

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for Museums, circa 2000*

Recipient Organization	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Metropolitan Museum of Art	NY	\$21,989,797	78
2. Freedom Forum Newseum	VA	20,787,953	5
3. American Museum of Natural History	NY	18,912,219	63
4. Amon Carter Museum	TX	12,067,297	8
5. Nevada Museum of Art	NV	10,660,015	4
6. Museum of Modern Art	NY	9,682,701	66
7. Smithsonian Institution	DC	9,125,657	51
8. Seattle Art Museum	WA	8,694,295	19
9. Union Station Kansas City	MO	8,539,325	9
10. Exploratorium	CA	8,059,541	18
11. Nelson Gallery Foundation	MO	8,043,388	13
12. Kentucky Derby Museum Corporation	KY	8,000,000	1
13. Pierpont Morgan Library	NY	7,946,300	24
14. Science City at Union Station	MO	7,862,552	10
15. Philadelphia Museum of Art	PA	7,688,562	27
16. MPA Foundation	TX	7,000,000	1
17. Museum Associates	CA	6,890,200	15
18. Alliance of Redding Museums	CA	6,444,053	8
19. National Constitution Center	PA	6,284,121	5
20. National Gallery of Art	DC	6,267,500	36
21. Detroit Science Center	MI	6,139,000	13
22. Indianapolis Museum of Art	IN	5,855,000	9
23. Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art	MO	5,469,140	5
24. Art Institute of Chicago	IL	5,342,804	33
25. Museum of Television and Radio	NY	5,235,500	12
26. Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco	CA	5,124,198	16
27. Museum of Fine Arts	MA	5,093,488	19
28. Carnegie Institute	PA	4,893,786	43
29. Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	TX	4,819,489	41
30. Minneapolis Institute of Arts	MN	4,771,800	14
31. Please Touch Museum	PA	4,290,000	6
32. Akron Art Museum	OH	4,000,000	1
33. Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society	MI	3,911,450	10
34. Autry Museum of Western Heritage	CA	3,734,946	9
35. Detroit Institute of Arts	MI	3,714,000	6
36. Denver Museum of Nature and Science	CO	3,710,600	7
37. Milwaukee Art Museum	WI	3,658,250	21
38. Houston Museum of Natural Science	TX	3,565,100	25
39. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	MA	3,563,625	10
40. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art	CA	3,456,527	35
41. Tacoma Art Museum	WA	3,425,000	11
42. Exploration Place	KS	3,300,000	6
43. Cantigny Foundation	IL	3,261,150	4
44. Museum of Science	MA	3,216,021	14
45. Field Museum of Natural History	IL	3,063,000	29
46. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum	NM	3,047,938	6
47. Muhammad Ali Museum and Education Center	KY	3,040,000	6
48. Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens	CA	2,856,950	21
49. Liberty Memorial Association	MO	2,765,300	1
50. Indiana State Museum Foundation	IN	2,760,000	3
		\$322,029,538	897

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,015 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. 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.