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Key Findings

5,235

Number of active Illinois grantmaking foundations

\$44.1 Billion

Assets of Illinois foundations

\$5.1 Billion

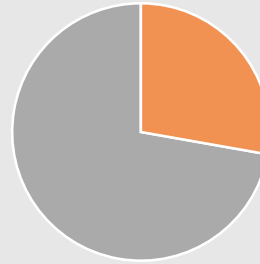
Record level of Illinois foundation giving

Share of Illinois foundation giving accounted for by Lake County grantmakers



46%

Share of general operating support to Illinois



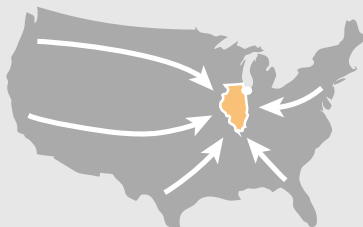
28%

Top funding priorities in Illinois

Education



Health



\$1.3 Billion

Giving by non-Illinois foundations to Illinois recipients

The Illinois Foundation Community

Illinois is home to 5,235 active grantmaking foundations spanning all types—independent or family, corporate, community, and operating—sizes, and issue areas. The community includes many foundations that only give locally or within the state, as well as those that fund nationally and even internationally. The following analysis provides an overview of the scale and composition of the Illinois foundation community and an examination of how Illinois foundations have fared relative to U.S. foundations in general over the past decade. The following section includes analysis of private and community foundations.

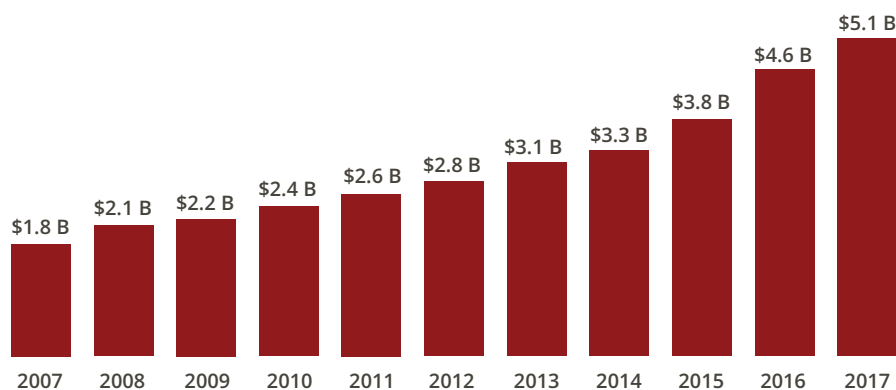
Growth in Illinois foundation giving outpaces U.S. foundations overall

Illinois foundation giving reached a record \$5.1 billion in 2017, nearly tripling since 2007. (Adjusted for inflation, giving rose 136 percent.) By comparison, giving by U.S. foundations overall rose 74 percent during this period (or 47 percent after inflation). The Illinois foundation community has shown annual growth in giving every year during the past decade. By comparison, total U.S. foundation giving declined by just over 2 percent in 2009, following the double-digit loss in foundation assets that resulted from the Great Recession.

Illinois foundation assets reach peak levels

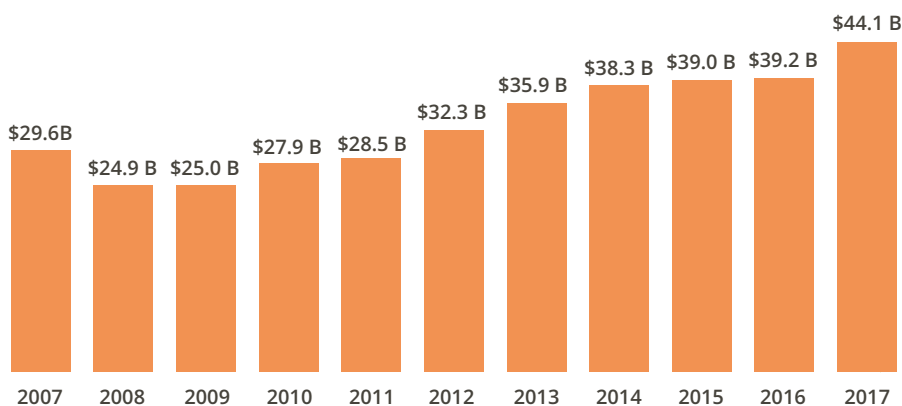
Illinois foundations experienced high growth in assets in 2017, with an increase of 12 percent. Assets of Illinois foundations have grown at pace with the national average over the past decade (49 percent or 26 percent when adjusted for inflation).

Illinois foundation giving reached a record \$5.1 billion in 2017



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Figures based on unadjusted dollars.
Note: Includes total giving of private and community foundations.

Illinois foundation giving assets reached a record \$44.1 billion in 2017



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Figures based on unadjusted dollars.
Note: Includes assets of private and community foundations.

Summary statistics for Illinois grantmaking foundations by type, 2017

TYPE	NO. FDNS	%	ASSETS	%	TOTAL GIVING	%	GIFTS RECEIVED	%
Independent	4,883	93.3	\$37,752,419,732	85.6	\$2,308,007,589	44.8	\$1,727,228,920	37.9
Corporate	171	3.3	2,172,609,490	4.9	353,240,843	6.9	316,268,770	6.9
Community	26	0.5	3,474,785,037	7.9	341,816,574	6.6	445,902,576	9.8
Operating	155	3.0	720,727,315	1.6	2,145,718,484	41.7	2,070,232,666	45.4
TOTAL	5,235	100.0	\$44,120,541,574	100.0	\$5,148,783,490	100.0	\$4,559,632,932	100.0

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Figures exclude Illinois foundations that did not report grants in the latest fiscal year.

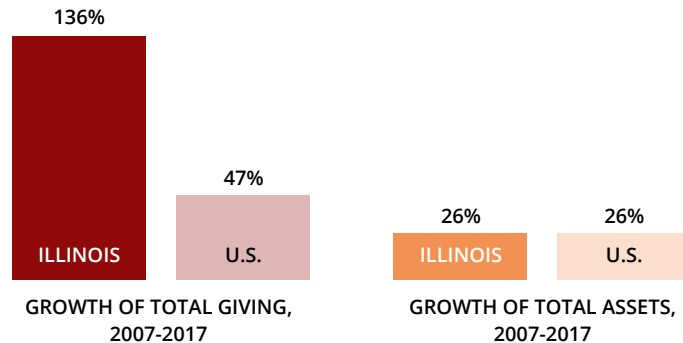
Independent and family foundations account for the majority of Illinois foundations and resources

Nine out of 10 foundations in Illinois are independent or family foundations, including the state's largest private foundation by assets—the Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. They also account for the largest shares of foundation giving and assets. Nonetheless, the North Chicago-based Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation (formerly the Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation), an operating foundation, was by far the largest Illinois foundation by giving in 2017. The foundation is one of roughly a dozen operating foundations nationally created by pharmaceutical manufacturers for the purpose of distributing medications to patients with financial hardships.¹ Excluding this foundation, Illinois operating foundations would account for just 1 percent of giving by grantmakers in the state.

Illinois foundation giving is concentrated among the top 10 funders

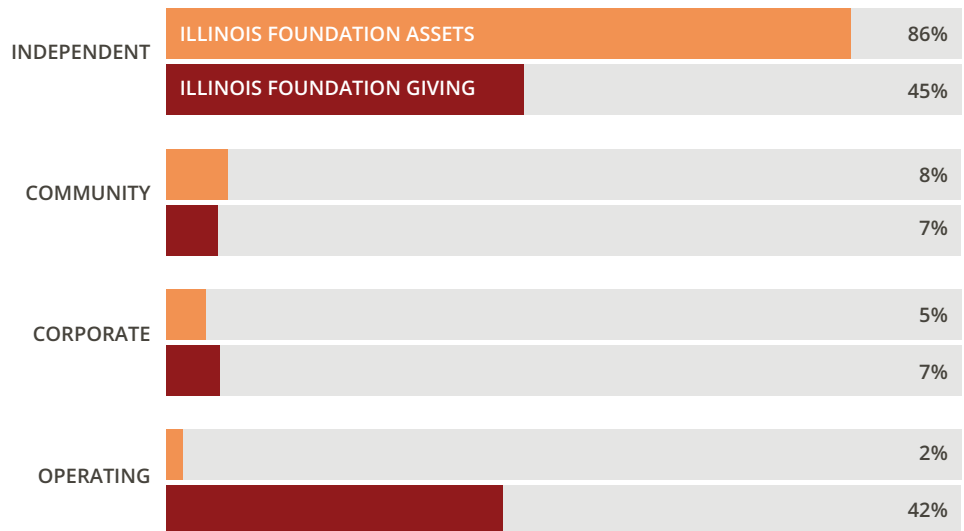
Consistent with patterns across the country, the top 10 Illinois private and community foundations by giving accounted for three-fifths of 2017

Illinois foundation giving grew faster than U.S. foundations between 2007 and 2017



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Figures based on inflation-adjusted dollars.
Note: Includes total giving and assets of private and community foundations.

Independent foundations accounted for the largest shares of Illinois foundation giving and assets in 2017



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

grant dollars. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 35 percent. Six of the top foundations by giving and all but one of the top foundations by assets were located in Cook County.

Illinois corporate foundations account for 7 percent of grant dollars

Illinois corporate foundations reported total giving of \$353 million in 2017, with the Grainger Foundation at the top of the list. Corporate foundations' 6.9 percent share of overall Illinois foundation giving was less than the 8.4 percent share recorded nationally. While a total of 171 Illinois corporate foundations made grants in the latest year, giving was extremely concentrated among the largest funders. Over 60 percent of Illinois corporate foundation giving was provided by just the top 10 grantmakers.

Foundations in Cook County and surrounding areas control the largest share of resources

Grantmaking foundations were located in the vast majority of Illinois counties (90 out of 102), but 90 percent of the giving was accounted for by funders in just two counties. First among these was Lake County, which alone represented nearly half of total giving by Illinois foundations in 2017. If neighboring Cook county is included, the share rises to 90 percent.

Top 10 Illinois private and community foundations by total giving, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE ¹	TOTAL GIVING
1 The Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation	North Chicago	Lake	OP	\$2,107,677,524
2 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	\$309,079,405
3 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$255,597,682
4 Howard G. Buffett Foundation	Decatur	Macon	IN	\$168,339,765
5 The Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	CS	\$52,646,603
6 Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$47,864,529
7 The Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$36,440,380
8 Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	CS	\$33,022,381
9 The Spencer Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$28,428,520
10 The Allstate Foundation	Northbrook	Cook	CS	\$28,288,465

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

¹IN = Independent; CM = Community; CS = Corporate; OP = Operating

Top 10 Illinois private and community foundations by assets, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE ¹	ASSETS
1 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$6,999,766,070
2 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	\$2,828,248,897
3 The Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$1,062,106,276
4 Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$1,149,160,830
5 William R Kenan Jr Charitable Trust	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$644,899,416
6 Terra Foundation for American Art	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$562,241,908
7 The Spencer Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$538,377,672
8 Pritzker Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$522,551,000
9 Circle of Service Foundation	Vernon Hills	Lake	IN	\$498,897,699
10 Polk Bros. Foundation, Inc.	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$434,882,694

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

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Top 10 Illinois corporate foundations by total giving, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1 The Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	\$52,646,603
2 Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	\$33,022,381
3 The Allstate Foundation	Northbrook	Cook	\$28,288,465
4 Illinois Tool Works Foundation	Glenview	Cook	\$20,128,437
5 Abbvie Foundation	North Chicago	Lake	\$19,571,907
6 John Deere Foundation	Moline	Rock Island	\$16,948,765
7 State Farm Companies Foundation	Bloomington	McLean	\$13,713,786
8 Motorola Solutions Foundation	Chicago	Cook	\$10,914,181
9 Abbott Fund	Abbott Park	Lake	\$10,797,758
10 Dunard Fund USA, Ltd.	Northbrook	Cook	\$10,727,725

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

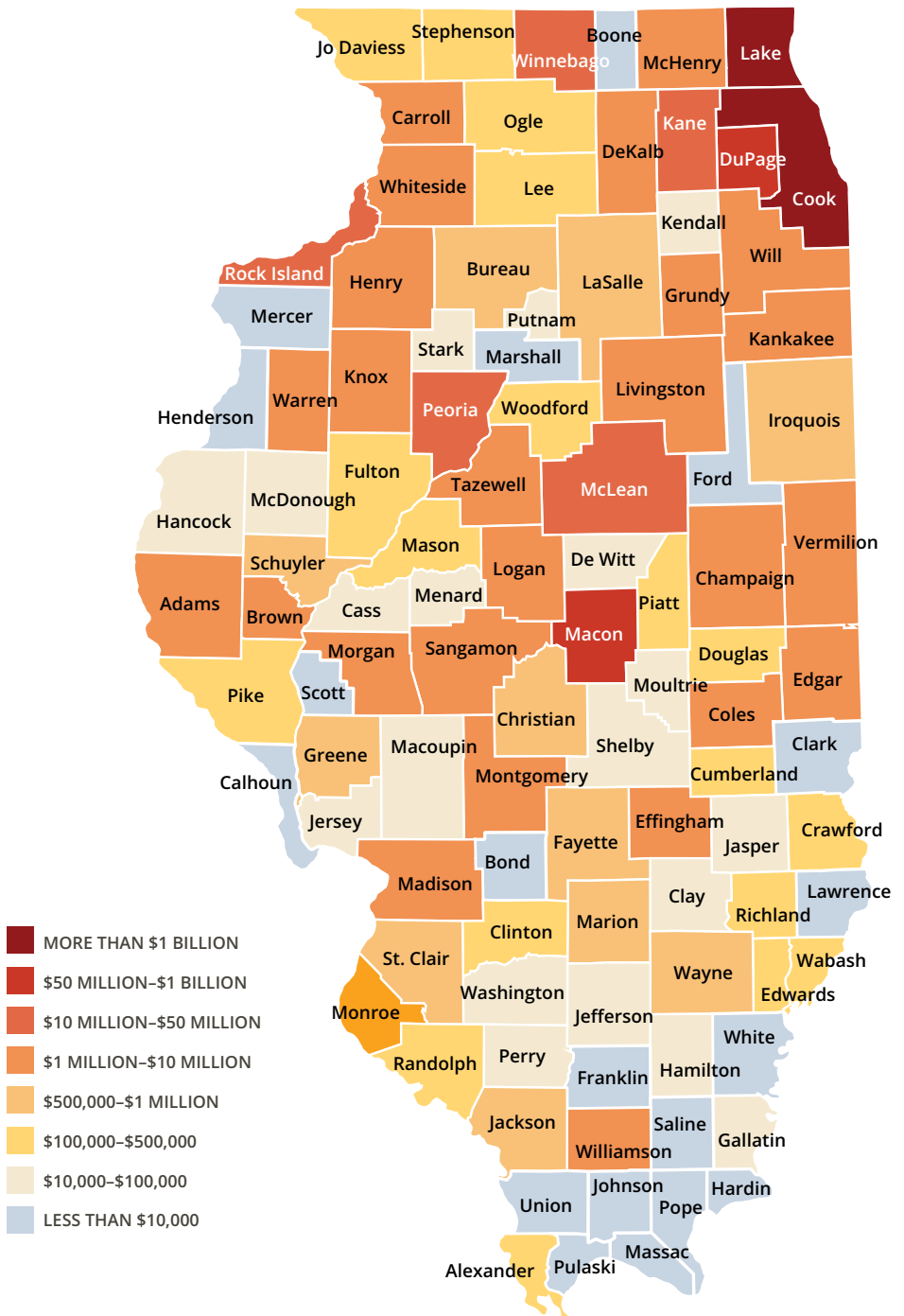
Foundations based in Lake County accounted for nearly half of Illinois foundation giving in 2017

Individual Giving

Foundations represent only one source of charitable support. Across the country, individuals provide 68 percent of private contributions, far surpassing foundations and corporations.¹ In Illinois, individuals gave \$9.2 billion in 2016—significantly more than was provided by private foundations that year.² However, if religious giving were excluded, foundations would account for a far larger share of total giving by Illinois donors.

1. Giving USA Foundation, *Giving USA 2019*, ed. by M. St. Claire & A. Pruitt, Indianapolis, IN: Giving USA Foundation, 2016. If bequest giving were included, the overall share of giving accounted for by individuals would rise to 80 percent.

2. IRS, 2019.



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

Illinois Community Foundations

Illinois is home to 26 grantmaking community foundations, a number surpassing most states. However, this total falls well below the counts reported in nearby Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.² This set of Illinois foundations also accounted for a smaller share of overall giving compared to community foundations nationally (7 percent versus 12 percent). Most of these foundations are quite small, with all but 12 reporting grants totaling less than \$1 million in 2017.

Collectively, Illinois community foundations held \$3.5 billion in assets and gave \$342 million in 2017. The top 10 Illinois community foundations accounted for 98 percent of those dollars, led by The Chicago Community Trust, which alone accounted for 90 percent with \$309 million in total giving in 2017. Similarly, the top 10 foundations by assets also accounted for most assets (96 percent) held by Illinois community foundations.

Education, arts and culture, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois community foundations. More than four-fifths of all community foundations fund some type of education-related activities, while most also fund arts and culture and human services (72 percent and 69 percent respectively).

Top 10 Illinois community foundations by total giving, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$309,079,405
2 Community Foundation of Northern Ill	Rockford	Winnebago	\$3,157,246
3 The DuPage Community Foundation	Downers Grove	DuPage	\$5,163,818
4 Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	\$6,553,603
5 DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	\$2,132,089
6 Community Foundation of the Quincy Area	Quincy	Adams	\$1,349,920
7 Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	\$3,257,045
8 Community Foundation of Decaturmacon County	Decatur	Macon	\$2,423,041
9 Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln	Springfield	Sangamon	\$2,209,168
10 Community Foundation of Central Illinois	Peoria	Peoria	\$1,331,519

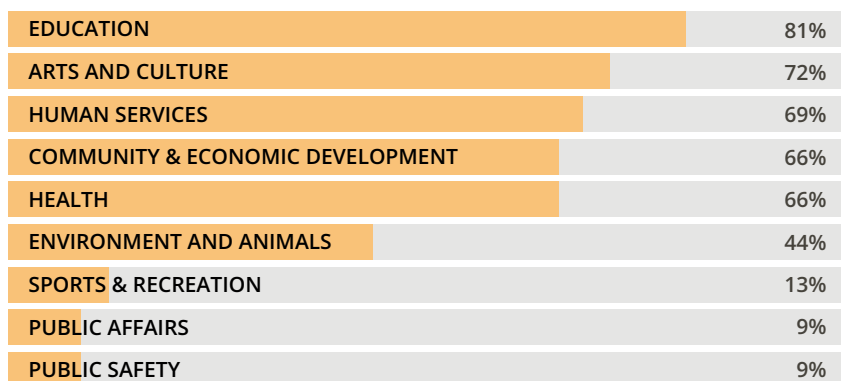
Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

Top 10 Illinois community foundations by assets, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	ASSETS
1 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$2,828,248,897
2 Community Foundation of Northern Ill	Rockford	Winnebago	\$97,304,267
3 The DuPage Community Foundation	Downers Grove	DuPage	\$87,821,181
4 Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	\$88,557,801
5 DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	\$54,241,644
6 Community Foundation of the Quincy Area	Quincy	Adams	\$38,583,085
7 Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	\$37,874,051
8 Community Foundation of Decaturmacon County	Decatur	Macon	\$36,994,791
9 Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln	Springfield	Sangamon	\$32,357,939
10 Community Foundation of Central Illinois	Peoria	Peoria	\$31,044,124

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

Education, arts and culture, and human services are top priorities of Illinois-based community foundations



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Based on fields of interest of Illinois-based community foundations. Some foundations may have multiple fields of interest. Only includes priority areas representing more than 5 percent.

Illinois Public Foundations

Public foundations, or grantmaking public charities, are similar to community foundations in that they both raise money from the public and serve as grantmakers. Unlike community foundations, however, their giving is typically defined by specific issue areas rather than geographic areas. Candid (formerly Foundation Center) currently tracks about 840 Illinois public charities that indicate having a grantmaking program and accepting unsolicited proposals. Examples include the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, which operates several scholarship programs aimed at building Jewish identity; the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which seeks to improve social and economic environments, encourage discussion of issues affecting the nation, enhance American education, and stimulate responsible citizenship in the Chicago area; and the Chicago Foundation for Women, which raises and distributes funds to provide opportunities and promote solutions for issues facing women and girls.

Collectively, Illinois public foundations held \$48.4 billion in assets and gave \$6.3 billion in 2017. The top 10 Illinois public foundations accounted for 72 percent of those dollars, led by Feeding America, with \$2.7 billion in total giving. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 55 percent.

Health, education, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois public foundations. Roughly a quarter of Illinois public foundations fund health (27 percent) and education (24 percent), while two-fifth fund human services-related activities (19 percent).

Top 10 Illinois public foundations by total giving, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1 Feeding America	Chicago	Cook	\$2,730,478,718
2 Big Ten Conference	Park Ridge	Cook	\$469,567,931
3 O S F Services Inc	Wheaton	DuPage	\$349,249,307
4 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	\$283,045,590
5 University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	\$207,952,445
6 National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources	Galesburg	Knox	\$97,845,623
7 Great Chicago Food Depository	Chicago	Cook	\$86,042,360
8 International Fellowship of Christians and Jews	Chicago	Cook	\$85,126,155
9 Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	\$129,591,012
10 Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago	Chicago	Cook	\$120,665,850

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

Top 10 Illinois public foundations by assets, 2017

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	ASSETS
1 Advocate Christ Hospital	Downers Grove	DuPage	\$7,758,491,097
2 Rush University Medical Center	Chicago	Cook	\$3,298,337,910
3 OSF Healthcare System	Peoria	Peoria	\$3,296,088,110
4 Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	\$2,433,881,484
5 University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	\$2,369,656,361
6 Carle Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	\$2,224,978,627
7 Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	\$1,623,214,581
8 Robert R. McCormick Foundation	Chicago	Cook	\$1,391,901,639
9 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	\$1,254,692,074
10 Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	\$1,145,868,885

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019.

Health, education, and human services are top priorities of Illinois-based public foundations



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Based on fields of interest of Illinois-based public foundations. Some foundations may have multiple fields of interest. Only includes priority areas representing more than 3 percent.

2017 Government Expenditures Dwarfed Foundation Giving

Because the primary role of most private and community foundations is to provide funding, the public often overestimates their charitable resources. In fact, the vast majority of private giving each year (approximately 80 percent) comes from individuals. Foundations are also sometimes seen as having the resources to fill government budget gaps, especially in difficult economic times. Yet compared to government expenditures, foundation giving represents a small fraction of the total. For example, while Illinois foundations

provided giving totaling \$5.1 billion in 2017, the Illinois state budget General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2017 totaled nearly \$29 billion and the budget deficit for the state in 2017 was estimated at \$141.7 billion.¹

1. See State of Illinois Office of the Auditor General Summary Report Digest, available at [auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/Compliance-Agency-List/Comptroller/Comp-Int-Cont-Compliance/FY16-Comptroller-Fin-Stmnt-\(CAFR\)-Fin-Digest.pdf](http://auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/Compliance-Agency-List/Comptroller/Comp-Int-Cont-Compliance/FY16-Comptroller-Fin-Stmnt-(CAFR)-Fin-Digest.pdf)

ILLINOIS STATE BUDGET GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$29.4 B
FEDERAL DOLLARS TO ILLINOIS	\$14.8 B
ILLINOIS FOUNDATION GIVING	\$5.1 B

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Figures on Illinois state government expenditures and federal spending from *State Expenditure Report-Examining Fiscal 2016-2019 State Spending*. See nasbo.org/mainsite/reports-data/state-expenditure-report.

The Focus of Illinois Foundation Giving

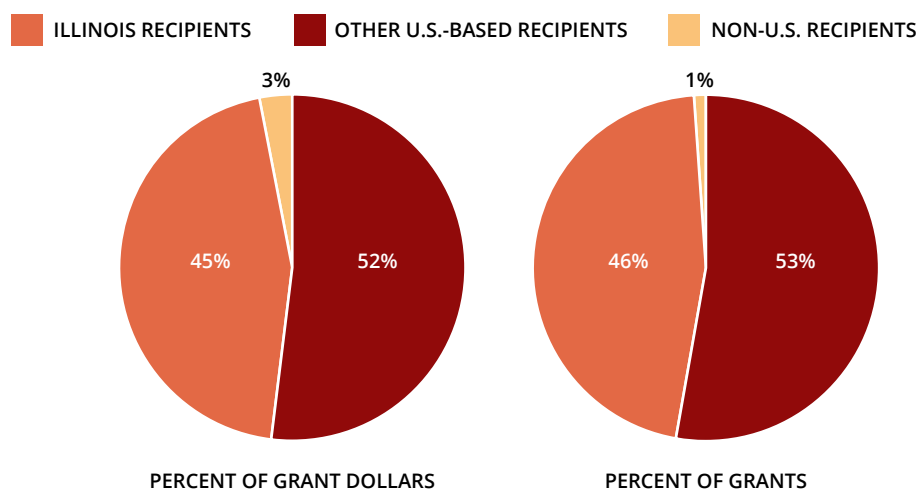
U.S. foundations provide critical support in Illinois, with grants targeting activities ranging from the performing arts to education reform to medical research. The following analysis examines grantmaking in the state of Illinois based on giving by a sample of the nation's largest foundations. (For more details see "About the Grants Set.")

About half of grants awarded by Illinois foundations stay in Illinois

The Illinois foundation community is comprised of local, regional, national, and international funders, and a substantial share of their giving is directed to recipients based outside of the state. Nonetheless, of the close to 55,000 grants awarded by Illinois foundations in 2017, just under half (46 percent) targeted recipient organizations in the state. Similarly 45 percent of the \$3.4 billion awarded by Illinois foundations supported Illinois organizations.

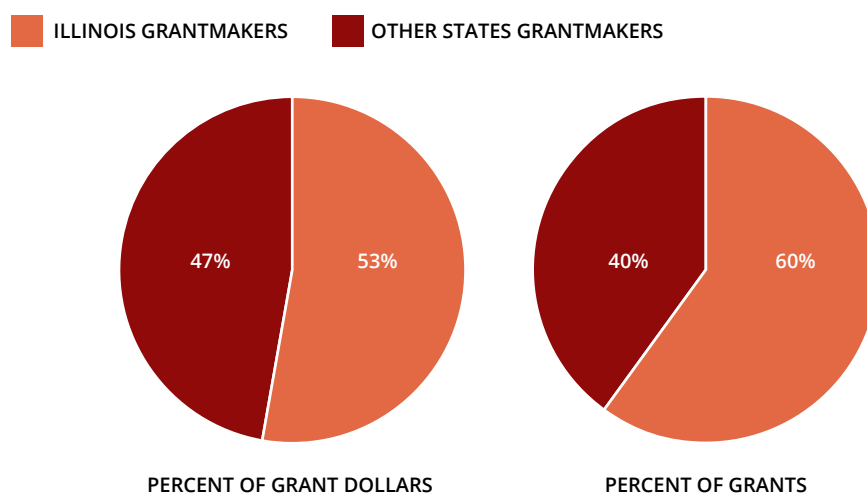
Approximately half of the grants and grant dollars awarded by Illinois foundations went to recipients within the state in 2017. However, a large share of grants and grant dollars (53 and 52 percent respectively) were awarded to organizations based in other parts of the country. The largest shares were directed to New York (11 percent) and California (6 percent), which are home to many national and international organizations. The remaining 3 percent of their giving supported organizations located outside of the United States. The Howard G. Buffett Foundation ranked as the largest Illinois-based cross-border funder in 2017, followed by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Approximately half of Illinois foundation grants stay in Illinois



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Based on 2017 grants of \$1,000 or more awarded by 3,899 Illinois foundations.

Illinois grantmakers account for over half of foundation support in Illinois



Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Based on 2017 grants awarded by all U.S. foundations available in the Candid database to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$1,000 or more awarded by 7,577 U.S. foundations, including 2,551 Illinois foundations.

Illinois grantmakers account for over half of foundation support in the state

Illinois-based foundations provided just over half (or 53 percent) of grant dollars received by Illinois organizations in 2017. The Chicago Community Trust provided the most grant dollars among this group, followed by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, and Robert R. McCormick Foundation. By number of grants, Illinois funders represented a 60 percent share. The inclusion of smaller Illinois foundations in this year’s set has likely raised these shares (compared to previous years where analysis was conducted on a national sample of the top 1000 foundations).

The remaining 47 percent of grant dollars for Illinois recipients in 2017 was awarded by 5,026 non-Illinois foundations. Their support totaled \$1.3 billion. The Washington-based Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ranked first among all funders in grant dollars awarded to Illinois with \$273 million. By comparison, Fidelity Charitable reported the most grants awarded in the state that year of any non-Illinois foundation.

Top 25 funders to Illinois provide more than half of grant dollars

The largest grantmakers for each state generally account for a large share of giving, and Illinois was no exception. In 2017, the 25 largest funders of organizations in the state accounted for 47 percent of overall grant dollars. This group included 14 Illinois-based foundations.

Foundation giving in Illinois by subject, 2017

SUBJECT	AMOUNT	%	NO. OF GRANTS	%
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry	\$72,733,842	2.6	305	0.7
Arts and Culture				
Arts (Multipurpose)	27,360,494	1.0	630	1.5
Historical Activities	9,559,886	0.3	310	0.7
Humanities	17,132,930	0.6	355	0.8
Museums	148,631,893	5.2	1,054	2.5
Performing Arts	76,288,594	2.7	2,318	5.5
Visual Arts	11,790,593	0.4	263	0.6
Other Arts	74,512,700	2.6	1,005	2.4
Total Arts and Culture	323,812,144	11.4	5,101	12.0
Community and Economic Development				
Community Improvement	46,011,226	1.6	818	1.9
Economic Development and Employment	114,811,045	4.0	1,077	2.5
Housing Development	19,781,725	0.7	328	0.8
Other Community and Economic Development	104,312,769	3.7	938	2.2
Total Community and Economic Development	227,780,409	8.0	2,883	6.8
Education				
Adult Education	4,074,596	0.1	140	0.3
Early Childhood Education	31,862,547	1.1	151	0.4
Education Services	62,685,069	2.2	1,165	2.7
Elementary and Secondary Education	204,798,568	7.2	3,570	8.4
Graduate and Professional Education	119,179,269	4.2	791	1.9
Higher Education	287,911,560	10.1	3,352	7.9
Post-Secondary Student Services	7,303,209	0.3	174	0.4
Vocational Education	2,114,435	0.1	50	0.1
Other Education	151,190,650	5.3	2,945	6.9
Total Education	767,608,894	27.0	11,008	26.0
Environment and Animals				
Biodiversity	46,338,254	1.6	543	1.3
Domesticated Animals	9,270,730	0.3	522	1.2
Natural Resources	40,359,482	1.4	595	1.4
Other Environment and Animals	12,795,424	0.4	246	0.6
Total Environment and Animals	105,895,422	3.7	1,864	4.4
Health				
In-Patient/Out-Patient Health Care	152,250,348	5.3	1,702	4.0
Medical Specialties	87,105,958	3.1	276	0.7
Mental Health	40,172,180	1.4	811	1.9
Public Health	312,286,938	11.0	545	1.3
Reproductive Health Care	12,907,684	0.5	235	0.6
Specified Diseases and Conditions	307,585,376	10.8	1,816	4.3
Other Health	179,072,782	6.3	1,814	4.3
Total Health	761,607,431	26.8	6,487	15.3
Human Rights	79,295,472	2.8	1,623	3.8
Human Services				
Emergency Assistance	40,105,720	1.4	1,096	2.6
Family Services	101,903,649	3.6	2,159	5.1
Housing Services and Residential Care	57,232,098	2.0	1,653	3.9
Youth Development	75,300,349	2.6	1,595	3.8
Other Human Services	183,191,314	6.4	4,624	10.9
Total Human Services	419,126,277	14.7	9,981	23.5
Information and Communications				
Communication Media	14,972,337	0.5	448	1.1
Journalism	5,861,267	0.2	100	0.2
Libraries	45,066,865	1.6	268	0.6
Media Access and Technology	8,780,615	0.3	181	0.4
Total Information and Communications	72,244,005	2.5	962	2.3
International Relations	35,583,269	1.2	778	1.8
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management	159,181,857	5.6	1,175	2.8
Public Affairs	82,623,835	2.9	1,087	2.6
Public Safety				
Abuse Prevention	10,025,075	0.4	307	0.7
Courts and Legal Services	39,936,240	1.4	597	1.4
Crime Prevention	31,139,961	1.1	180	0.4
Disasters and Emergency Management	15,186,932	0.5	187	0.4
Other Public Safety	20,585,834	0.7	363	0.9
Total Public Safety	110,600,528	3.9	1,588	3.7
Religion	124,142,440	4.4	3,265	7.7
Science and Engineering	56,612,089	2.0	423	1.0
Social Sciences	44,872,257	1.6	425	1.0
Sports and Recreation	38,770,318	1.4	1,059	2.5
Other/Unknown	27,081,193	1.0	1,425	3.4
Total	\$2,847,110,733	100.0	42,408	100.0

Source: *Giving in Illinois*, 2019. Based on 2017 grants awarded by all U.S. foundations available in the Candid database to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$1,000 or more awarded by 7,577 U.S. foundations, including 2,551 Illinois foundations. Grants may occasionally be for multiple issue areas and would thereby be counted more than once.

Nonetheless, giving for Illinois recipients was far less concentrated among the largest funders compared to neighboring states. For example, the 25 largest funders of Wisconsin recipients in 2017 accounted for 55 percent of grant dollars, while the top 25 funders of recipients in Indiana provided close to 60 percent of overall foundation support.

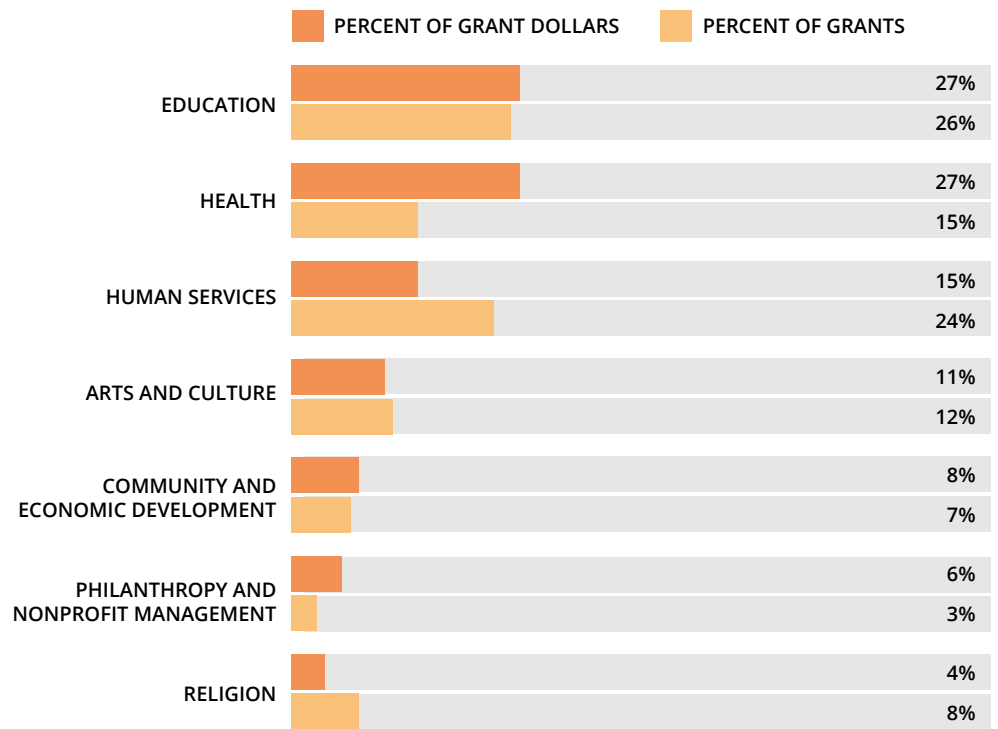
Education, health, and human services represent top funding priorities in Illinois

Foundations provided more than half of their 2017 giving in Illinois for education (27 percent) and health (27 percent) combined. Within education, grantmakers allocated the biggest shares of their funding for higher education, followed by elementary and secondary education. Amongst the largest education award reported in 2017 was a \$45 million grant from the Carle Foundation to the University of Illinois to support their college of medicine.

Despite the large share of grant dollars targeting education in 2017, a substantial share of the number of foundation grants awarded to Illinois recipients supported human services (24 percent). Human services grants tend to be smaller on average than in most other areas of foundation activity.

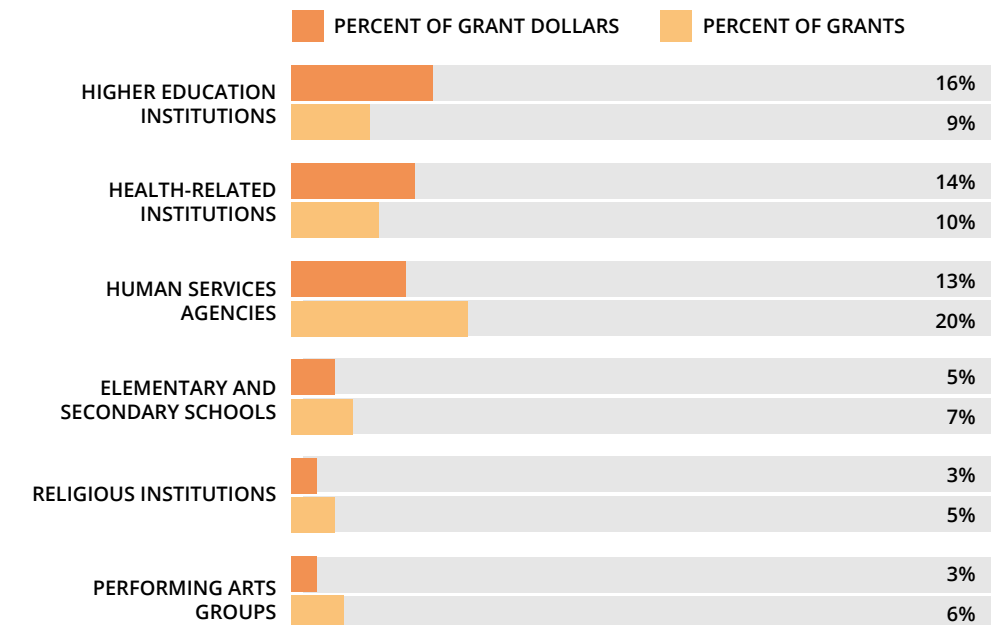
Finally, compared to U.S. foundation funding overall, Illinois recipients benefited from a notably larger share of funding for education (27 percent versus 24 percent) and

Education, health, and human services are top foundation priorities in Illinois



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Higher education institutions and human services agencies are top priorities in Illinois



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arts and culture (11 percent versus 8 percent) in 2017. In contrast, foundation giving in the state was notably less for community and economic development, the environment and animals, international relations, and human rights.

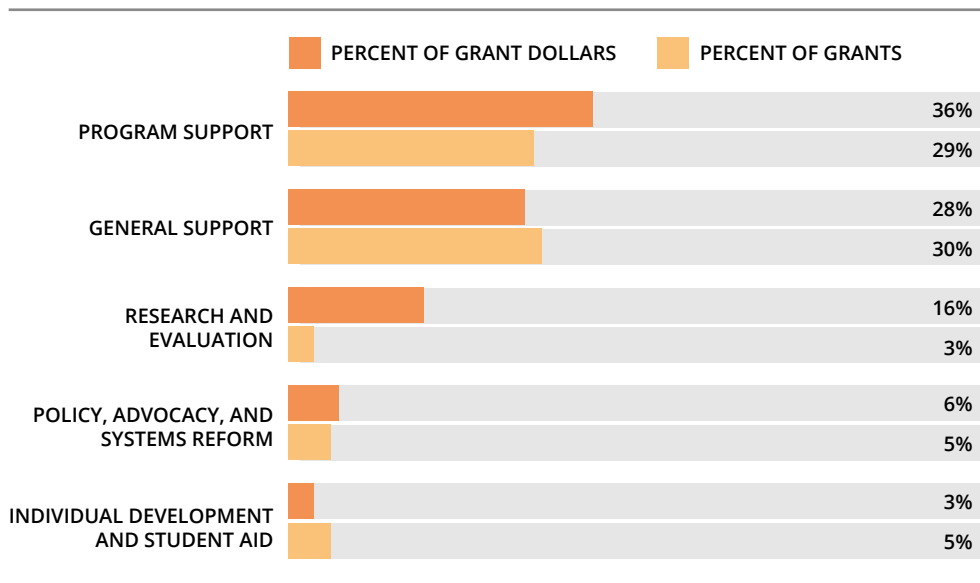
Illinois higher education and health-related institutions benefit from the largest share of foundation support

Roughly 16 percent of foundation grant dollars awarded in Illinois in 2017 funded higher education institutions, followed by health-related institutions (14 percent). A majority of this giving targeted colleges and universities, which are home to research and other activities in fields ranging from the humanities to the sciences to the arts. The University of Chicago led all Illinois educational recipients in 2017 with 664 grants totaling \$149.6 million. Human services agencies captured the third largest share of grant dollars (13 percent), followed by elementary and secondary schools (5 percent).

Program support accounted for the largest share of funding in Illinois

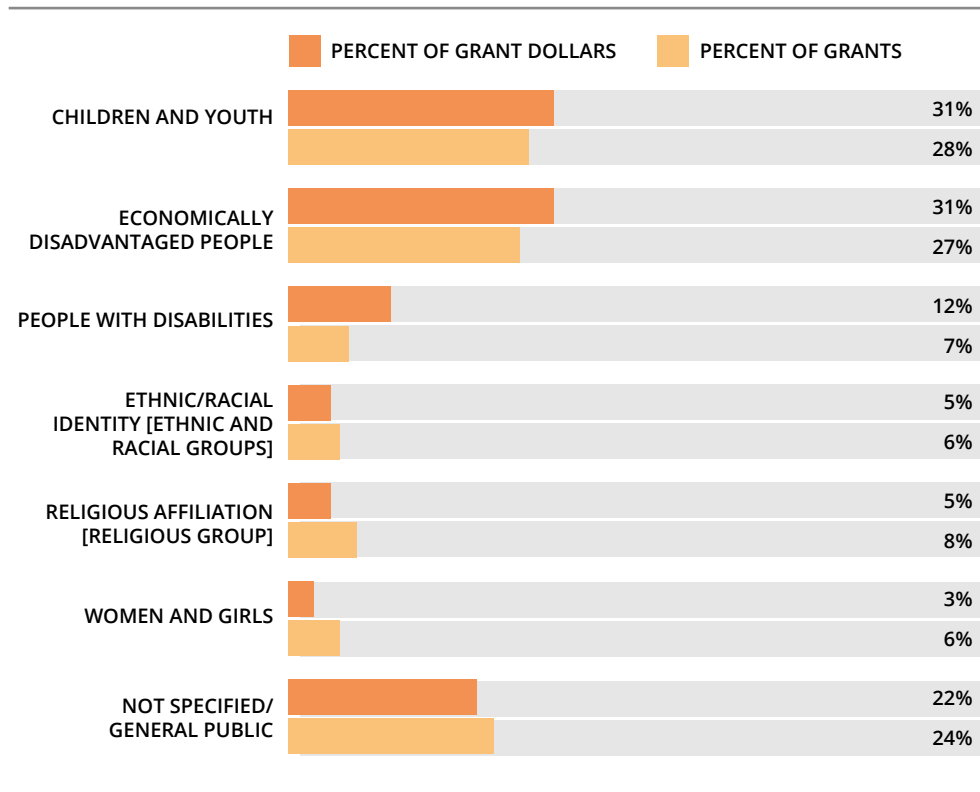
Similar to national trends, the largest share of foundation funding in Illinois provided support for specific programs and projects. Program support accounted for 36 percent of overall grant dollars in 2017. General operating support accounted for the second largest share of funding—28 percent—larger than the 20 percent share reported nationally. In contrast, foundations provided a

Program and general support strategies targeted by foundation giving in Illinois



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Low-income, children, and youth most likely to benefit from targeted foundation giving in Illinois



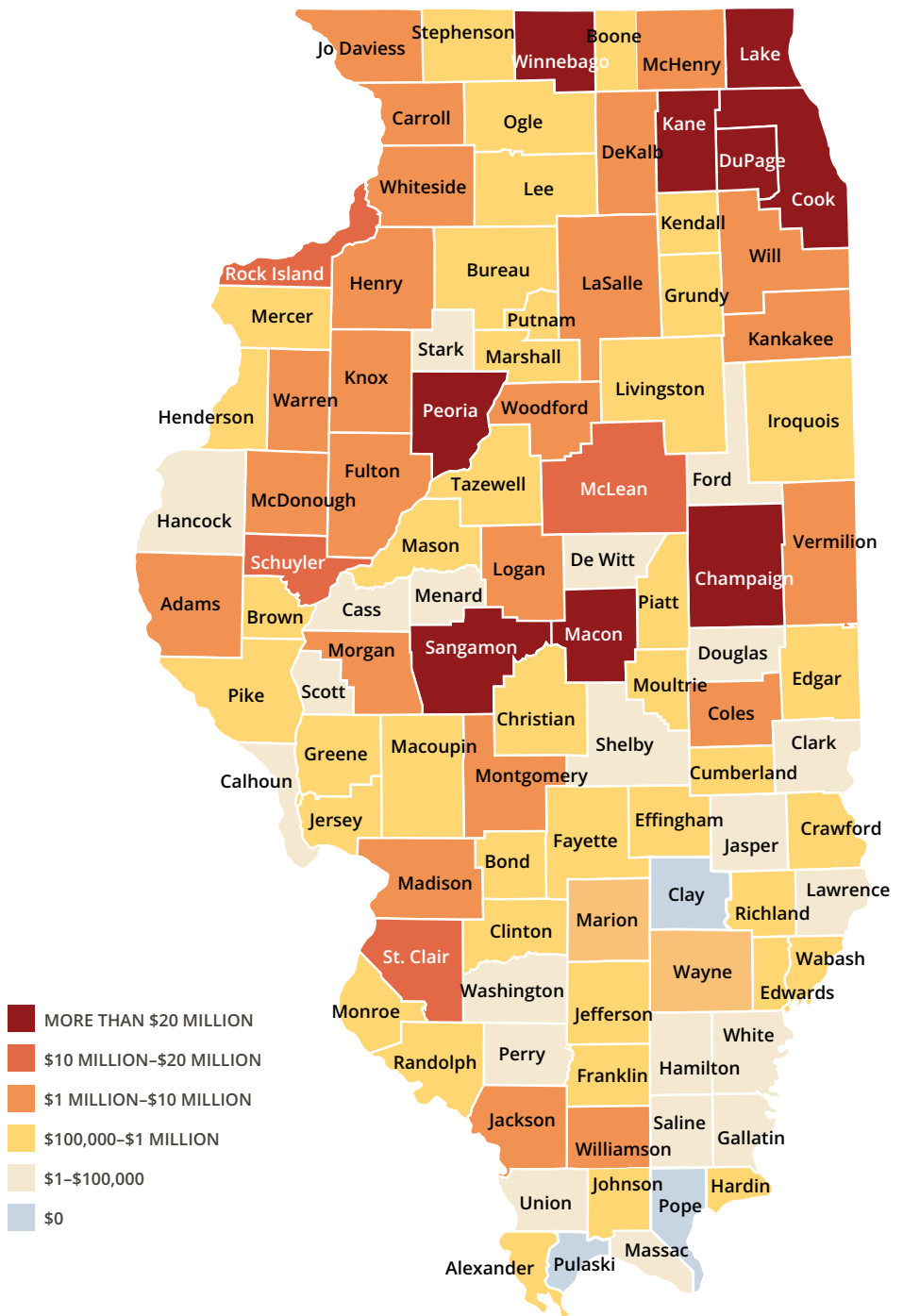
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larger share of capital grants overall (8 percent) compared to in Illinois (4 percent).

Economically disadvantaged, children and youth most likely to benefit from designated funding among Illinois population groups

Three-quarters of 2017 grant dollars awarded in Illinois could be coded as providing an explicit benefit for at least one specific population group. (The balance of grants either lacked sufficient information to determine the funders' intent or were intended to benefit the general public.) Overall, approximately one-third (31 percent) of foundation grants to Illinois recipients could be identified as providing a benefit for children and youth, and the same was true for people who are economically disadvantaged. Among the larger grants awarded for children and youth was a \$6.4 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to the Ounce of Prevention Fund to support state-level investments for high quality Pre-K programs. Ethnic and racial minorities were the explicit focus of 5 percent of foundation grant dollars going to Illinois in 2017—lower than the (7 percent) share reported nationally.¹ Among the largest grants tracked in 2017 for the benefit of racial minorities in Illinois was a \$1.5 million general support grant from the Ford Foundation to the Barack Obama Foundation to equip civic innovators and young leaders with skills to make change in their communities, and project support for grantmaking to community-based organizations to improve equity and opportunity for boys and young men of color.

Foundation giving to Illinois recipients by county, 2017



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1. Figures on funding for ethnic and/or racial minorities are based on self-reporting by foundations and the stated missions of recipient

organizations. As a result, these figures capture only a fraction of overall foundation support benefiting these populations.

1. Giving USA Foundation, *Giving USA 2019*, ed. by M. St. Claire & A. Pruitt, Indianapolis, IN: Giving USA Foundation, 2016. If bequest giving were included, the overall share of giving accounted for by individuals would rise to 80 percent.

Cook County garners largest share of foundation support

Given the concentration of education, human services, arts, and other organizations in Chicago, it comes as no surprise that Cook County benefited from the single largest share of Illinois foundation funding in 2017. Overall, recipients in Cook County benefited from 78 percent of grant dollars awarded to recipients in the state and 71 percent of the number of grants. Following Cook County was DuPage County (2,402 grants totaling \$157.0 million), followed by Champaign County (690 grants totaling \$138.2 million). Foundations also provided substantial resources to other regions of the state, with an additional 16 counties reporting foundation grants totaling \$5 million or more in 2017.

About the Grants Set

The analysis of the 2017 charitable giving to Illinois is based on 42,408 grants totaling \$2.9 billion from a national sample of 7,577 funders including 2,551 Illinois-based funders that awarded at least one grant for \$1,000 or more to an Illinois-based recipient organization.

Grantmaker types include independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations in addition to public charities. For community foundations, the set

includes only discretionary grants and donor-advised grants (when provided by the funder). The set also excludes grants to individuals.

Grant amounts may represent the full authorized amount of the grant or the amount paid in that year, depending upon the information made available by each foundation.

Grant records included in the set were reported to Candid between December 2018 and August 2019. All foundations are represented with 2017 grants data.

The Outlook for Foundation Giving

Giving by U.S. foundations grew an estimated 7 percent in 2018, lower than the nearly 12 percent growth reported the previous year. While comparable estimates are not available at the state level, the median increase in giving reported by the Illinois respondents to Candid's annual "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey" was 3 percent.

Overall giving by the nation's private and community foundations reached an estimated \$82.7 billion in 2018, surpassing previous record levels even after adjusting for inflation. Some factors contributing to the rise in funding may be the strong performance in the stock market in 2017.

Independent foundations, including family foundations, account for the vast majority of foundation giving each year. Overall their giving was up an estimated 7 percent in 2018. Roughly three-fifths of independent foundations responding to Candid's annual "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey" indicated that they had increased their giving. Assets of independent foundations were up 11 percent in 2017 and gifts into independent foundations were up 24 percent compared to the previous year which may have been another contributing factor to growth.

Community foundations increased their giving by an estimated 10 percent in 2018. Sixty-nine percent of community foundations responding to Candid's forecasting survey reported having increased their giving that year. Community foundations benefited from an increase of roughly 15 percent in their assets in 2017 and an increase of 19 percent in gifts received. Among community foundations, those with giving between \$1 million to \$10 million reported the fastest growth while the largest foundations (those with giving of \$25 million or more) reported more moderate growth for 2018.

Estimated corporate foundation giving was up 7 percent in 2018, following an 11 percent increase in giving the prior year. Corporate foundations benefited from a 46 percent increase in gifts received in 2017, while assets were up

7 percent. More than half of the corporate foundations responding to Candid's survey reported having increased their giving in 2018. Among corporate foundations, the mid-size foundations (those awarding between \$100K-\$5 million annually) reported an increase in giving while corporate foundations awarding between \$5 million to \$10 million reported a slight decrease in giving for 2018.

Looking ahead, Candid projects that U.S. foundations overall will continue to benefit from healthy growth in the economy and stock market. As a result, their giving will continue to increase well ahead of inflation.

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