

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for Arts and Culture, circa 2008

Recipient Organization	State/Country	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1 Architect of the Capitol	DC	\$155,450,228	1
2 Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts	MO	144,610,443	63
3 Newseum	DC	98,347,872	6
4 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art	AR	60,000,000	1
5 Georgia O'Keeffe Museum	NM	45,375,497	4
6 Los Angeles County Museum of Art	CA	39,264,734	24
7 Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute	MA	38,451,000	12
8 Discovery World	WI	34,993,863	7
9 Whitney Museum of American Art	NY	34,470,766	38
10 Metropolitan Museum of Art	NY	33,805,168	88
11 Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts	NY	28,715,917	83
12 Skirball Cultural Center	CA	26,165,666	18
13 Brookfield Arts Foundation	MA	26,000,000	2
14 Smithsonian Institution	DC	25,433,826	50
15 World Trade Center Memorial Foundation	NY	24,842,673	18
16 California Academy of Sciences	CA	22,516,837	54
17 University of Southern California	CA	21,233,938	15
18 Nelson Gallery Foundation	MO	19,753,665	43
19 Museum of Modern Art	NY	19,458,340	95
20 Museum of Fine Arts	MA	18,934,715	38
21 Philadelphia Museum of Art	PA	18,881,069	27
22 University of Pennsylvania	PA	16,468,321	26
23 American Museum of Natural History	NY	15,337,618	53
24 Murray Arts Center Foundation	GA	15,189,798	1
25 Seattle Art Museum	WA	15,123,192	29
26 Art Institute of Chicago	IL	15,059,100	30
27 Museum of Science and Industry	IL	14,995,000	20
28 Metropolitan Opera Association	NY	14,713,167	48
29 Longyear Museum and Historical Society	MA	13,600,000	6
30 American Council of Learned Societies	NY	12,955,000	6
31 Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts	PA	12,576,042	17
32 Detroit Institute of Arts	MI	11,768,138	22
33 Barnes Foundation	PA	11,505,000	14
34 Cleveland Museum of Art	OH	11,071,080	18
35 Denver Art Museum	CO	10,982,492	20
36 Arts and Science Council of Charlotte-Mecklenburg	NC	10,917,226	12
37 Walt Disney Family Foundation	CA	10,806,000	1
38 Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation	TX	10,712,395	20
39 Washington DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation	DC	10,527,000	13
40 Bellarmine College Preparatory	CA	10,250,000	3
41 Wildlife Experience	CO	10,050,000	4
42 Fort Worth Museum of Science and History	TX	9,473,040	22
43 Las Vegas Performing Arts Center Foundation	NV	9,325,000	3
44 Metropolitan Opera	NY	9,007,067	37
45 Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation	CA	8,521,013	3
46 Milwaukee Art Museum	WI	8,411,772	22
47 Peabody Essex Museum	MA	8,271,820	20
48 Brooklyn Academy of Music	NY	7,880,500	39
49 Amon Carter Museum of Western Art	TX	7,828,227	8
50 World Monuments Fund	NY	7,727,541	21
Total		\$1,267,758,766	1,225

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 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.

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