

FOUNDATION GIVING TRENDS PREVIEW



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Grantmaking Priorities, 2006

Health surpassed education as the top priority of private and community foundations included in the Foundation Center's grants sample in 2006. Contributing to this growth were a number of exceptionally large grants awarded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Support for most major subject areas grew, with international affairs and health posting the largest gains. By type of support, program support captured the largest share of foundation grant dollars (50 percent). These findings are based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by 1,263 of the largest foundations. The \$19.1 billion awarded by the sampled funders represents roughly half of overall U.S. foundation giving. This "Preview" highlights key patterns of giving in 2006 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 2008.

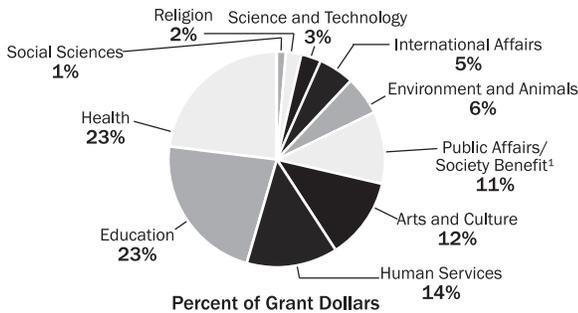
Health received the largest share of foundation grant dollars; Human Services led by share of grants

Subject	Dollar Amount	%	No. of Grants	%
Arts and Culture	\$ 2,329,708	12.2	20,095	14.3
Education	4,306,090	22.5	28,521	20.3
Environment and Animals	1,145,100	6.0	8,633	6.1
Health	4,394,462	23.0	18,260	13.0
Human Services	2,645,895	13.8	36,047	25.7
International Affairs, Development, and Peace	1,019,739	5.3	3,763	2.7
Public Affairs/Society Benefit ¹	2,042,490	10.7	16,807	12.0
Science and Technology	550,591	2.9	2,422	1.7
Social Sciences	259,092	1.4	1,328	0.9
Religion	412,955	2.2	4,486	3.2
Other	16,912	0.1	122	0.1
TOTAL	\$19,123,033	100.0	140,484	100.0

Note: Based on a sample of 1,263 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.

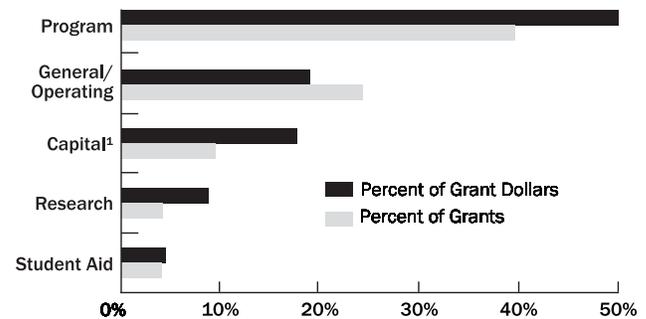
Health and Education accounted for close to half of foundation grant dollars



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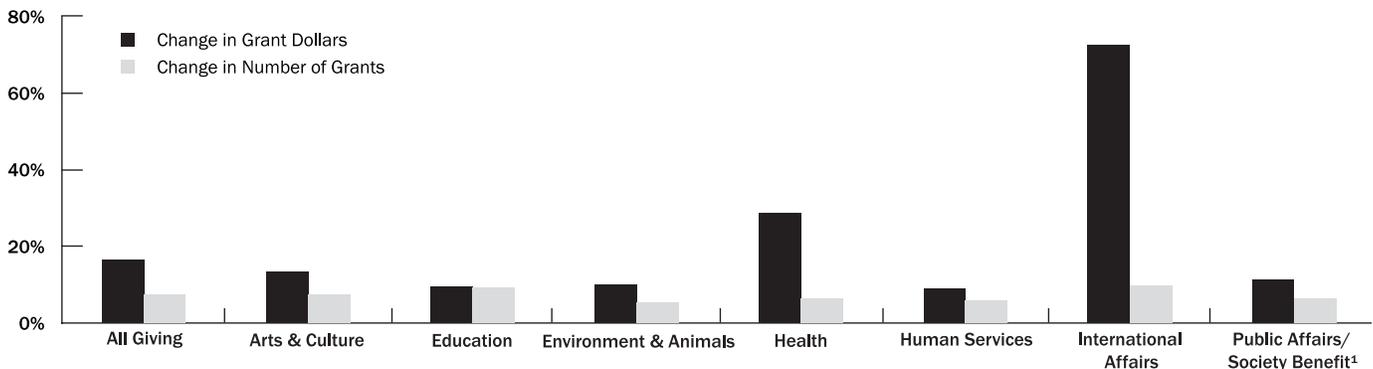
Program support ranked first by share of foundation grant dollars and number of grants



Note: Based on a sample of 1,263 larger foundations. Roughly 16 percent of grant dollars and 27 percent of grants could not be identified by type of support.

¹Includes endowment funds.

International Affairs posted the fastest growth in foundation giving between 2005 and 2006

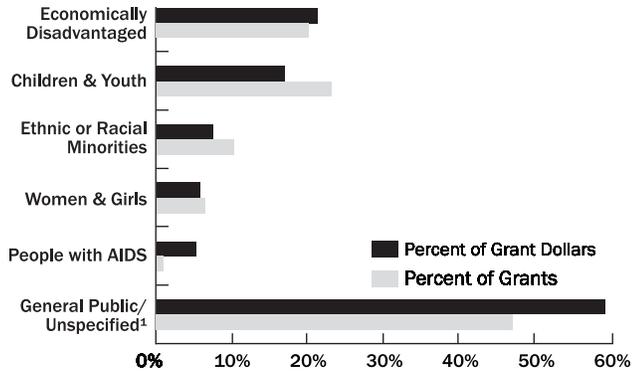


Note: Based on a sample of over 1,000 larger foundations. Includes subject areas accounting for at least 5 percent of grant dollars or grants.

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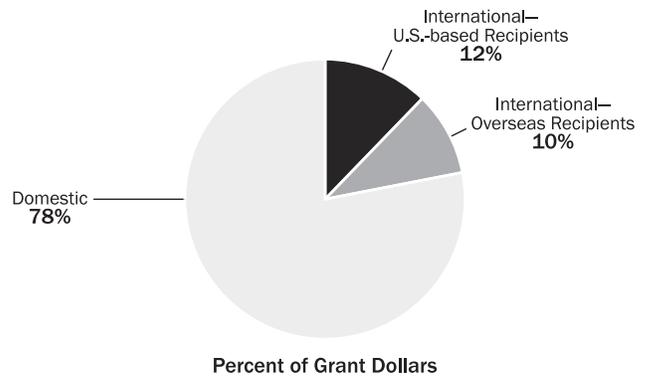
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The Economically Disadvantaged benefited from the largest share of targeted foundation grant dollars



Note: Based on a sample of 1,263 larger foundations. Includes beneficiary groups representing at least 5 percent of grant dollars. Figures include only grants awarded to recipient organizations that could be identified as serving specific populations or grants whose descriptions specified a benefit for a specific population.
¹Includes grants that were intended to benefit the general public or could not be coded as specifying a beneficiary group.

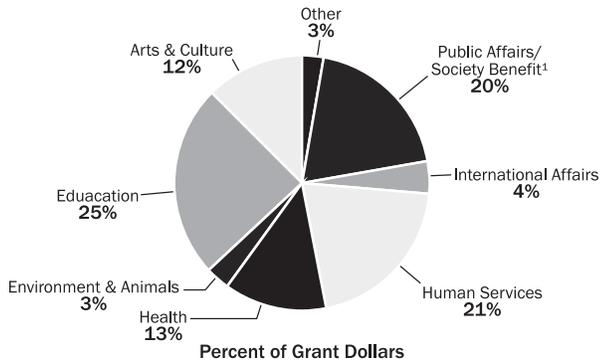
Over one in five foundation grant dollars supported international causes



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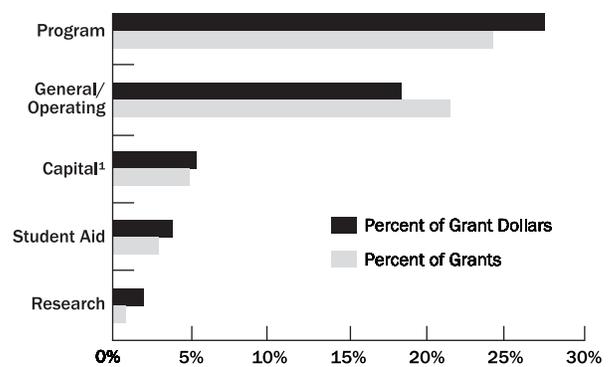
Corporate Foundations

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



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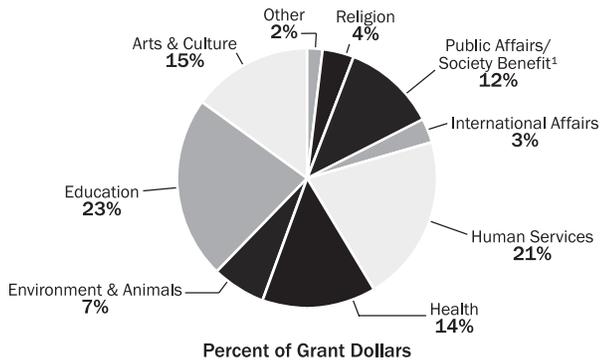
Corporate foundations favored program and operating support



Note: Based on a sample of 200 larger corporate foundations. Close to half of corporate foundation grant dollars and grants could not be identified by type of support.
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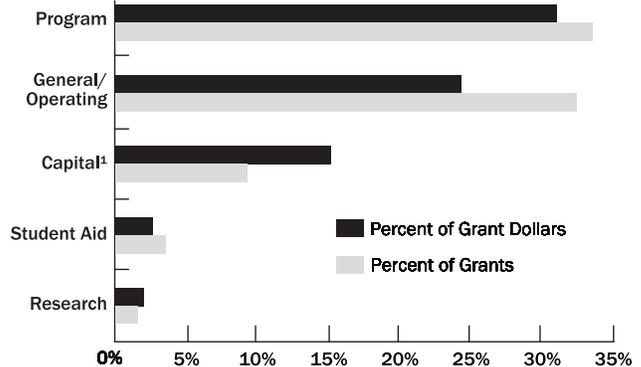
Community Foundations

Community foundation giving primarily targeted Education and Human Services



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.

Program support accounted for nearly one-third of community foundation grants



Note: Based on a sample of 86 larger community foundations. About one-third of community foundation grant dollars and grants could not be identified by type of support.
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