

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2002*

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	\$441,933,512	222
2. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	334,869,143	63
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	152,730,658	232
4. The Ford Foundation	NY	99,475,305	456
5. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	92,870,205	291
6. Mississippi Common Fund Trust	MS	65,741,543	1
7. The Pew Charitable Trusts	PA	58,496,000	47
8. The Starr Foundation	NY	54,153,036	60
9. The Whitaker Foundation	VA	52,923,816	108
10. The Freeman Foundation	NY	50,798,951	143
11. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	46,321,200	90
12. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	46,015,311	107
13. The Duke Endowment	NC	44,807,753	47
14. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	38,353,471	142
15. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	35,806,465	194
16. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	33,638,000	83
17. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	32,071,123	195
18. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	28,039,745	119
19. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	27,365,776	25
20. PLACE Fund	OH	26,393,716	2
21. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	24,151,100	35
22. The Goizueta Foundation	GA	23,305,025	23
23. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	23,244,564	216
24. The Kresge Foundation	MI	21,798,000	35
25. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	21,090,000	24
26. James Graham Brown Foundation, Inc.	KY	20,725,000	16
27. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	20,696,334	65
28. Rowland Foundation, Inc.	DE	20,159,542	3
29. Avon Foundation, Inc.	NY	18,753,195	16
30. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	18,023,000	110
31. Hiawatha Education Foundation	MN	16,899,771	3
32. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	15,918,562	40
33. The New York Community Trust	NY	15,378,239	278
34. E. M. Lynn Foundation	FL	15,035,000	5
35. SBC Foundation	TX	15,018,566	141
36. The Brown Foundation, Inc.	TX	14,905,328	21
37. Wallace H. Coulter Foundation	FL	13,899,018	6
38. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	13,896,781	7
39. The Annie E. Casey Foundation	MD	13,833,709	135
40. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	13,419,500	32
41. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	13,340,000	26
42. Howard Heinz Endowment	PA	13,031,112	36
43. Bush Foundation	MN	12,593,470	36
44. Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	NY	12,241,625	25
45. The Schreyer Foundation	NJ	11,970,978	2
46. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	11,968,664	45
47. The Grainger Foundation Inc.	IL	11,726,896	7
48. Park Foundation, Inc.	NY	10,741,692	61
49. The Picower Foundation	FL	10,636,000	9
50. Verizon Foundation	NY	10,108,728	299
Total		\$2,241,314,128	4,384

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,005 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.