

# HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUNDATION GIVING TRENDS

## FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR MOST PROGRAM AREAS CONTINUED TO RISE IN 2005

Funding by larger private and community foundations continued to grow in 2005, albeit at a more moderate pace than in the prior year. Among the close to 1,200 largest U.S. foundations included in the Foundation Center's annual grants sample, grant dollars rose 6.1 percent between 2004 and 2005, from \$15.5 billion to \$16.4 billion. The number of grants awarded increased at a more modest 3.5 percent, from 126,497 to 130,961.

Among major subject areas, international affairs, development, and peace experienced the fastest growth. Support for the field reached a record \$591.2 million in 2005, boosted by giving in response to the late 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami disaster and by large grants for international development. Only three out of ten major subject areas failed to register increases in funding in the latest year. Still, for nearly all fields, the number of grants awarded grew less than did grant dollars.

**Education ranked first by share of foundation grant dollars in 2005;  
Human Services led by share of grants**

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Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2007. Based on a sample of 1,154 larger foundations.

<sup>1</sup>Includes Civil Rights and Social Action, Community Improvement and Development, Philanthropy and Voluntarism, and Public Affairs.

## About Foundation Giving Trends

*Foundation Giving Trends*, 2007 Edition, documents the grantmaking patterns of a sample of the largest private and community foundations in 2005 and tracks changes in funding trends since 1996. The report examines giving (based on grant authorizations when available) by subject focus, recipient type, type of support, population group served, and geographic focus. It also details differences in funding trends by foundation size, region, and type, and includes brief reports on giving in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes and the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster. *Foundation Giving Trends* is part of the *Foundations Today Series* of annual research reports on foundation growth and trends in foundation giving.

### General Foundation Funding Patterns, 2005

Subject	Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
Arts and Culture	\$ 2,054,627	12.5	18,698	14.3
Education	3,936,636	24.0	26,114	19.9
Environment and Animals	1,040,153	6.3	8,195	6.3
Health	3,417,483	20.8	17,138	13.1
Human Services	2,425,458	14.8	34,085	26.0
International Affairs, Development, and Peace	591,214	3.6	3,430	2.6
Public Affairs/Society Benefit <sup>1</sup>	1,833,680	11.2	15,785	12.1
Science and Technology	508,366	3.1	2,146	1.6
Social Sciences	200,709	1.2	1,256	1.0
Religion	408,826	2.5	4,011	3.1
Other	10,918	0.1	103	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,428,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130,961</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2007. Based on a sample of 1,154 larger foundations. Dollar figures in thousands; due to rounding, figures may not add up.

<sup>1</sup>Includes Civil Rights and Social Action, Community Improvement and Development, Philanthropy and Voluntarism, and Public Affairs.

## CHANGE IN GIVING, 2005

- ◆ Giving by sampled foundations rose 6.1 percent to \$16.4 billion
- ◆ Number of grants increased 3.5 percent to 130,961
- ◆ Number of grants of \$10 million or more grew by one-third, while the total value declined 8.5 percent

## GIVING BY SUBJECT FOCUS

- ◆ Seven out of ten major fields showed increases in grant dollars in 2005
- ◆ International Affairs and the Environment showed largest gains in funding
- ◆ Education and Health benefited from largest shares of grant dollars
- ◆ Human Services led by share of number of grants

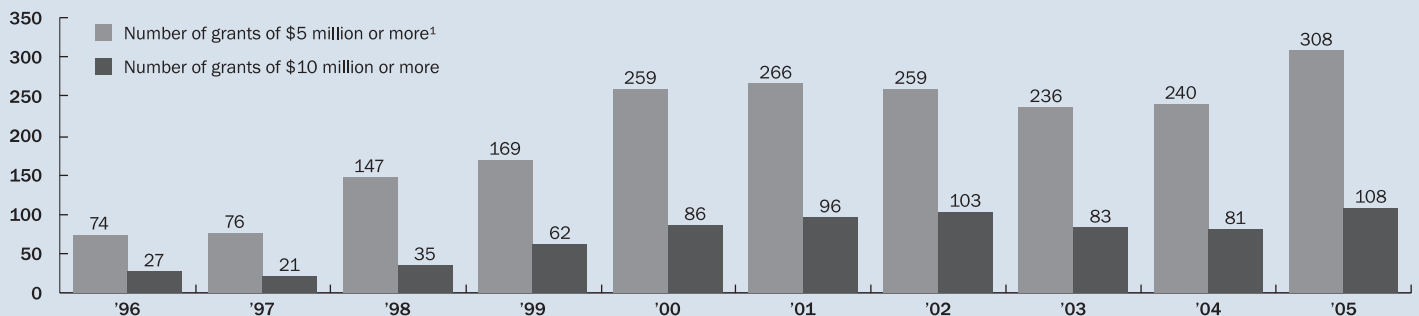
## GIVING BY RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION TYPE

- ◆ Grants in the 2005 sample benefited 53,361 unique recipient organizations
- ◆ Largest share of funding targeted educational institutions
- ◆ Human service agencies ranked second by grant dollars

## GIVING BY TYPES OF SUPPORT

- ◆ Capital support's share of grant dollars rose to 18.5 percent, following five consecutive years of decline
- ◆ General support reached \$3.3 billion in 2005, but share slipped to 20 percent
- ◆ Program support's share of grant dollars declined to just under 45 percent

### Foundations awarded a record 308 grants of \$5 million+ in 2005



Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2007. Based on a sample of over 1,000 larger foundations.

<sup>1</sup>Figures include grants of \$10 million or more.

## GIVING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- ◆ Children and youth accounted for largest share of grant dollars and grants in 2005
- ◆ Funding for the economically disadvantaged declined to \$2.6 billion, down from a record \$3.1 billion in 2004
- ◆ Among beneficiary groups, single parents, substance abusers, and military & veterans experienced fastest growth in giving in the latest year

## INTERNATIONAL GIVING

- ◆ International giving held steady at \$2.8 billion in 2005
- ◆ Majority of international funding supported U.S.-based programs
- ◆ Foundation giving for overseas recipients reached a record \$1 billion

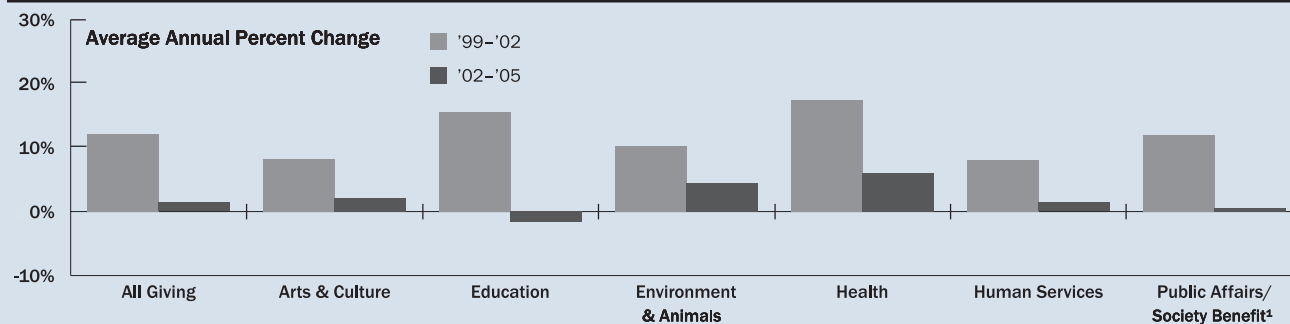
## GIVING BY THE 100 LARGEST FOUNDATIONS

- ◆ Health, International Affairs, Environment, Social Sciences, and Science received bigger shares of 2005 grant dollars from the largest foundations
- ◆ Smaller funders targeted greater shares of support for Arts and Culture, Human Services, Education, Religion, and Public Affairs/Society Benefit

### 2005 Sampling Base

The Foundation Center's circa 2005 grants database includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by 1,154 of the largest U.S. foundations—including the largest ten funders in each state—and reported to the Center between October 2005 and September 2006. Grants were awarded primarily in 2005 or 2004. These grants totaled \$16.4 billion and represented roughly half of total grant dollars awarded by all U.S. independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations. See Appendix A in *Foundation Giving Trends, 2007 Edition*, for more detailed sampling information.

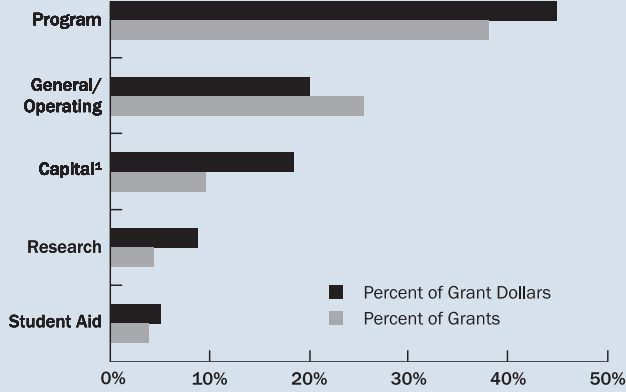
### Health showed fastest annual rate of growth in grant dollars between 2002 and 2005



Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends, 2007*. Based on a sample of over 1,000 larger foundations. Includes subject areas accounting for at least 5 percent of grant dollars or grants.

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**Program support accounted for the largest share of foundation grant dollars in 2005**



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**GIVING BY FOUNDATION TYPE**

- ◆ Independent foundations allocated the largest shares for Health, the Environment, Science, and the Social Sciences
- ◆ Corporate foundations provided biggest shares of giving for Education, Public Affairs/Society Benefit (including federated funds), and—for the first time—International Affairs, reflecting support provided in response to the late 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami disaster
- ◆ Community foundations gave proportionately more to Human Services, Arts and Culture, and Religion than other types of grantmakers

**GIVING BY FOUNDATION REGION**

- ◆ Northeastern foundations provided largest share of grant dollars in 2005 sample; the Northeast region also accounted for biggest share of dollars received
- ◆ Northeastern, Midwestern, and Southern grantmakers favored support for Education; Western foundations awarded largest share of their grant dollars for Health

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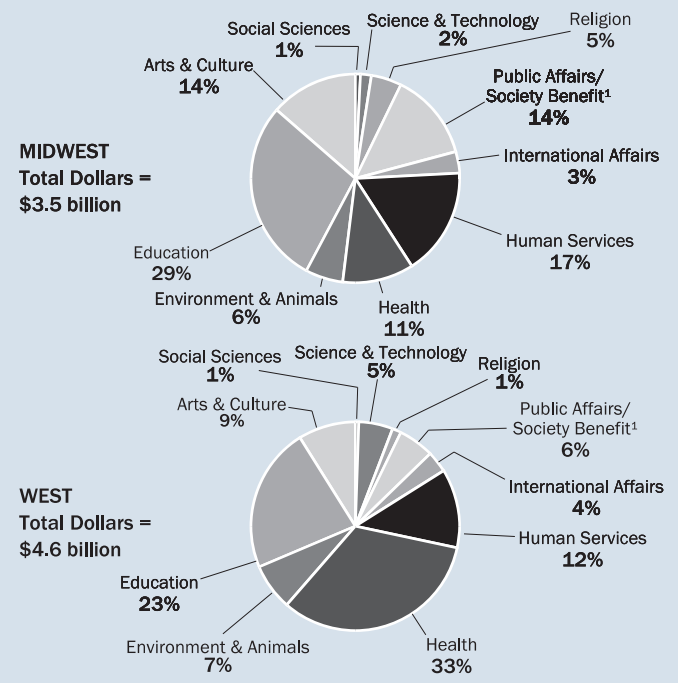
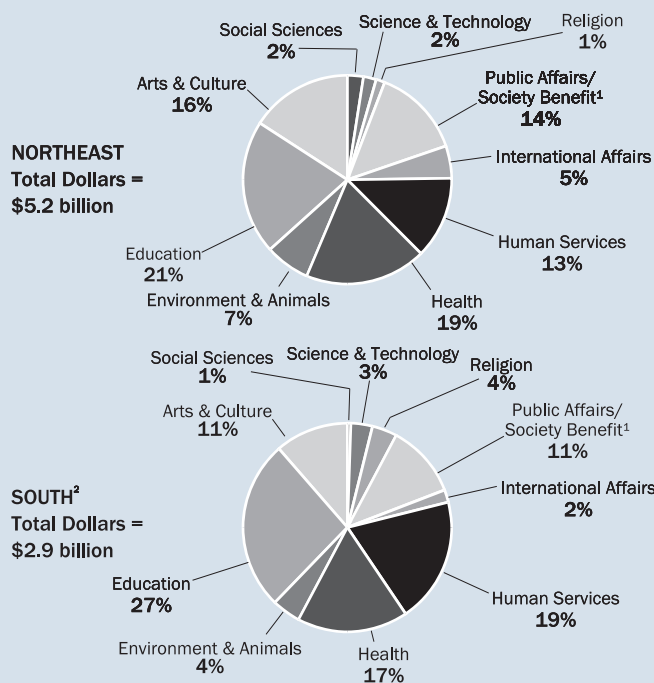
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**Foundations in the Northeast, Midwest, and South favored Education in 2005; funders in the West prioritized Health**



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<sup>1</sup>Includes Civil Rights and Social Action, Community Improvement and Development, Philanthropy and Voluntarism, and Public Affairs.

<sup>2</sup>Figures for the South exclude the District of Columbia. The 17 DC-based foundations in the sample awarded 3,123 grants totaling \$187 million.