

Types of Support Awarded by Foundations, circa 2007

Types of Support	Dollar Value of Grants		No. of Grants		Average Dollar Value of Grants ¹
	Amount	%	No.	%	
General Support	\$ 4,109,338	19.0	36,908	24.5	\$ 111,340
Annual campaigns	51,657	0.2	840	0.6	61,496
Income development	161,424	0.7	2,295	1.5	70,337
Management development	541,480	2.5	3,490	2.3	155,152
General/operating support	3,354,777	15.5	30,283	20.1	110,781
Capital Support	3,566,093	16.5	14,691	9.8	242,740
Computer systems/equipment	132,011	0.6	1,380	0.9	95,660
Collections acquisition	68,518	0.3	199	0.1	344,313
Debt reduction	9,248	0.0	84	0.1	110,094
Land acquisition	119,464	0.6	221	0.1	540,562
Equipment	187,993	0.9	2,464	1.6	76,296
Building/renovations	1,705,736	7.9	6,952	4.6	245,359
Capital campaigns	582,114	2.7	2,299	1.5	253,203
Endowments	761,008	3.5	1,092	0.7	696,894
Program Support	10,793,135	49.9	59,672	39.7	180,874
Faculty/staff development	371,391	1.7	2,688	1.8	138,166
Program development	8,669,821	40.0	47,399	31.5	182,911
Exhibitions	114,236	0.5	809	0.5	141,207
Collections management/preservation	61,565	0.3	287	0.2	214,512
Commissioning new works	19,504	0.1	148	0.1	131,784
Professorships	253,069	1.2	243	0.2	1,041,438
Film/video/radio	121,177	0.6	723	0.5	167,604
Publication	123,414	0.6	1,035	0.7	119,241
Seed money	267,821	1.2	782	0.5	342,483
Curriculum development	208,691	1.0	997	0.7	209,318
Performance/productions	92,683	0.4	1,036	0.7	89,462
Conferences/seminars	184,772	0.9	2,143	1.4	86,221
Electronic median/online services	304,990	1.4	1,382	0.9	220,687
Research	2,219,118	10.3	6,416	4.3	345,872
Student Aid Funds	897,658	4.1	6,411	4.3	140,018
Awards/prizes/competitions	136,384	0.6	962	0.6	141,772
Scholarship funds	358,082	1.7	3,284	2.2	109,038
Internship funds	23,468	0.1	314	0.2	74,739
Student aid	74,135	0.3	523	0.3	141,749
Fellowships	305,589	1.4	1,328	0.9	230,112
Other	343,912	1.6	1,488	1.0	231,124
Technical assistance	170,755	0.8	844	0.6	202,317
Emergency funds	2,449	0.0	39	0.0	62,791
Program evaluation	170,708	0.8	605	0.4	282,162
Not Specified	3,957,634	18.3	40,505	26.9	97,707
Qualifying Support Type²					
Continuing	5,517,205	25.5	42,525	28.3	129,740
Matching or Challenge	386,635	1.8	1,241	0.8	311,551

Source: The Foundation Center, Foundation Giving Trends, 2009. Figures based on a sample of over 1,000 larger foundations. Dollar figures in thousands; grant may occasionally be for multiple types of support and would therefore be counted more than once.

¹Figures for "Average Dollar Value" represent dollar values.

²Qualifying types of support are tracked in addition to basic types of support, i.e., a challenge grant for construction, and are thereby represented separately.