

Foundation Giving Trends *Preview*



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Grantmaking Priorities, 2004

Overall giving by the largest private and community foundations rose 8.1 percent between 2003 and 2004. This represents the first increase in grant dollars recorded since 2001 and largely reflects the modest recovery in foundation assets that began in 2003. Support for most major subject areas grew, with science and technology and health posting the largest gains. These findings are based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by 1,172 larger foundations. The \$15.5 billion awarded by the sampled funders represents roughly half of overall U.S. foundation giving. This "Preview" highlights key patterns of giving in 2004 by subject area, type of support, population group, geographic focus, and foundation type. A full analysis will be published in *Foundation Giving Trends: Update on Funding Priorities* in February 2006.

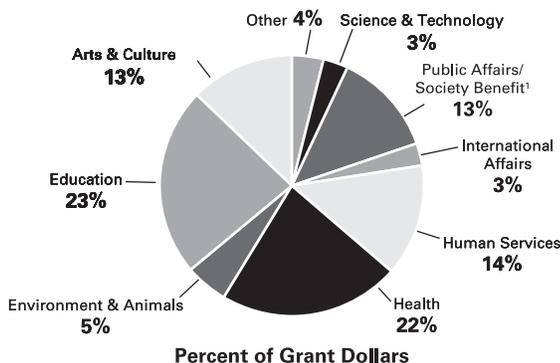
Education ranked first by share of foundation grant dollars; Human Services led by share of grants

Subject	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
Arts and Culture	\$ 1,979,541	12.8	18,516	14.6
Education	3,625,448	23.4	25,689	20.3
Environment and Animals	813,320	5.3	7,374	5.8
Health	3,447,203	22.3	16,208	12.8
Human Services	2,146,396	13.9	32,294	25.5
International Affairs, Development, and Peace	419,965	2.7	2,796	2.2
Public Affairs/Society Benefit	2,004,661	13.0	16,097	12.7
Science and Technology	454,848	2.9	2,214	1.8
Social Sciences	214,842	1.4	1,307	1.0
Religion	362,044	2.3	3,907	3.1
Other	9,329	0.1	95	0.1
Total	\$15,477,595	100.0	126,497	100.0

Note: Based on a sample of 1,172 larger foundations. Dollar figures in thousands; due to rounding, figures may not add up.

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

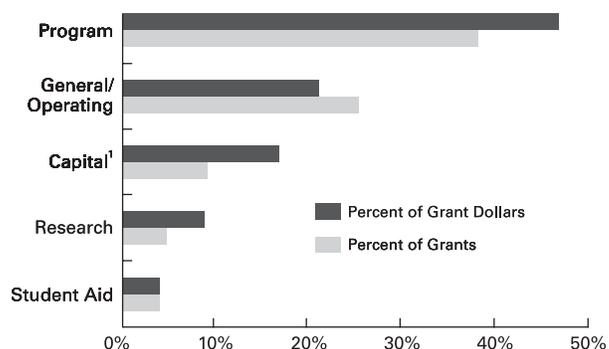
Education and Health together accounted for close to half of foundation grant dollars



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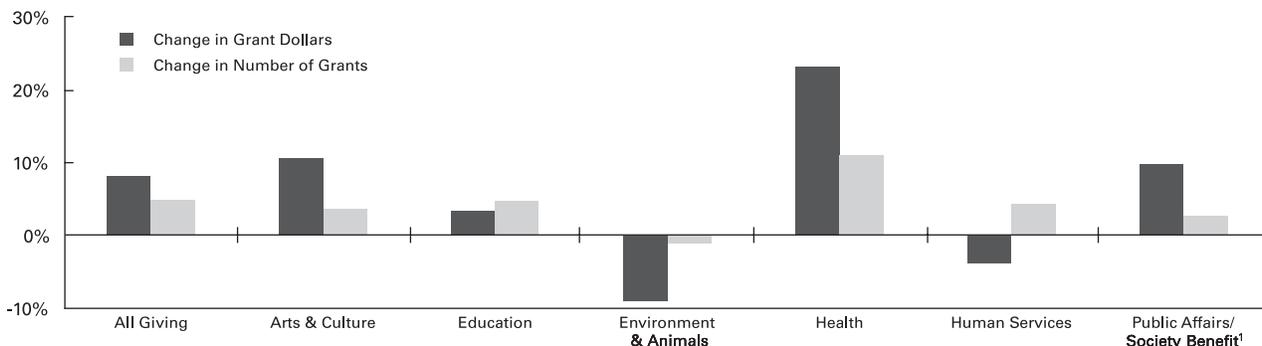
Program support accounted for the largest share of foundation grant dollars



Note: Based on a sample of 1,172 larger foundations. Roughly 18 percent of grant dollars and 28 percent of grants could not be identified by type of support.

¹Includes endowment funds.

Health posted the fastest growth in foundation grant dollars and grants between 2003 and 2004

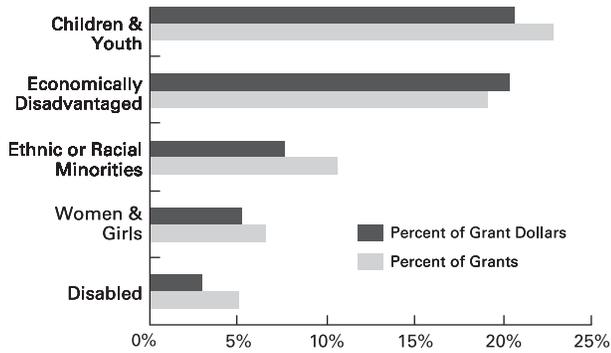


Note: Based on a sample of over 1,000 larger foundations. Includes subject areas accounting for at least 5 percent of grant dollars or grants.

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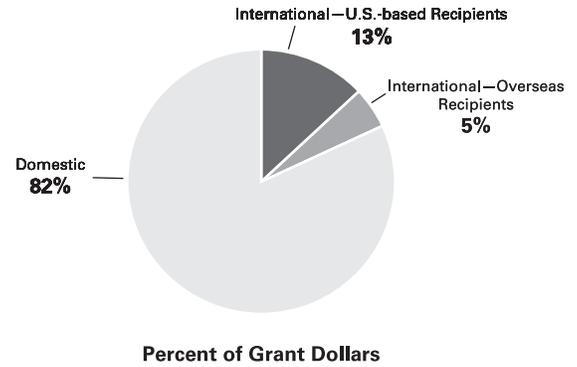
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Children & Youth and the Economically Disadvantaged benefited from the largest shares of foundation grant dollars



Note: Based on a sample of 1,172 larger foundations. Includes beneficiary groups representing at least 5 percent of grants. Figures include only grants awarded to groups that could be identified as serving specific populations or grants whose descriptions specified a benefit for a specific population.

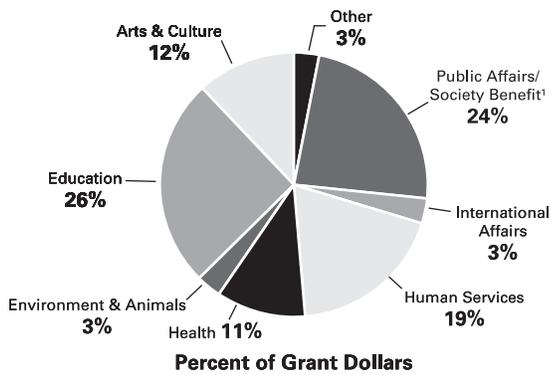
International grantmaking accounted for close to one-fifth of foundation grant dollars



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Corporate Foundations

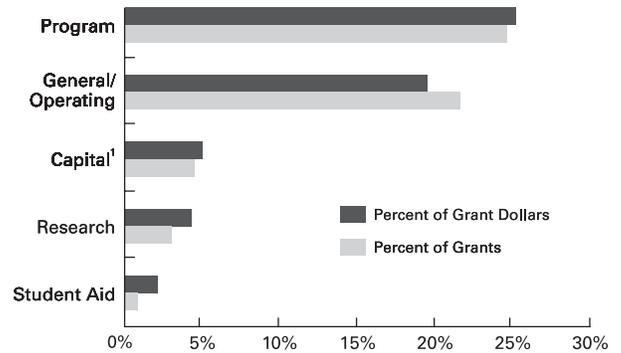
Education and Public Affairs/Society Benefit were the top priorities of corporate foundations



Note: Based on a sample of 179 larger corporate foundations.

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Corporate foundations favored program and operating support

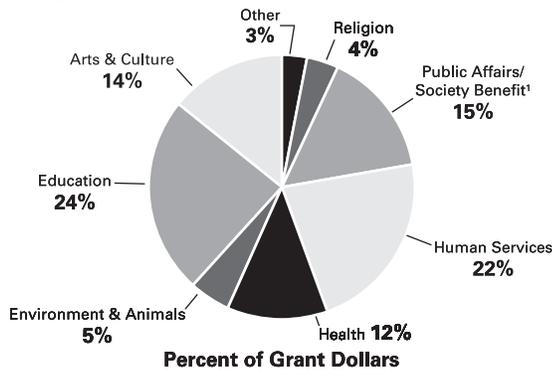


Note: Based on a sample of 179 larger corporate foundations. Nearly half of grant dollars and grants could not be identified by type of support.

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Community Foundations

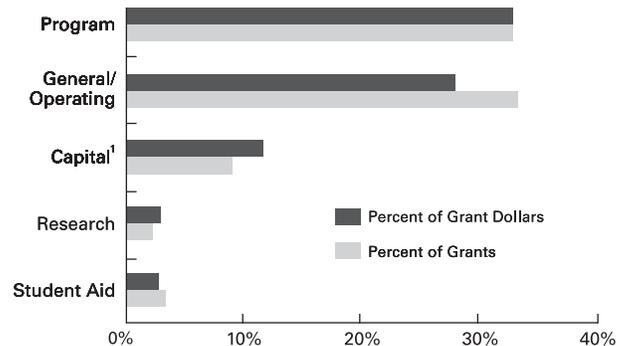
Education and Human Services were the top priorities of community foundations



Note: Based on a sample of 86 larger community foundations.

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

A record one-third of community foundation grants provided operating support



Note: Based on a sample of 86 larger community foundations. Nearly 30 percent of grant dollars and 24 percent of grants could not be identified by type of support.

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Source for all data: The Foundation Center

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