

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2001*

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	\$453,543,500	168
2. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	223,626,107	118
3. The Ford Foundation	NY	175,438,630	521
4. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	174,581,147	270
5. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	105,404,293	294
6. The Pew Charitable Trusts	PA	77,539,000	45
7. The Whitaker Foundation	VA	74,916,341	120
8. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	68,235,274	195
9. Jurodin Fund, Inc.	CT	65,185,000	4
10. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	55,333,591	53
11. The Duke Endowment	NC	49,363,090	57
12. Hall Family Foundation	MO	44,991,770	4
13. The Freeman Foundation	NY	43,778,605	134
14. The Spencer Foundation	IL	41,281,545	218
15. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	39,791,051	89
16. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	35,409,000	71
17. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	33,691,532	213
18. The Starr Foundation	NY	33,426,000	113
19. James H. Clark Charitable Foundation	NV	31,700,000	2
20. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	30,775,305	16
21. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	30,314,238	24
22. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	30,000,000	31
23. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	28,659,304	83
24. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	27,475,268	363
25. The Kresge Foundation	MI	27,437,000	37
26. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	25,026,000	66
27. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	23,962,391	201
28. The Teagle Foundation, Inc.	NY	23,793,500	76
29. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	23,508,415	79
30. The New York Community Trust	NY	22,021,570	255
31. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	19,218,000	239
32. The Atlantic Foundation of New York	NY	18,849,400	20
33. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	17,453,177	41
34. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	16,707,000	36
35. Pritzker Foundation	IL	16,333,000	17
36. The California Endowment	CA	15,817,595	35
37. The Sherman Fairchild Foundation, Inc.	MD	14,932,400	7
38. Dyson Foundation	NY	14,893,162	8
39. McKnight Brain Research Foundation	FL	14,863,622	1
40. SBC Foundation	TX	14,846,879	146
41. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	14,707,660	10
42. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	14,699,271	53
43. Avenir Foundation, Inc.	CO	12,600,000	3
44. Park Foundation, Inc.	NY	12,545,327	78
45. Avon Foundation, Inc.	NY	12,485,100	15
46. The Goizueta Foundation	GA	12,107,293	14
47. The Ahmanson Foundation	CA	11,908,500	64
48. Andersen Foundation	MN	11,625,000	48
49. The George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation	UT	11,559,436	39
50. Jean C. Tempel Charitable Foundation	MA	11,525,000	2
Total		\$2,409,885,289	4,796

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,007 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.