

Distribution of Grants by Type of Support and Funders' Region, circa 2008

Type of Support	Dollar Value of Grants							
	Northeast		Midwest		South ²		West	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
General/Operating Support	\$ 1,582,527	24.6	\$ 1,052,591	22.3	\$ 777,498	16.3	\$ 1,303,951	14.4
Capital Support	632,849	9.8	748,202	15.8	1,165,973	24.4	1,432,549	15.8
Program Support	3,136,121	48.7	2,066,288	43.7	1,502,178	31.4	6,104,912	67.3
Research	799,847	12.4	344,112	7.3	287,114	6.0	2,000,334	22.0
Student Aid Funds	379,742	5.9	145,791	3.1	169,239	3.5	194,597	2.1
Other	205,606	3.2	49,373	1.0	37,977	0.8	276,908	3.1
Not Specified	1,132,628	17.6	962,128	20.3	1,659,353	34.7	765,828	8.4
Qualifying Support Type¹								
Continuing	2,043,921	31.7	1,849,274	39.1	1,633,262	34.2	1,645,235	18.1
Matching or Challenge	36,066	0.6	166,675	3.5	52,403	1.1	41,387	0.5

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. 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. For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. Dollar figures are 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.

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Capital Support	3,054	6.6	2,964	7.9	4,706	12.3	4,316	11.0
Program Support	20,538	44.2	14,472	38.7	11,979	31.3	17,623	45.0
Research	3,109	6.7	1,444	3.9	989	2.6	2,189	5.6
Student Aid Funds	2,252	4.8	1,480	4.0	1,204	3.1	1,761	4.5
Other	547	1.2	349	0.9	238	0.6	366	0.9
Not Specified	10,290	22.1	10,143	27.1	15,529	40.5	8,141	20.8
Qualifying Support Type¹								
Continuing	12,796	27.5	13,032	34.9	10,319	26.9	10,839	27.7
Matching or Challenge	184	0.4	551	1.5	269	0.7	455	1.2

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