

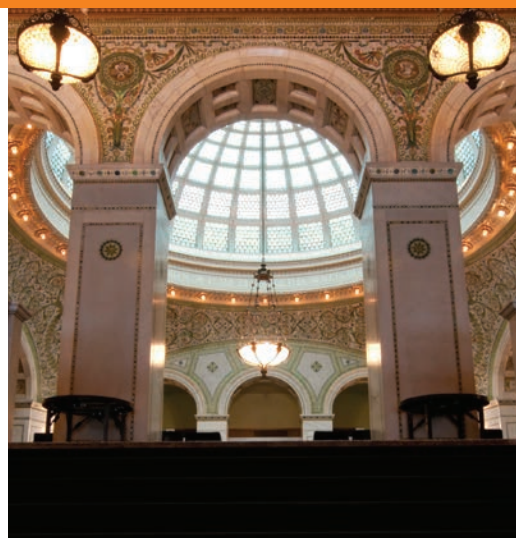


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Currently, our Members number over 1,100. Our Nonprofit Members work in 26 issue areas across Illinois. Our Grantmaking Members include private foundations, such as family and independent foundations, public charities, corporations, donor-advised funds, charitable trusts, and individual philanthropists. Our Advisor Members include consultants, attorneys, investment managers, and other professional advisors to grantmakers and nonprofits. We also actively engage social entrepreneurs, impact investors, and B-Corps in our work to spur innovation in the sector.

Together, our efforts help educate children, shelter the homeless, enrich the arts, and address a host of other critical issues to create healthier and more vibrant communities throughout Illinois.

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Key Findings

Illinois is home to a vibrant and growing grantmaking community addressing issues ranging from the arts to medical research to the sciences at the local, national, and even international levels. Following are key indicators of the scope and giving priorities of the Illinois foundation community in 2014, the most recent year for which information is available.

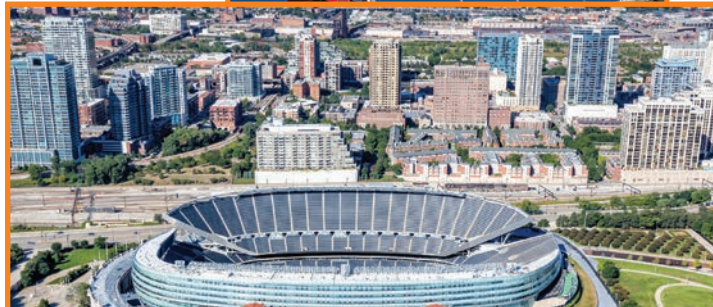


5,219

Number of Illinois grantmaking foundations

\$3.3 billion

Record level of Illinois foundation giving



Education, Health, and Human Services

Top funding priorities in Illinois

22 percent

Share of general operating support to Illinois

\$312 million

Giving by non-Illinois foundations to Illinois recipients

\$38.3 billion

Assets of Illinois foundations

56 percent

Share of Illinois foundation giving accounted for by Cook County grantmakers



The Illinois Foundation Community

Illinois is home to over 5,200 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.

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

Illinois foundation giving reached a record \$3.3 billion in 2014, more than doubling since 2004. (Adjusted for inflation, giving rose 97 percent.) By comparison, giving by U.S. foundations overall rose 83 percent during this period (or 46 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

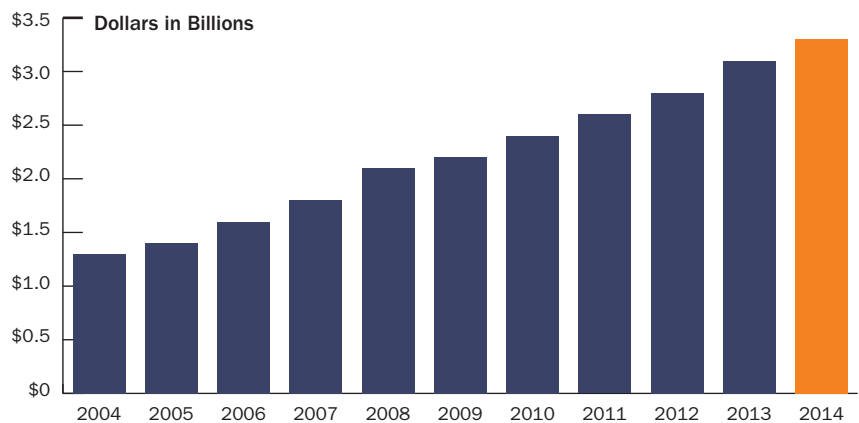
Illinois foundations experienced strong growth in assets in 2014, with an increase of 7 percent. Assets of Illinois foundations increased for the fifth consecutive year, totaling a record \$38.3 billion in the latest year. Assets of Illinois foundations have grown slightly faster than the national average over the past decade (73 percent versus 65 percent).

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

Nine out of ten foundations in Illinois are independent or family foundations,

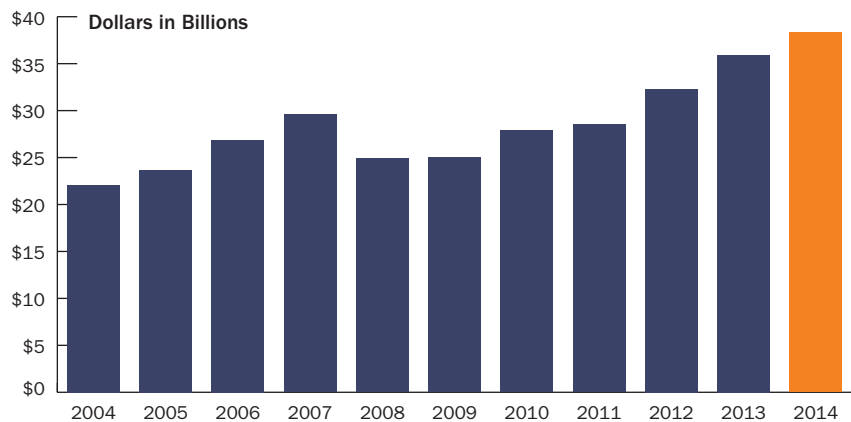
including the state's largest foundation by assets—the Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. They are also responsible for the majority of foundation giving and hold the majority of assets. Nonetheless, the North Chicago-based

Illinois Foundation Giving Reached a Record \$3.3 Billion in 2014



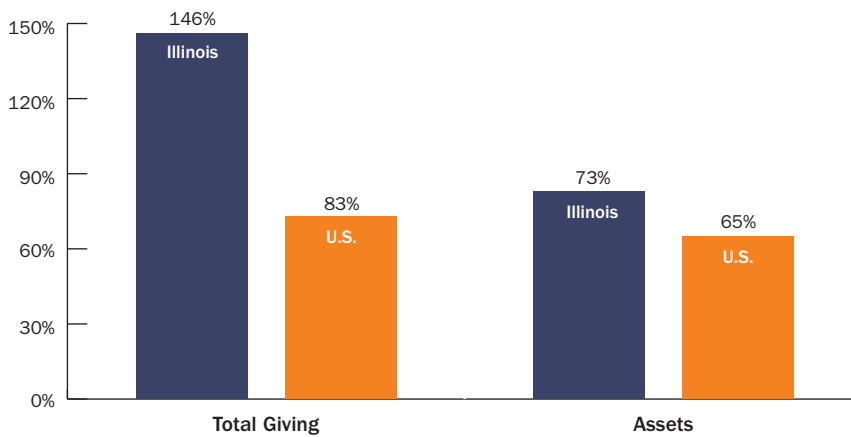
SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Figures based on unadjusted dollars.

Illinois Foundation Assets Reached a Record \$38.3 Billion in 2014



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Figures based on unadjusted dollars.

Illinois Foundation Giving and Assets Grew Faster than U.S. Foundations Between 2004 and 2014



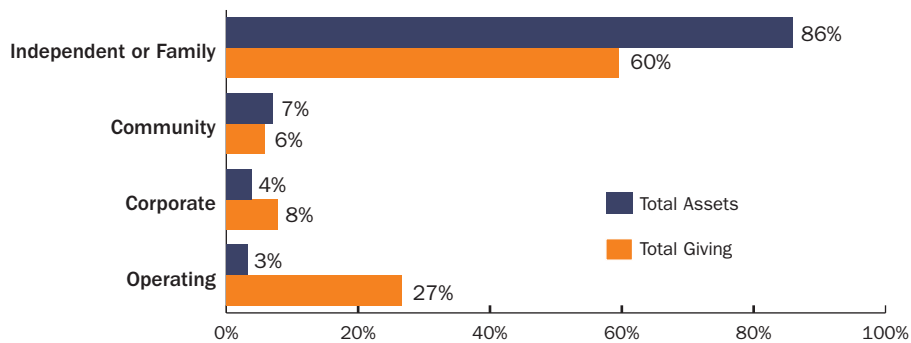
SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Figures based on inflation-adjusted dollars.

Summary Statistics for Illinois Grantmaking Foundations by Type, 2014

Type	No. Fdns	%	Assets	%	Total Giving	%	Gifts Received	%
Independent or Family	4,859	93.1	\$32,883,927,891	85.9	\$1,986,396,596	59.8	\$1,281,091,275	48.4
Community	25	0.5	2,687,072,493	7.0	193,861,467	5.8	256,821,069	9.7
Corporate	165	3.2	1,438,262,190	3.8	257,623,768	7.8	200,972,155	7.6
Operating	170	3.3	1,279,163,759	3.3	885,111,556	26.6	909,933,570	34.4
Total	5,219	100.0	\$38,288,426,333	100.0	\$3,322,993,387	100.0	\$2,648,818,069	100.0

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Figures exclude Illinois foundations that did not report grants in the latest fiscal year.

Independents Accounted for the Majority of Illinois Foundation Giving and Assets in 2014



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation (formerly the Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation), an operating foundation, was by far the largest Illinois foundation by giving in 2014. 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 Operating foundations account for over a quarter of total giving by Illinois foundations, however, if Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation were excluded, 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 foundations by giving accounted for nearly half of 2014 grant dollars. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 35.4 percent. More than half 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 eight percent of grant dollars

Illinois corporate foundations reported total giving of \$258 million in 2014, with the Caterpillar Foundation at the top of the list. Corporate foundations'

Individual Giving

Foundations represent only one source of charitable support. Across the country, individuals provide 70 percent of private contributions, far surpassing foundations and corporations.¹ In Illinois, individuals gave \$7.8 billion in 2013—well over twice the amount 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.

¹Giving USA Foundation, *Giving USA 2015*, ed. by M. McKittrick, Indianapolis, IN: Giving USA Foundation, 2015. If bequest giving were included, the overall share of giving accounted for by individuals would rise to about 80 percent.

² IRS, 2016.

7.8 percent share of overall Illinois foundation giving was less than the 8.9 percent share recorded nationally. While a total of 165 Illinois corporate foundations made grants in the latest year, giving was extremely concentrated among the largest funders. Nearly 70 percent of Illinois corporate foundation giving was provided by just the top 10 grantmakers.

Foundations in Cook County and surrounding areas control the majority of resources

Grantmaking foundations were located in the vast majority of Illinois counties (94 out of 102), but nearly all of the giving was accounted for by funders in just five counties. First among these was Cook County, which alone represented over half of total giving by Illinois foundations in 2014. If neighboring Lake and DuPage counties are included, the share rises to 89 percent.

ENDNOTE

¹ Land, works of art, medication, and other non-cash items that are assigned a monetary value can be counted toward a foundation's "total giving."

Top 10 Illinois Foundations by Total Giving, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Type ¹	Total Giving
1. Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation	North Chicago	Lake	OP	\$853,356,401
2. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	222,512,603
3. The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	170,984,481
4. Howard G. Buffett Foundation	Decatur	Macon	IN	154,468,143
5. Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	CS	49,640,075
6. Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	IN	47,668,312
7. Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	38,767,999
8. Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	35,668,473
9. Illinois Tool Works Foundation	Glenview	Cook	CS	30,052,539
10. Circle of Service Foundation	Northfield	Cook	IN	27,142,752

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

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

Top 10 Illinois Foundations by Assets, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Type ¹	Assets
1. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$6,469,167,430
2. The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	2,290,734,371
3. Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	951,465,616
4. Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	877,922,944
5. Terra Foundation for American Art	Chicago	Cook	OP	563,557,494
6. Circle of Service Foundation	Northfield	Cook	IN	535,532,251
7. Spencer Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	530,519,280
8. Polk Bros. Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	474,526,253
9. Pritzker Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	456,606,909
10. Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	IN	406,086,719

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

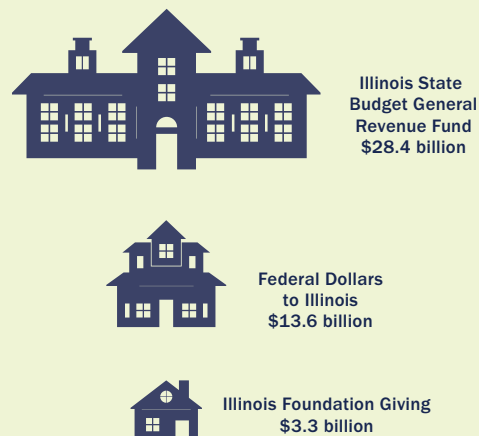
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Illinois State Spending Dwarfs Foundation Giving

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 70 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 \$3.3 billion in 2014, the Illinois state budget General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2014 totaled nearly \$30 billion and the budget deficit for the state in 2013 was estimated at nearly \$49 billion.¹

¹ See State of Illinois Office of the Auditor General Summary Report Digest (March 2015), available at www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/Compliance-Agency-List/Comptroller/Comp-Int-Cont-Compliance/FY14-Comptroller-Fin-Strmnt-%28CAFR%29-Fin-Digest.pdf.

2014 Government Expenditures Dwarfed Foundation Giving



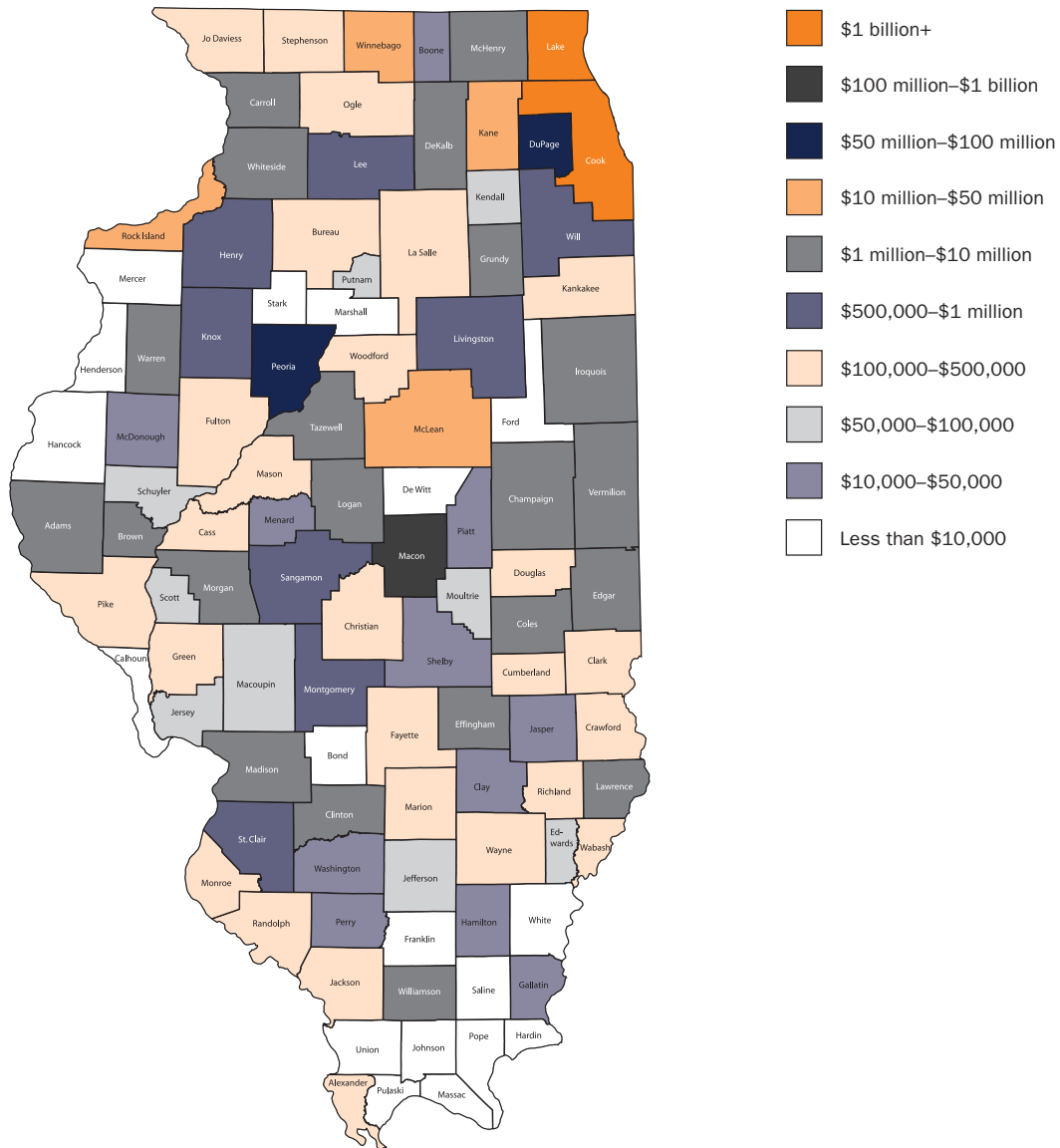
SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Figures on Illinois state government expenditures and federal spending from State Expenditure Report-Examining Fiscal 2013-2015 State Spending. See www.nasbo.org/sites/default/files/State%20Expenditure%20Report%20%28Fiscal%202013-2015%29S.pdf.

Top 10 Illinois Corporate Foundations by Total Giving, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Total Giving
1. Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	\$49,640,075
2. Illinois Tool Works Foundation	Glenview	Cook	30,052,539
3. Allstate Foundation	Northbrook	Cook	20,956,441
4. John Deere Foundation	Moline	Rock Island	15,026,395
5. Motorola Solutions Foundation	Schaumburg	Cook	13,873,565
6. State Farm Companies Foundation	Bloomington	McLean	13,646,678
7. Abbott Fund	Abbott Park	Lake	10,642,654
8. Dunard Fund USA	Northbrook	Cook	8,749,275
9. Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company Foundation	Chicago	Cook	6,447,249
10. Mondelez International Foundation	Deerfield	Lake	5,431,327

SOURCE: Giving in Illinois, 2016.

Foundations Based in Cook County Accounted for Over Half of Illinois Foundation Giving in 2014



SOURCE: Giving in Illinois, 2016.

Illinois Community Foundations

Illinois is home to 25 grantmaking community foundations, a number surpassing most states. Although, this total falls well below the counts reported in nearby Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.¹ This set of Illinois foundations also accounted for a smaller share of overall giving compared to community foundations nationally (5.8 percent versus 10.8 percent). Most of these foundations are quite small, with all but nine reporting grants totaling less than \$1 million in 2014.

Collectively, Illinois community foundations held \$2.7 billion in assets and gave close to \$194 million in 2014. The top 10 Illinois community foundations accounted for over 99 percent of 2014 grant dollars. The Chicago Community Trust alone accounted for 88 percent with just over \$170 million in total giving. Similarly, the top 10 foundations by assets also accounted for most assets held by Illinois community foundations.

Education, arts and culture, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois community foundations. More than three-quarters of all community foundations fund some type of education related activities, while most also fund arts and culture and human services (both 71 percent).

ENDNOTE

¹ In addition, six Illinois community foundations reported no giving in their latest fiscal year. Figures also exclude separately named “community foundations” that are legally part of other community foundations.

Top 10 Illinois Community Foundations by Total Giving, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Total Giving
1. The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$170,984,481
2. Community Foundation of Northern Illinois	Rockford	Winnebago	4,045,844
3. Community Foundation of Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	3,920,084
4. Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	3,203,823
5. DuPage Community Foundation	Wheaton	DuPage	3,095,458
6. Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County	Decatur	Macon	2,777,568
7. DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	1,767,966
8. Evanston Community Foundation	Evanston	Cook	1,515,807
9. Community Foundation for Land of Lincoln	Springfield	Sangamon	1,286,948
10. Moline Foundation	Moline	Rock Island	832,223

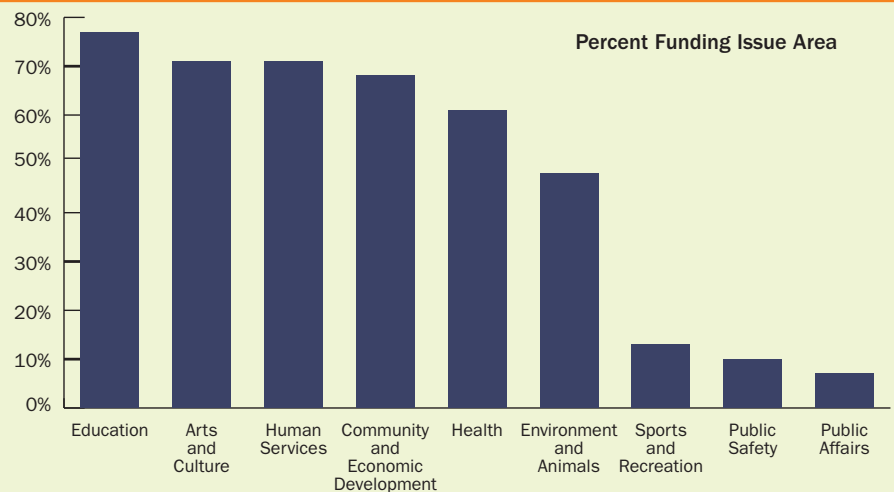
SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

Top 10 Illinois Community Foundations by Assets, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Assets
1. The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$2,290,734,371
2. Community Foundation of Northern Illinois	Rockford	Winnebago	87,569,496
3. Community Foundation of Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	75,569,505
4. DuPage Community Foundation	Wheaton	DuPage	59,537,304
5. DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	45,881,945
6. Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County	Decatur	Macon	30,092,453
7. Community Foundation of Central Illinois	Peoria	Peoria	26,983,643
8. Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	26,882,538
9. Community Foundation of Quincy Area	Quincy	Adams	23,506,207
10. Community Foundation for Land of Lincoln	Springfield	Sangamon	21,869,351

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

Education, Arts and Culture, and Human Services Are Top Priorities of Illinois-based Community Foundations



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. 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. Foundation Center currently tracks 636 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 \$36.4 billion in assets and gave \$4.1 billion in 2014. The top 10 Illinois public foundations accounted for more than three-quarters of 2014 grant dollars, led by Feeding America, with almost \$2 billion in total giving. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 62.9 percent.

Health, education, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois public foundations. A third of Illinois public foundations fund health (34.6 percent), while roughly a quarter fund education and human services-related activities (25.9 percent and 23.3 percent, respectively).

Top 10 Illinois Public Foundations by Total Giving, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Total Giving
1. Feeding America	Chicago	Cook	\$1,968,327,829
2. Big Ten Conference	Park Ridge	Cook	317,178,419
3. Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	214,738,867
4. University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	185,253,998
5. Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation	Chicago	Cook	91,165,235
6. Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago	Chicago	Cook	89,167,399
7. Greater Chicago Food Depository	Chicago	Cook	79,630,803
8. Mason Point	Sullivan	Moultrie	66,655,600
9. Robert R. McCormick Foundation	Chicago	Cook	62,488,094
10. National Association for Exchange of Industrial Resources	Galesburg	Knox	61,007,955

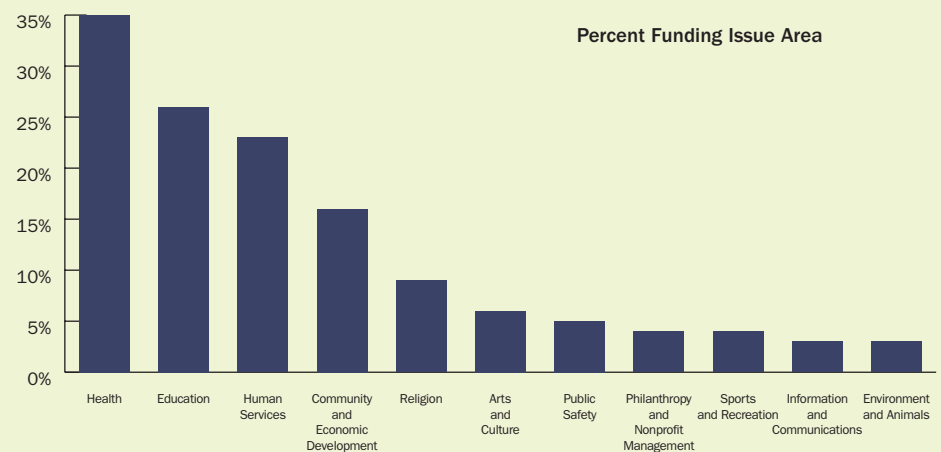
SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

Top 10 Illinois Public Foundations by Assets, 2014

Foundation Name	City	County	Assets
1. Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation	Downers Grove	Dupage	\$6,707,693,122
2. Rush University Medical Center	Chicago	Cook	2,905,318,713
3. OSF Healthcare System	Peoria	Peoria	2,692,360,006
4. Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	2,195,275,694
5. University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	1,960,546,844
6. Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	1,542,543,535
7. Carle Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	1,388,468,002
8. Robert R. McCormick Foundation	Chicago	Cook	1,324,555,986
9. Wheaton Franciscan Services	Wheaton	Dupage	1,144,495,481
10. Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	1,038,075,482

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016.

Health, Education, and Human Services are Top Priorities of Illinois-Based Public Foundations



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. 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 2 percent.

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.")

The majority 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 more than 7,200 grants awarded by sampled Illinois foundations in 2014, over half (53.9 percent) targeted recipient organizations in the state.

In contrast, under half (44.1 percent) of the \$895.6 million awarded by sampled Illinois foundations supported Illinois organizations. However, if smaller Illinois foundations (which are more likely to be local funders) were included in the sample, these shares would undoubtedly be higher.

Although more than half of the grants awarded by Illinois foundations went to recipients within the state in 2014, by share of dollars just over half (50.2 percent) were awarded to organizations based in other parts of the country. The largest shares were directed to New York (10.4 percent) and the District of Columbia (7.1 percent), which are home to many national and international organizations. The remaining 5.7 percent of their giving supported organizations located outside of the United States. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

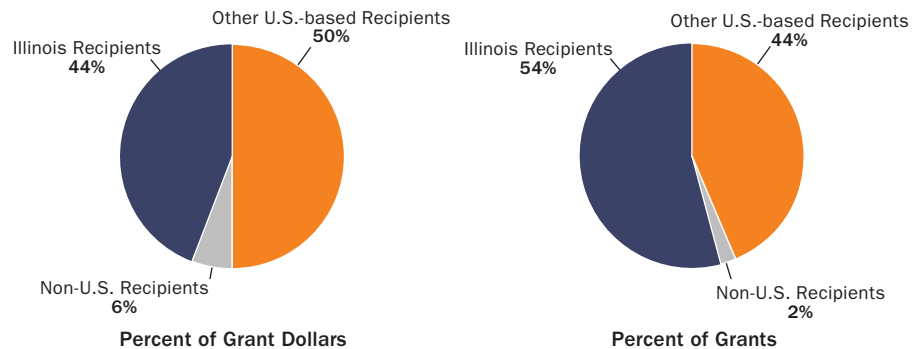
ranked as the largest Illinois-based cross-border funder in 2014, followed by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

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

Illinois-based foundations provided over 50 percent of grant dollars received by Illinois organizations in

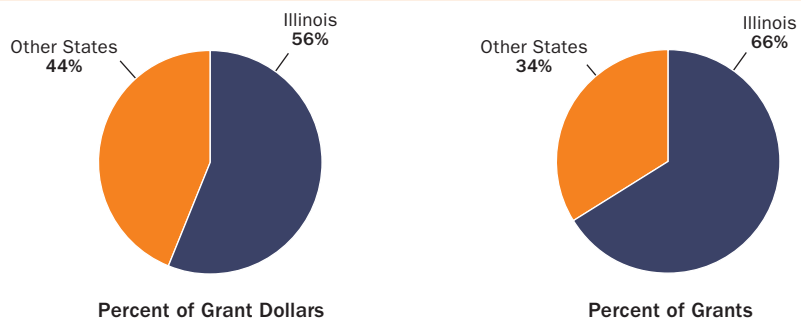
2014. The Chicago Community Trust provided the most grant dollars among this group, followed by the Grainger Foundation. By number of grants, Illinois funders represented a much larger 66.2 percent share. As noted above, the inclusion of smaller Illinois foundations in the sample would undoubtedly raise these shares.

Majority of Illinois Foundation Grants Stay in Illinois



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by Illinois foundations. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a sample of 55 larger Illinois foundations.

Illinois Grantmakers Account for Over Half of Foundation Support in Illinois



SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by U.S. foundations in the sample to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 419 larger U.S. foundations, including 50 Illinois foundations.

Foundation Giving in Illinois by Subject, 2014

Subject	Amount	%	No. Grants	%
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry	\$39,825,177	5.7	42	0.7
Arts and Culture				
Arts (Multipurpose)	\$3,866,989	0.5	69	1.2
Historical Activities	1,046,692	0.1	35	0.6
Humanities	1,123,250	0.2	36	0.6
Museums	22,119,298	3.1	181	3.0
Performing Arts	23,400,860	3.3	511	8.6
Visual Arts	2,553,805	0.4	54	0.9
Other Arts	4,150,328	0.6	91	1.5
Total Arts and Culture	\$58,261,222	8.3	977	16.5
Community and Economic Development				
Community Improvement	\$3,897,446	0.6	69	1.2
Economic Development and Employment	17,990,738	2.6	240	4.0
Housing Development	6,376,093	0.9	111	1.9
Other Community and Economic Development	27,388,246	3.9	180	3.0
Total Community and Economic Development	\$55,652,523	7.9	600	10.1
Education				
Adult Education	\$1,902,452	0.3	17	0.3
Education Services	11,355,241	1.6	109	1.8
Elementary and Secondary Education	51,770,042	7.4	404	6.8
Graduate and Professional Education	5,555,349	0.8	69	1.2
Higher Education	75,074,059	10.7	360	6.1
Post-Secondary Student Services	149,321	0.0	7	0.1
Vocational Education	100,000	0.0	2	0.0
Other Education	23,911,130	3.4	208	3.5
Total Education	\$169,817,594	24.1	1,176	19.8
Environment and Animals				
Biodiversity	\$5,990,841	0.9	75	1.3
Domesticated Animals	732,458	0.1	12	0.2
Natural Resources	21,469,259	3.1	129	2.2
Other Environment and Animals	1,275,250	0.2	28	0.5
Total Environment and Animals	\$29,467,808	4.2	244	4.1
Health				
In-Patient/Out-Patient Health Care	\$19,827,836	2.8	164	2.8
Medical Specialties	11,681,514	1.7	38	0.6
Mental Health	4,036,914	0.6	73	1.2
Public Health	12,007,825	1.7	69	1.2
Reproductive Health Care	6,681,092	0.9	35	0.6
Specified Diseases and Conditions	20,839,329	3.0	171	2.9
Other Health	20,181,693	2.9	161	2.7
Total Health	\$95,256,203	13.5	711	12.0
Human Rights				
Human Rights	\$7,029,604	1.0	80	1.3
Human Services				
Emergency Assistance	\$25,183,686	3.6	104	1.8
Family Services	15,723,312	2.2	188	3.2
Housing Services and Residential Care	7,774,371	1.1	158	2.7
Youth Development	11,887,214	1.7	211	3.6
Other Human Services	28,718,587	4.1	434	7.3
Total Human Services	\$89,287,170	12.7	1,095	18.4
Information and Communications				
Communication Media	\$6,345,210	0.9	76	1.3
Journalism	903,000	0.1	8	0.1
Libraries	6,602,962	0.9	37	0.6
Media Access and Technology	819,669	0.1	24	0.4
Total Public Affairs/Society Benefit	\$14,670,841	2.1	145	2.4
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management				
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management	\$32,347,323	4.6	156	2.6
Public Affairs				
Public Affairs	\$12,601,899	1.8	95	1.6
Public Safety				
Abuse Prevention	\$674,700	0.1	14	0.2
Courts and Legal Services	5,763,963	0.8	96	1.6
Crime Prevention	10,674,114	1.5	25	0.4
Disasters and Emergency Management	2,059,137	0.3	14	0.2
Other Public Safety	3,036,135	0.4	35	0.6
Total Science and Technology	\$22,208,049	3.2	184	3.1
Religion				
Religion	\$17,800,820	2.5	180	3.0
Science and Engineering				
Science and Engineering	\$36,381,794	5.2	77	1.3
Social Sciences				
Social Sciences	\$7,931,496	1.1	45	0.8
Other				
Other	\$14,779,014	2.1	130	2.2
Total	\$703,318,537	100.0	5,937	100.0

SOURCE: *Giving in Illinois*, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by U.S. foundations in the sample to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 419 larger U.S. foundations, including 50 Illinois foundations.

The top 25 funders in Illinois provide nearly two-thirds of grant dollars

The largest grantmakers for each state generally account for the majority of giving, and Illinois is no exception. In 2014, the 25 largest funders of organizations in the state accounted for 60 percent of overall grant dollars. This group included 16 Illinois-based foundations. 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 2014 accounted for just over 85 percent of grant dollars, while the top 25 funders of recipients in Indiana provided more than 90 percent of overall foundation support.

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

Foundations provided nearly a quarter of their 2014 giving in Illinois for education (24.1 percent) and a quarter for health (13.5 percent) and human services (12.7 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 2014 was a \$2.1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to support research clusters in the biological, environmental, and legal humanities.

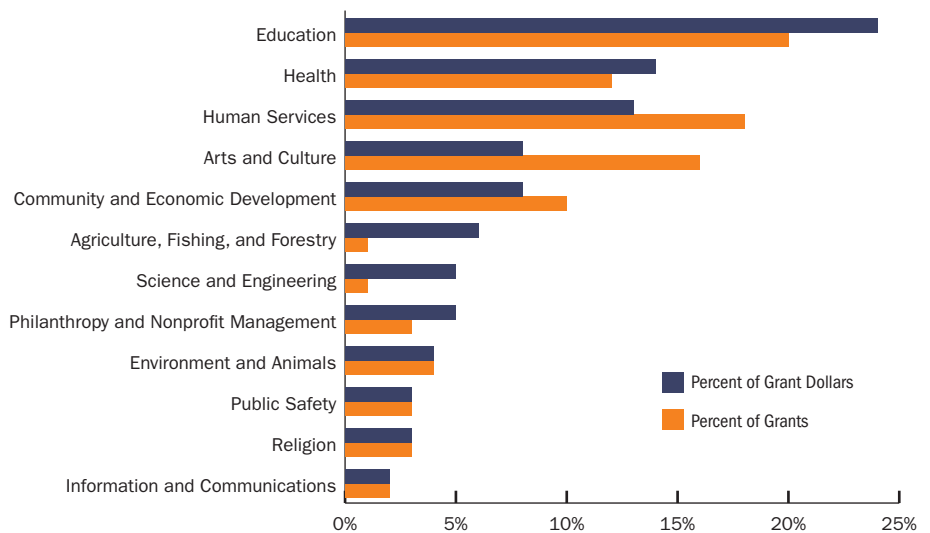
Despite the large share of grant dollars targeting education in 2014, a substantial share of the number of foundation grants awarded to Illinois recipients supported human services (18.4 percent). Human services grants tend to be smaller on average than in most other areas of foundation activity.

Finally, compared to U.S. foundation funding overall, Illinois recipients benefited from a notably larger share of funding for human services in 2014 (12.7 percent versus 8.5 percent). In contrast, foundation giving in the state was notably less likely to fund health, the environment and animals, community and economic development, international relations, and public affairs.

Illinois higher education institutions and human services agencies benefit from largest shares of foundation support

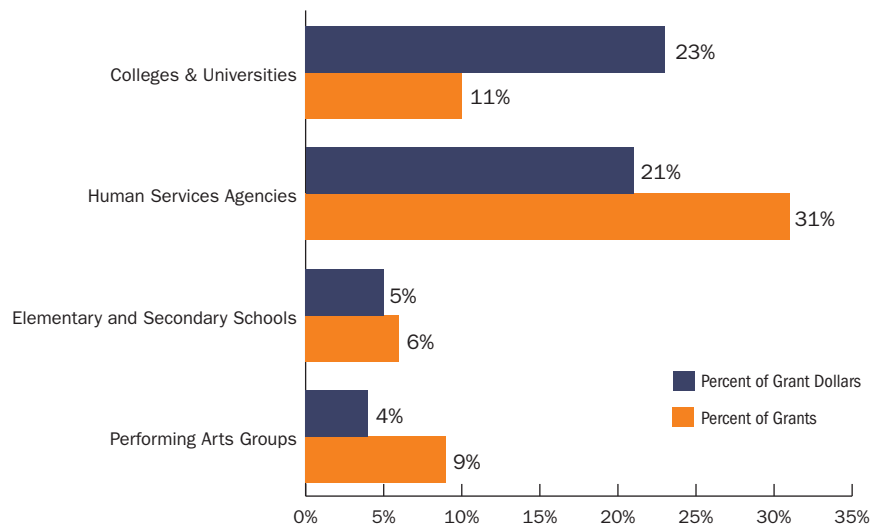
Roughly 23 percent of foundation grant dollars awarded in Illinois in 2014 funded higher education institutions, followed by human services agencies (20.8 percent). A majority of this giving targeted colleges and universities, which are home to research and other activities in fields ranging from the humanities to the sciences to the arts. Northwestern University led all Illinois educational recipients in 2014 with 113 grants totaling \$33.5 million. Elementary and secondary schools captured the third largest share of grant dollars (4.6 percent), followed by performing arts groups (3.5 percent).

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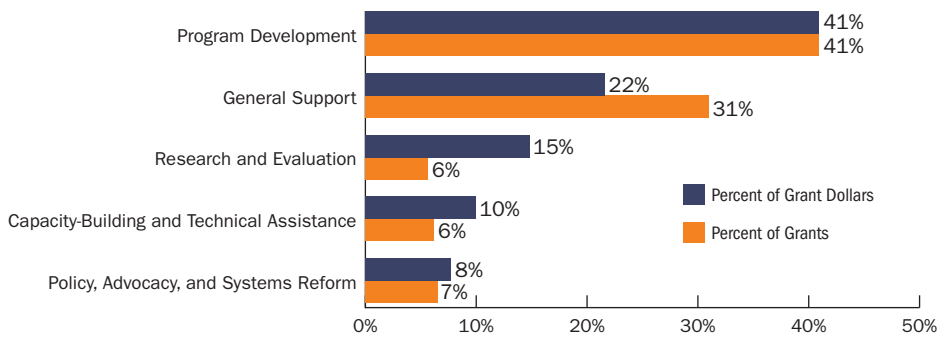
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Higher Education Institutions and Human Services Agencies Are Top Priorities in Illinois



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Program and General Support Strategies Targeted by Foundations

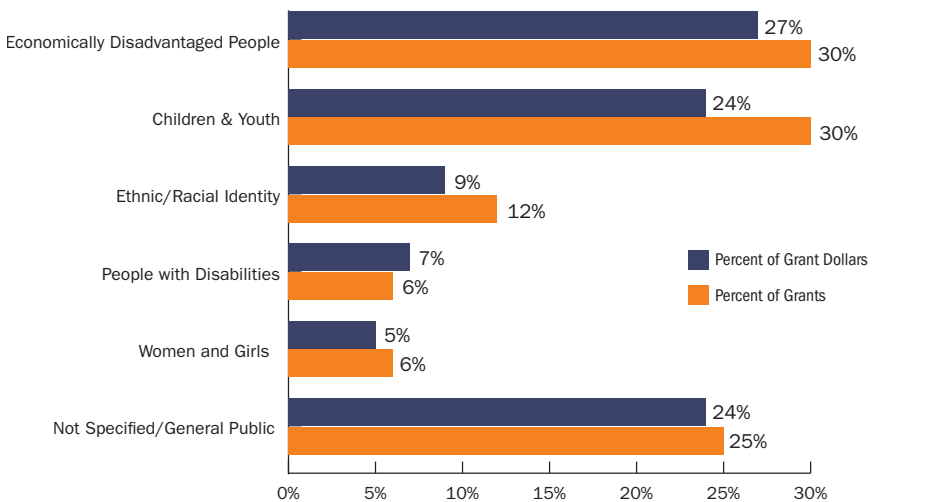


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Program support accounted for the largest share of funding in Illinois

Similar to national trends, the largest share of foundation funding in Illinois provided support for specific programs and projects. Program support accounted for 41 percent of overall grant dollars in 2014. General operating support accounted for the second largest share of funding—21.6 percent—compared with 17.9 percent share reported nationally. In contrast, foundations provided a smaller share of giving for policy, advocacy, and systems reform projects in Illinois (7.7 percent) than was the case for overall U.S. foundation giving (13.4 percent).

Low-income and Children and Youth Most Likely to Benefit from Targeted Foundation Giving in Illinois



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Economically disadvantaged people and children and youth are the two population groups most likely to benefit from designated funding in Illinois

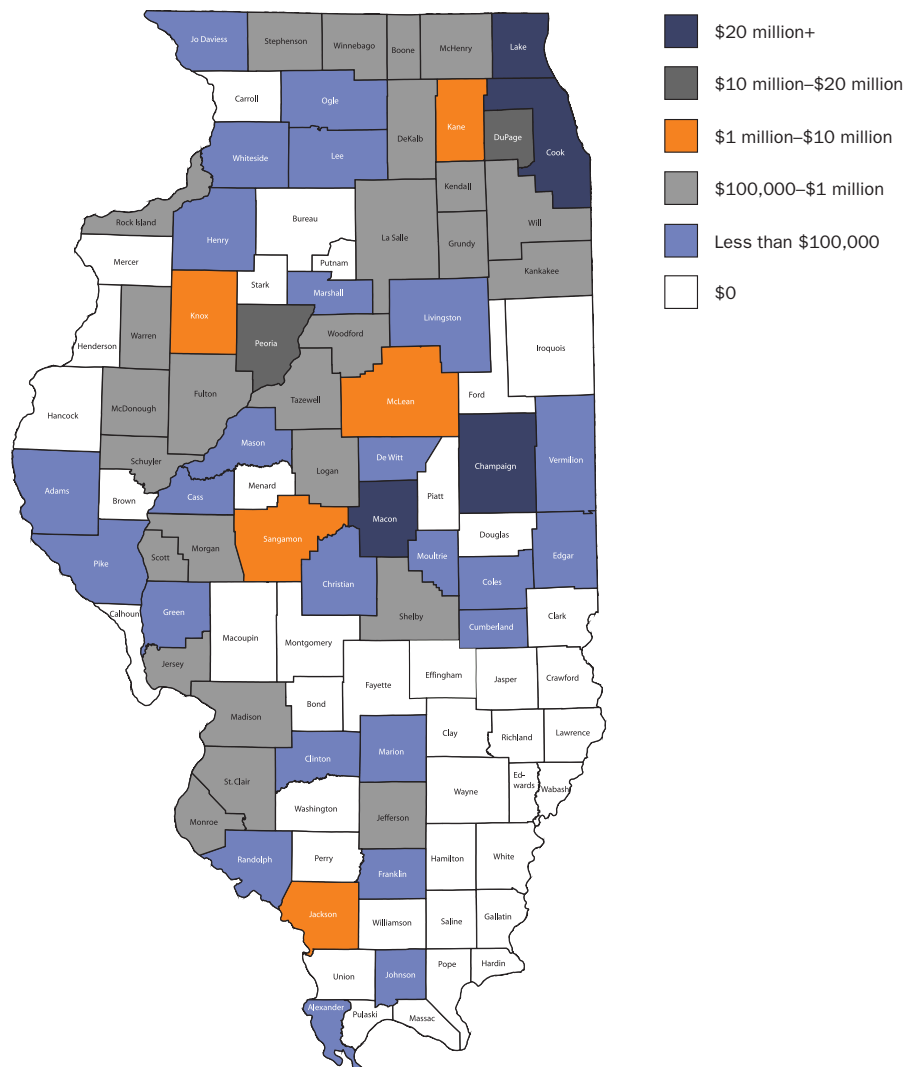
Three-quarters of 2014 grant dollars awarded in Illinois could be coded as providing an explicit benefit for at least one specific population group. (The balance of grants either lacked sufficient information to determine the funders' intent or were intended to benefit the general public.) Overall, just over a quarter (27 percent) of foundation grants to Illinois recipients could be identified as providing a benefit for people who are economically disadvantaged, followed by children and youth (23.7 percent). Among the larger grants awarded for people who are economically disadvantaged was a \$300K grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation to the

Central Illinois Foodbank to support the renovation and transformation of a bottling plant into a food bank with the goal of increasing food distribution to families in need. Ethnic or racial minorities were the explicit focus of 8.6 percent of Illinois foundation grant dollars in 2014, just slightly higher than the (6.9 percent) share reported nationally. Among the largest grants tracked in 2014 for the benefit of ethnic or racial minorities in Illinois was the Chicago-based Joyce Foundation’s \$500,000 award to the Latino Policy Forum to advocate for the development and successful implementation of policies to improve instruction and early literacy outcomes for dual-language learners in Illinois.

Cook County garners the largest share of foundation support

Given the concentration of educational, 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 2014. Overall, recipients in Cook County benefited from over 75 percent of grant dollars awarded to recipients in the state and 84.5 percent of the number of grants. Following Cook County was Champaign County (80 grants totaling \$43.3 million), followed by Lake County (161 grants totaling \$26.8 million). Foundations also provided substantial resources to other regions of the state, with an additional 8 counties reporting foundation grants totaling \$1 million or more in 2014.

Foundation Giving to Illinois Recipients by County, 2014



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About the Grants Set

This analysis is based on the Foundation Center’s 2014 grants set, which includes all of the grants of \$10,000 or more reported by the top 1,000 U.S. independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations by total giving. 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.

This set accounts for approximately half of giving by all of the nearly 86,000 active U.S. grantmaking foundations. Included in the set are 55 Illinois foundations with giving totaling \$895.6 million, of which 50 made grants to recipients in Illinois in 2014. 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 the Center between November 2014 and December 2015. Some foundations are represented with 2014 grants data and a the rest with 2013 grants data, if more current data was not available in time for inclusion in the set. This data set is preliminary. A final version of this analysis will be released later this year and will include 2014 data for additional foundations.

The Outlook for Foundation Giving

Giving by U.S. foundations grew just over 6 percent in 2015 according to Foundation Center, lower than the 8.7 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 Foundation Center's annual "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey" was a much lower 1.5 percent.

Overall giving by the nation's private and community foundations reached \$63.9 billion in 2015, surpassing previous record levels even after adjusting for inflation. Some factors contributing to the rise in funding was an 8 percent overall growth in independent foundation assets in the prior year. Part of this gain came from increases in the value of existing foundation assets as well as new gifts into foundations (up 9 percent). Independent foundations, including family foundations, account for the vast majority of foundation giving each year. Overall their giving was up an estimated 6 percent in 2015.

Community foundations increased their giving by an estimated 7 percent in 2015. Sixty-seven percent of community foundations responding to the Center's forecasting survey reported having increased their giving that year. Community foundations benefited from an increase of roughly 8 percent in their assets in 2014 as well as a similar increase in gifts received. Among community foundations, the largest foundations reported faster growth while smaller community foundations reported more modest growth for 2015.

Estimated corporate foundation giving was up 5 percent in 2015, following a fall in giving the prior year. Despite a steep decline in new gifts into corporate foundations in 2014, assets were still up nearly 6 percent.

Looking ahead, Foundation Center 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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