

# HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUNDATION GIVING TRENDS

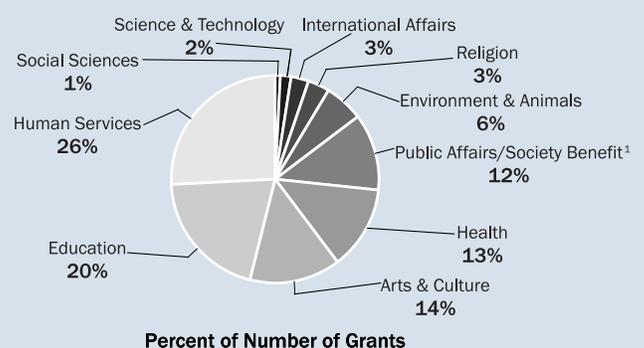
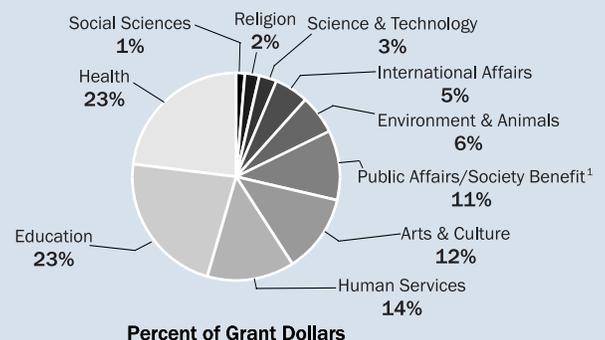
## FOUNDATIONS AWARDED RECORD NUMBER OF MEGA-GRANTS IN 2006

The largest U.S. private and community foundations increased funding for all major subject areas in 2006, with a record 386 grants of \$5 million or more helping to drive this growth. Overall, grant dollars rose 16.4 percent between 2005 and 2006—from \$16.4 billion to \$19.1 billion—and six out of the 10 major fields posted double-digit gains. A jump in giving for global health and international development by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation made a substantial contribution to this upward trend. Yet excluding Gates, the other nearly 1,300 foundations in the sample still raised grant dollars by close to 12 percent.

As a result of the dramatic increase in giving by the Gates Foundation, health surpassed education by share of grant dollars received for the first time on record. Foundations based in the West also provided the largest share of grant dollars—a distinction traditionally held by Northeastern foundations.

In terms of growth of grant dollars, international affairs, development, and peace registered the largest percentage gain, followed by the social sciences and health. Strong support for international development and global health programs helped push foundation funding for international causes to a record share of overall grant dollars.

**Health and Education accounted for the largest shares of foundation grant dollars in 2006; Human Services led by share of grants**



Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008. Based on a sample of 1,263 larger foundations.

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

For more information on the complete *Foundation Giving Trends* report, published in February 2008, contact Reina Mukai at (212) 807-2485 or [rkm@foundationcenter.org](mailto:rkm@foundationcenter.org). See page 4 for order information.

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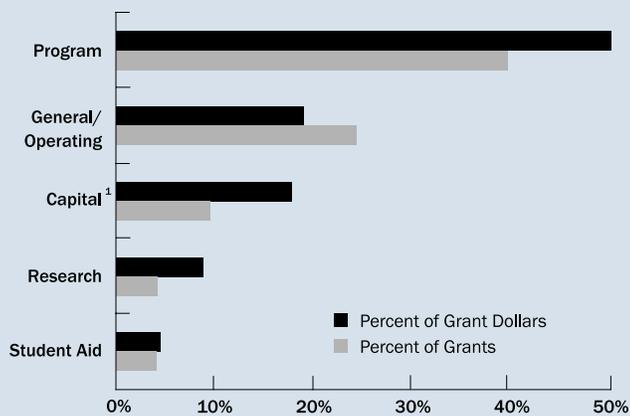
## General Foundation Funding Patterns, 2006

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 <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,123,033</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>140,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008. Based on a sample of 1,263 larger foundations. Dollar figures in thousands; due to rounding, figures may not add up.

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## Program support accounted for half of foundation grant dollars in 2006



Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008. Based on a sample of 1,263 larger foundations.

<sup>1</sup>Includes endowment funds.

## CHANGE IN GIVING, 2006

- ◆ Giving by sampled foundations rose 16.4 percent to \$19.1 billion in 2006
- ◆ Number of grants increased 7.3 percent to 140,484
- ◆ Number of grants of \$10 million or more jumped over 44 percent to 156 in 2006

## GIVING BY SUBJECT FOCUS

- ◆ All 10 of the major fields showed increases in grant dollars in 2006
- ◆ International Affairs, the Social Sciences, and Health posted the highest rates of growth in funding
- ◆ Health and Education benefited from largest shares of grant dollars
- ◆ Human Services led by share of number of grants

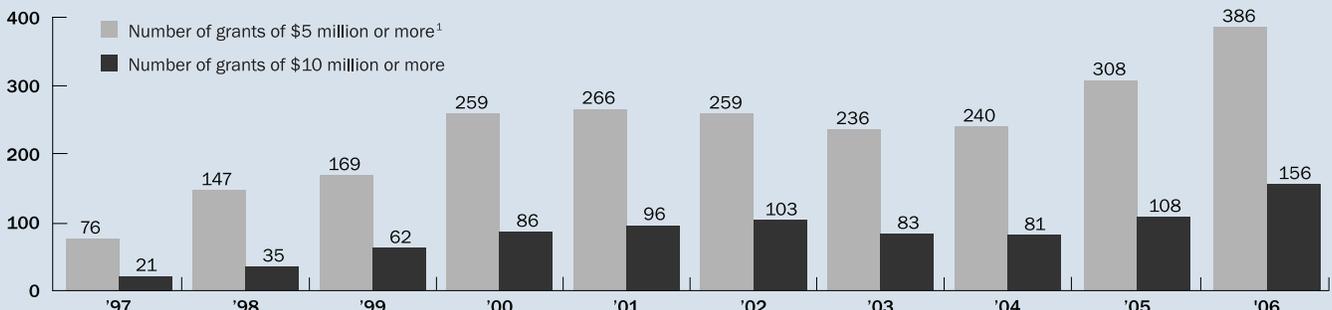
## GIVING BY RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION TYPE

- ◆ Grants in the 2006 sample benefited 56,015 unique recipient organizations
- ◆ Largest share of funding targeted educational institutions
- ◆ Human service agencies ranked second by grant dollars

## GIVING BY TYPES OF SUPPORT

- ◆ Program support's share of grant dollars rose to 50 percent
- ◆ General support reached \$3.6 billion in 2006, but share inched down to 19 percent
- ◆ Capital support's share of grant dollars slipped to 17.7 percent

## Foundations awarded a record 386 grants of \$5 million+ in 2006



Source: The Foundation Center, *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008. 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

- ◆ The economically disadvantaged accounted for the largest share of grant dollars; children and youth captured the largest share of grants
- ◆ Funding for the economically disadvantaged rose to a record \$4 billion
- ◆ Among beneficiary groups, people with AIDS, single parents, and the economically disadvantaged experienced the fastest growth in giving in the latest year

## INTERNATIONAL GIVING

- ◆ International giving jumped to \$4.2 billion in 2006
- ◆ As a share of overall giving, international grant dollars reached a record 22 percent
- ◆ Foundation giving for overseas recipients climbed to a record \$1.9 billion
- ◆ Funding by the Gates Foundation and others boosted support for global health and international development

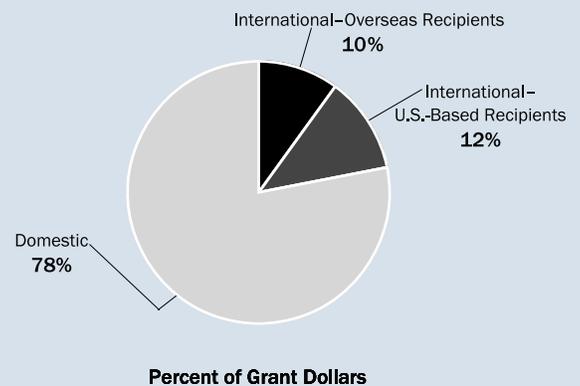
## GIVING BY THE 100 LARGEST FOUNDATIONS

- ◆ Health, International Affairs, Environment, Science, and the Social Sciences received bigger shares of 2006 grant dollars from the largest foundations
- ◆ Smaller funders targeted greater shares of support for Education, Human Services, Arts and Culture, Public Affairs/Society Benefit, and Religion

### 2006 Sampling Base

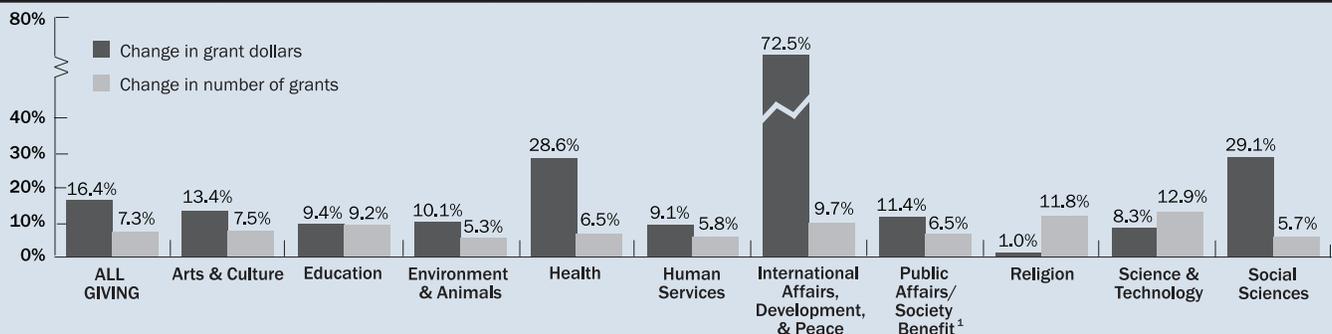
The Foundation Center's circa 2006 grants database includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by 1,263 of the largest U.S. foundations—including the 15 largest funders in nearly every state—and reported to the Center between October 2006 and September 2007. Grants were awarded primarily in 2006 or 2005. These grants totaled \$19.1 billion and represented more than half of total grant dollars awarded to organizations by all U.S. independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations. See Appendix A in *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008 Edition, for more detailed sampling information.

### International giving accounted for a record 22 percent of foundation grant dollars in 2006



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### Six out of 10 major fields posted double-digit rates of growth in grant dollars in 2006



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## About Foundation Giving Trends

This publication provides highlights of *Foundation Giving Trends*, 2008 Edition, which documents the grantmaking patterns of a sample of the largest private and community foundations in 2006 and tracks changes in funding trends since 1997. 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 a brief report on giving in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. *Foundation Giving Trends* is part of the *Foundations Today Series* of annual research reports on foundation growth and trends in foundation giving.

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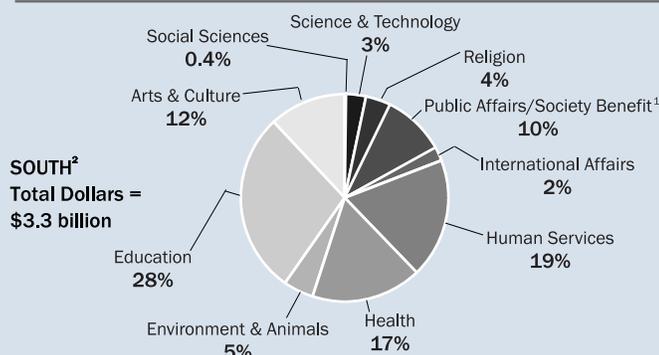
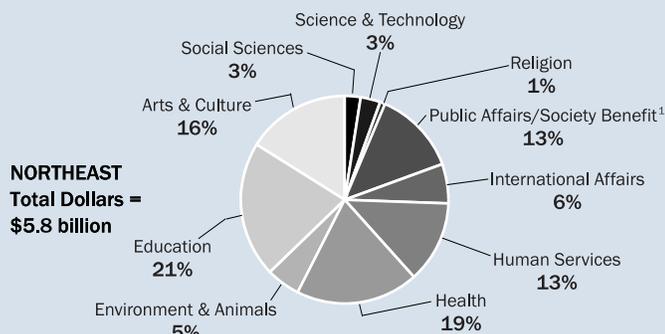
## GIVING BY FOUNDATION TYPE

- ◆ Independent foundations allocated the largest shares of their grant dollars for Health, International Affairs, Science, and the Social Sciences
- ◆ Corporate foundations provided the biggest shares of giving for Education and Public Affairs/Society Benefit (including federated funds)
- ◆ Community foundations gave proportionately more to Human Services, Arts and Culture, Environment, and Religion than other types of grantmakers

## GIVING BY FOUNDATION REGION

- ◆ For the first time on record, Western foundations provided the largest share of grant dollars in 2006 sample; the Northeast region accounted for the biggest share of dollars received
- ◆ Northeastern, Midwestern, and Southern grantmakers favored support for Education; Western foundations awarded the largest share of their grant dollars for Health

## Foundations in the Northeast, Midwest and South favored Education in 2006; funders in the West prioritized Health



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<sup>2</sup>Figures for the South exclude the District of Columbia. The 16 DC-based foundations in the sample awarded 3,434 grants totaling \$209.6 million.