

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for Museums, circa 1998*

Recipient Organization	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Freedom Forum Newseum	VA	\$37,305,666	10
2. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum	NM	34,508,798	6
3. Indianapolis Museum of Art	IN	20,625,000	5
4. Southern Methodist University	TX	18,500,000	1
5. Nelson Gallery Foundation	MO	15,164,863	10
6. Smithsonian Institution	DC	9,774,367	51
7. Science City at Union Station	MO	7,958,534	2
8. Asian Art Museum of San Francisco	CA	7,741,350	10
9. American Museum of Natural History	NY	7,351,752	55
10. MPA Foundation	TX	7,000,000	1
11. Metropolitan Museum of Art	NY	6,596,457	58
12. Great Lakes Museum of Science, Environment and Technology	OH	6,303,334	17
13. Exploratorium	CA	6,071,300	21
14. Museum Associates	CA	5,785,200	7
15. Strategic Air Command Museum Memorial Society	NE	5,361,918	7
16. National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center	OK	5,195,000	5
17. Frist Center for the Visual Arts Foundation	TN	5,000,000	1
18. Eiteljorg Museum of the American Indian and Western Art	IN	4,898,500	4
19. Museum of Modern Art	NY	4,888,902	50
20. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)	OR	4,815,714	9
21. Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	TX	4,549,743	30
22. Science Museum of Minnesota	MN	4,419,146	35
23. Museum of Television and Radio	NY	4,236,000	18
24. Cantigny Foundation	IL	4,184,536	4
25. Portland Art Museum of the Oregon Art Institute	OR	4,165,264	12
26. Peabody Essex Museum	MA	4,040,658	2
27. Philadelphia Museum of Art	PA	3,918,740	18
28. Whitney Museum of American Art	NY	3,751,672	17
29. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art	CA	3,645,400	24
30. Heritage-Joslyn Foundation	NE	3,644,600	6
31. Kansas City Museum	MO	3,545,322	7
32. Japanese American National Museum	CA	3,470,200	11
33. Jewish Museum	NY	3,418,100	44
34. Carnegie Institute	PA	3,348,300	44
35. Phillips Collection	DC	3,306,650	15
36. California Science Center Foundation	CA	3,297,914	16
37. Autry Museum of Western Heritage	CA	3,217,200	5
38. Foundation for Womens Resources	TX	3,200,000	2
39. Minneapolis Institute of Arts	MN	2,812,054	23
40. Amon Carter Museum	TX	2,741,381	5
41. George Eastman House/International Museum of Photography and Film	NY	2,740,300	4
42. Walker Art Center	MN	2,719,000	21
43. Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery	CA	2,688,800	16
44. Field Museum of Natural History	IL	2,643,919	20
45. Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)	CA	2,630,000	15
46. Houston Museum of Natural Science	TX	2,530,000	15
47. California Academy of Sciences	CA	2,455,200	13
48. Nelson Atkins Museum of Art	MO	2,444,555	1
49. South Street Seaport Museum	NY	2,440,000	12
50. Pierpont Morgan Library	NY	2,184,970	20
		\$319,236,279	805

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on a national sample of 1,009 U.S. larger private and community foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving), grants of \$10,000 or more. 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.

Note: Museum grants are also included in the Arts, Culture, and Humanities table.