	344,155	1.4	3,607	2.2
Youth Development	431,441	1.7	6,492	4.0
Human Services-Multipurpose	1,296,596	5.1	20,181	12.3
Total Human Services	\$ 3,149,049	12.5	43,393	26.4

International Affairs, Development, Peace, and Human Rights	\$ 1,449,507	5.7	4,422	2.7
Public Affairs/Society Benefit				
Civil Rights and Social Action	\$ 314,768	1.2	2,575	1.6
Community Improvement and Development	782,232	3.1	6,778	4.1
Philanthropy and Voluntarism	874,567	3.5	5,500	3.3
Public Affairs	542,967	2.1	3,476	2.1
Total Public Affairs/Society Benefit	\$ 2,514,533	10.0	18,329	11.2
Science and Technology				
Policy, Management, and Information ¹	\$ 31,779	0.1	159	0.1
General Science	241,362	1.0	931	0.6
Physical Science	169,205	0.7	664	0.4
Technology	108,799	0.4	732	0.4
Life Science	115,284	0.5	339	0.2
Other	2,000	0.0	1	0.0
Total Science and Technology	\$ 668,429	2.6	2,826	1.7
Social Sciences				
Social Science and Economics	123,772	0.5	719	0.4
Interdisciplinary/Other	169,149	0.7	770	0.5
Total Social Sciences	292,921	1.2	1,489	0.9
Religion	\$ 567,518	2.2	5,811	3.5
Other	\$ 15,641	0.1	124	0.1
Total Grants	\$ 25,265,857	100.0	164,352	100.0

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Dollar figures in thousands; due to rounding, figures may not add up. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 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.

¹Includes a broad range of supporting activities or organizations identified by 18 "common codes".

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