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Distribution of Grants by Type of Support and Size of Foundation, circa 2008

Type of Support	100 Largest Foundations				1,390 Other Foundations			
	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
General Support	\$2,072,110	14.5	11,509	22.7	\$2,769,343	25.3	28,993	25.5
Annual campaigns	21,037	0.1	283	0.6	48,919	0.4	581	0.5
Income development	88,044	0.6	768	1.5	92,958	0.8	1,838	1.6
Management development	368,115	2.6	1,357	2.7	190,081	1.7	1,937	1.7
General/operating support	1,594,914	11.1	9,101	17.9	2,437,385	22.3	24,637	21.7
Capital Support	2,115,743	14.8	3,292	6.5	1,870,794	17.1	11,877	10.5
Computer systems/equipment	55,704	0.4	309	0.6	46,519	0.4	801	0.7
Collections acquisition	82,512	0.6	54	0.1	59,117	0.5	140	0.1
Debt reduction	1,822	0	12	0	12,464	0.1	66	0.1
Land acquisition	84,913	0.6	78	0.2	46,239	0.4	141	0.1
Equipment	160,936	1.1	495	1	126,215	1.2	2,125	1.9
Building/renovations	937,416	6.5	1,437	2.8	1,078,203	9.8	5,991	5.3
Capital campaigns	509,959	3.6	577	1.1	239,609	2.2	1,861	1.6
Endowments	282,481	2	330	0.7	262,427	2.4	752	0.7
Program Support	9,225,388	64.4	22,451	44.3	3,647,602	33.3	43,195	38
Faculty/staff development	217,295	1.5	1,056	2.1	157,478	1.4	1,987	1.7
Program development	7,532,427	52.6	17,043	33.6	2,958,306	27	35,235	31
Exhibitions	64,532	0.5	188	0.4	60,621	0.6	595	0.5
Collections management/preservation	232,406	1.6	191	0.4	33,929	0.3	168	0.1
Commissioning new works	15,546	0.1	45	0.1	3,345	0	48	0
Professorships	53,666	0.4	72	0.1	47,092	0.4	174	0.2
Film/video/radio	91,162	0.6	318	0.6	44,182	0.4	517	0.5
Publication	94,345	0.7	474	0.9	42,783	0.4	617	0.5
Seed money	184,974	1.3	298	0.6	73,072	0.7	468	0.4
Curriculum development	202,607	1.4	541	1.1	54,092	0.5	735	0.6
Performance/productions	47,837	0.3	302	0.6	28,160	0.3	653	0.6
Conferences/seminars	155,187	1.1	1,118	2.2	71,667	0.7	1,214	1.1
Electronic median/online services	333,405	2.3	805	1.6	72,876	0.7	784	0.7
Research	2,775,623	19.4	4,197	8.3	660,875	6	3,620	3.2
Student Aid Funds	504,012	3.5	2,200	4.3	387,892	3.5	4,534	4
Awards/prizes/competitions	81,038	0.6	405	0.8	48,103	0.4	532	0.5
Scholarship funds	152,337	1.1	942	1.9	206,903	1.9	2,545	2.2
Internship funds	32,609	0.2	196	0.4	14,505	0.1	229	0.2
Student aid	30,009	0.2	111	0.2	30,921	0.3	352	0.3
Fellowships	208,020	1.5	546	1.1	87,458	0.8	876	0.8
Other	503,199	3.5	843	1.7	67,545	0.6	671	0.6
Technical assistance	165,178	1.2	469	0.9	31,697	0.3	336	0.3
Emergency funds	907	0	7	0	3,156	0	52	0
Program evaluation	337,114	2.4	367	0.7	32,692	0.3	283	0.2
Not Specified	1,801,252	12.6	14,228	28.1	2,783,431	25.4	30,967	27.2
Qualifying Support Type¹								
Continuing	3,775,494	26.4	14,344	28.3	3,528,524	32.2	33,805	29.7
Matching or Challenge	189,751	1.3	486	1	108,822	1	1,016	0.9

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Dollar figures are in thousands; grants may occasionally be for multiple types of support and would therefore be counted more than once. Percentages are based on total grant dollars and number of grants reported by foundations in the sample. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 larger U.S. foundations. For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file.

¹Qualifying types of support are tracked in addition to basic types of support, e.g., a challenge grant for construction, and are therefore represented separately.