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2014 Annual Report

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President's Letter

Our Foundation strives to improve Cleveland, but also to elevate Cleveland's experience in ways that can advance state and national policy. In this way, Cleveland becomes a sort of urban laboratory to develop practices and initiatives that can be adopted elsewhere. One of our focuses this year has been early childhood education.

I was among a small number of private foundation leaders invited to a September meeting at the White House with President Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan to lay the groundwork for a national summit on early childhood education. I was also privileged to attend that summit meeting in December. The purpose of both meetings was to catalyze a push for early childhood education as a national priority. And both gatherings cast a spotlight on PRE4CLE, Cleveland's plan to deliver high-quality prekindergarten learning and development.

Eric Gordon, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, joined Secretary Duncan on a panel at the December summit and emphasized the vital necessity of community partnerships to create an effective pre-K program. That theme was music to the ears of The George Gund Foundation, which has long emphasized collaboration as an essential part of meaningful social progress. And in the case of PRE4CLE, I am especially pleased that the Foundation played a direct collaborative role through the work of Marcia Egbert, our senior program officer for human services. Marcia cochairs the Cleveland Early Childhood Compact overseeing the PRE4CLE initiative with CEO Gordon.

This work is part of a larger collaboration to transform public education in Cleveland through The Cleveland Plan, championed by Gordon and Mayor Frank Jackson. Our Foundation's extensive commitment to this effort has been led principally by Ann Mullin, our senior program officer for education. The plan is showing very promising early results but much work remains, and this especially includes ensuring that children begin their school careers ready and able to learn.

The science and economics behind the push for early childhood education are compelling. We now know that 90 percent of brain development occurs by age 5 and that an infant's brain develops 700 neural synapses — the connections that make the brain work — every second. These connections are formed through the interaction of genes and a baby's environment and experiences. A young child's brain suffers when it is deprived of a stimulating environment, and that has lifelong consequences. The foundation for the teamwork and creativity we expect from older students and from adult employees is laid in the first years of life.

We also know that difference in the size of children's vocabulary can appear as early as 18 months of age. By age 3, children with college-educated parents have vocabularies two to three times larger than those whose parents did not complete high school. Disadvantaged children can start kindergarten at age 5 as much as 18 months behind their peers. If we can help them catch up and read at grade level by third grade, those children are four times more likely to graduate from high school.

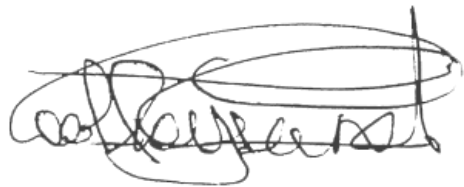
Investing in early childhood education also pays huge economic dividends. Several rigorous studies have shown that a dollar spent now pays off with anywhere from \$3 to \$9 in savings from reduced welfare, special education and crime costs while also increasing future tax revenue.

Cleveland's collaborative pursuit of this impact is summarized in the White House materials now housed on the website www.investinus.org <<http://www.investinus.org>> which notes:

"The Greater Cleveland Community is a leader and national model for community collaboration, strategic focus, and local investment in birth through grade three strategies. This unique and transformative model has been forged through a partnership between Cuyahoga County's Invest in Children initiative, philanthropic and business partners, the City of Cleveland, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Starting Point (Cuyahoga County's child care resource and referral agency), the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, and now PRE4CLE, Cleveland's new plan to ensure all three- and four-year-olds have access to high-quality preschool."

PRE4CLE is an ambitious road map for moving this city to the forefront nationally of communities committed to the future of their youngest citizens, and we believe it is an essential ingredient to successfully achieving comprehensive school reform. Our journey toward this goal is long and really has only begun. It has been exciting to see the progress in our approach and the national interest in it.

In closing, I welcome Lara Gund to our Board of Trustees as a Trustee candidate. Her keen mind and her enthusiasm will be welcome additions to our Foundation's deliberations in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Gund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".

Geoffrey Gund
President and Treasurer

Executive Director's Letter

Cleveland looks different from a bike. The city seems grander, but also more intimate, when you are perched on a bicycle seat. Architecture stands out. So do parks and streetscapes and the vast water resource on our northern shore. But you also notice smaller things — design elements of old buildings, individual trees and people on foot. You can move slowly enough to see the many threads of our city and fast enough to see the fabric they create.

Of course, it's not all beautiful. Vacant lots and houses, scary intersections, litter — these and other less appealing aspects of the city palpably strike the bike rider. Someone driving a car can more easily zip past them without paying much attention. However, for a city lover, even these negative aspects of urban life are issues to be worked on, problems to be solved. And that's why bicyclists become some of the city's most vocal advocates. Bike Cleveland has emerged as our community's organizing voice for bicycling, and it has been instrumental in our progress.

Cycling is a great way to develop a new appreciation for the city. And our city has made notable strides recently in showing appreciation of cyclists. Bike commuting in Cleveland skyrocketed 280 percent between 2000 and 2010, the largest growth among American cities. The city of Cleveland responded by adopting "complete streets" legislation to ensure that future street improvements accommodate cyclists. And in 2014 alone, the city created 9.41 miles of new painted bike lanes, a 103 percent increase. Other important projects are under way, like the long-awaited Towpath Trail connection to downtown Cleveland and the Lake Link Trail to Wendy Park. Plans are being developed for more bike lanes, including long stretches that are protected from motor vehicle traffic. Among the most exciting proposals are calls for protected bike lanes along Lorain Avenue, for a "midway" along St. Clair Avenue where streetcar tracks once ran, and for including a bike sharing center in a possible multi-modal transit hub.

That is all great progress. Yet more needs to be done. Why? Because in some neighborhoods many residents don't own cars. Not all of them ride bikes but some do, and they deserve to have safe transportation options. Creating bikeways is one of the most efficient and equitable transportation strategies.

That notion of choice among modes of transportation is a key reason for getting behind the cycling movement. It helps to make Cleveland and its region more attractive to the young talent that demands options, and we need that talent to stay and to move here so we can compete globally. In addition, more people riding bikes instead of driving cars will help reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, a third of which currently come from transportation. And cycling is great exercise; encouraging it helps promote a healthier lifestyle.

The growth of city biking is the most evident change in recent years, but cycling for recreation has long been promoted by organizations like the Cleveland Metroparks. And a few visionaries are looking far beyond, to a trail network that ties together existing segments all the way from Cleveland to Pittsburgh and on to Washington, D.C.

Whether or not some of us ever get on a bike again, we all gain from the economic and social contributions that come with the growth of bicycling. This annual report celebrates Cleveland's cycling community with a beautiful photographic portfolio by David Burnett. People commuting to work, those making a living by selling and servicing bikes, serious racers and recreational cyclists participating in mass rides for fun — they are all depicted. And they are all part of the expanding cycling scene. We hope that these photos inspire many others to join the movement.

This annual report is the Foundation's first since 1990 that was created without the input of Mark Schwartz, our longtime designer and photography maven, who died suddenly in 2014. We, like many throughout the Cleveland arts community, miss him and his larger-than-life personality, fervently expressed insights and warm-hearted generosity. We dedicate this report to him.



David T. Abbott
Executive Director

2014 Commitments Summary

Total since inception of the Foundation in 1952
\$658,356,186

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Arts 65 grants | \$4,384,586

Economic Development & Community Revitalization 32 grants | \$6,821,000

Education 20 grants | \$3,606,200

Environment 34 grants | \$3,680,614

Human Services 78 grants | \$4,804,970
2 program-related investments | \$1,000,000

Special Commitments 19 grants | \$2,523,475

Grand Total 248 grants | \$25,820,845
2 program-related investments | \$1,000,000

Total Commitments in 2014 **\$26,820,845**

Arts

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The Foundation remained committed to ensuring the vitality of Cleveland's arts community and nurturing its creative class with grants to organizations, both large and small, that reached audiences in neighborhoods and schools as well as in traditional performance and exhibition venues and that offered opportunities for local artists. Arts grantmaking totaled \$4,384,586.

Education

Broadway School of Music & the Arts < http://www.broadwayschool.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$10,000
Operating support.	
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning < http://www.arts-inspiredlearning.org > Cleveland, Ohio	\$50,000
Resident Artist Program.	
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning < http://www.arts-inspiredlearning.org > Cleveland, Ohio	\$10,000
ArtWorks summer program.	
Cleveland Institute of Art < http://www.cia.edu/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$20,000
Artists as Social Agents project.	
Cleveland Metropolitan School District < http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org > Cleveland, Ohio	\$225,000 (over 2 years)
Arts education plan development and implementation.	
Cleveland Metropolitan School District < http://www.clevelandmetroschools.net/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$10,000
All-City Musical.	
Cleveland State University Foundation, Inc. < http://www.csuohio.edu/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$10,000
Cleveland Arts Education Consortium.	
Eleanor B. Rainey Memorial Institute, Inc. < http://www.raineyinstitute.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$15,000 (over 2 years)
Mural My Neighborhood.	
Grantmakers in the Arts < http://www.giarts.org/ > Seattle, Washington	\$5,000
Arts Education Funders Coalition.	
Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School < http://www.joyfulnoiseschool.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$4,286
Marketing materials.	
Kulture Kids < http://www.kulturekids.org > Cleveland Heights, Ohio	\$10,000
Administrative assistance.	
Near West Theatre, Inc. < http://www.nearwesttheatre.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$20,000
Operating support.	
Rainey Institute < http://www.raineyinstitute.org > Cleveland, Ohio	\$50,000 (over 2 years)
El Sistema@Rainey.	

Film & Media

The Cleveland International Film Festival, Inc. < http://www.clevelandfilm.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$100,000
Operating and project support.	
ideastream < http://www.wcpn.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$1,000,000 (over 2 years)
The Campaign for Community.	
ideastream < http://www.wcpn.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$500,000 (over 2 years)
News and public affairs programming.	
ideastream < http://www.wcpn.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$100,000
Dr. Kathleen Barber Political News Coverage Fund.	

Performing Arts

Arts Renaissance Tremont < http://www.artconcerts.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Anniversary projects.	\$9,000
ChamberFest Cleveland < http://www.chamberfestcleveland.com/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Administrative support.	\$25,000
CityMusic Cleveland Inc. < http://www.citymusiccleveland.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cleveland concerts.	\$28,500
Cleveland Modern Dance Association < http://www.dancecleveland.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$35,000
The Cleveland Play House < http://www.clevelandplayhouse.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support and support for centennial planning.	\$105,000
Cleveland Public Theatre, Inc. < http://www.cptonline.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating and project support.	\$90,000
Cleveland Women's Orchestra < http://www.clevelandwomensorchestra.org/ > <i>Rocky River, Ohio</i> Equipment purchase.	\$2,000
Dobama Theatre, Inc. < http://www.dobama.org/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Operating support and equipment upgrades.	\$30,000
Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble < http://duffylit.org/ > <i>Shaker Heights, Ohio</i> Anniversary concert.	\$2,000
Ensemble Theatre of Cleveland < http://www.ensemble-theatre.com/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Black box theater and equipment purchase.	\$10,000
Great Lakes Theater Festival, Inc. < http://www.greatlakestheater.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Education department.	\$90,000
GroundWorks Dancetheater < http://www.groundworksdance.org/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$53,000
The International Association of Blacks in Dance Inc. < http://www.iabdassociation.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Annual conference in Cleveland.	\$5,000
Karamu House < http://www.karamuhouse.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Theatre support.	\$50,000
Les Delices < http://www.lesdelices.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Marketing and pop-up performances.	\$5,000
Mamai Theatre Company < http://www.mamaitheatreco.org/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Transitional support.	\$5,000
The Musical Theater Project < http://www.musicaltheaterproject.org/ > <i>Lakewood, Ohio</i> Collaborative audience engagement projects.	\$25,000
Near West Theatre, Inc. < http://www.nearwesttheatre.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Mini-documentary.	\$10,000
Ohio City Inc. < http://www.ohiocity.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Ohio City Theatre Project.	\$1,800
OhioDance < http://www.ohiodance.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Conference in Cleveland.	\$2,000
Opera Circle, Inc. < http://www.operacircle.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$20,000

Opera Per Tutti Opera For All < http://www.operapertutti.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Residency at Cleveland Public Theatre.	\$7,500
Professional Flair, Inc. < http://www.dancingwheels.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> New works.	\$20,000
Talespinner Children's Theatre Inc. < http://www.talespinnerchildrenstheatre.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Marketing.	\$8,500
Theatre Communications Group Inc. < http://www.tcg.org > <i>New York, New York</i> National conference in Cleveland.	\$15,000
Verb Ballets < http://www.verbballets.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating and leadership search support.	\$40,000

Special Programs

Beck Center for the Cultural Arts < http://www.beckcenter.org/ > <i>Lakewood, Ohio</i> Fundraising consultant.	\$25,000
Brite Cleveland < http://www.britewinter.com > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Winter festival staff.	\$20,000
Case Western Reserve University < http://www.case.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Violins of Hope.	\$40,000
The Children's Museum of Cleveland < http://www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Capital campaign.	\$500,000
Cleveland Arts Prize < http://www.clevelandartsprize.org/ > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Cleveland Arts Prize.	\$5,000
Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation < http://www.clevelandculturalgardens.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> One World Festival.	\$20,000
Cleveland Festival of Art and Technology Inc. < http://www.ingenuitycleveland.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$35,000
Community Partnership for Arts and Culture < http://cultureforward.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$210,000
Cultural Data Project < http://www.culturaldata.org > <i>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i> Ohio Cultural Data Project.	\$16,000
Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Foundation < http://www.transformerstation.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cleveland arts festival feasibility study.	\$25,000
Grantmakers in the Arts < http://www.giarts.org/ > <i>Seattle, Washington</i> Operating support.	\$3,000
Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center < http://www.juliadeburgos.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Festival planning.	\$5,000
Ohio City Inc. < http://www.ohiocity.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Literary Lots.	\$5,000
Ohio City Inc. < http://www.ohiocity.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Brews + Prose.	\$3,000
Smithsonian Institution < http://www.si.edu > <i>Washington, DC</i> National Museum of the American Indian, George Gund III memorial.	\$100,000

Visual Arts

Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Foundation < http://www.transformerstation.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Transformer Station community outreach.	\$10,000
Lakewood City Public Schools < http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/ > <i>Lakewood, Ohio</i> Mural restoration.	\$10,000
Morgan Art of Paper Making Conservatory & Educational Foundation < http://www.morganconservatory.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Eastern-Style Paper and Paper Arts Studio.	\$12,000
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland < http://www.mocacleveland.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support and expanded youth and family programs.	\$120,000
SPACES < http://www.spacesgallery.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Capital campaign.	\$300,000
SPACES < http://www.spacesgallery.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$55,000
Zygotepress Inc. < http://www.zygotepress.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating and project support.	\$32,000

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Economic Development & Community Revitalization

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The Foundation made a grant of up to \$5 million to transform Cleveland's Public Square into a vibrant, welcoming, pedestrian-focused center in the heart of downtown. We also maintained our longtime interest in the revitalization of Cleveland's neighborhoods with a planning grant for the Opportunity Corridor project as well as support for groups such as Cleveland Housing Network and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Thriving Communities Institute. Economic development and community revitalization grantmaking totaled \$6,816,000.

Economic Development

Downtown Cleveland Alliance < http://www.downtownclevelandalliance.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$250,000
Operating support.	
Economic Growth Foundation < http://www.gcpartnership.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$100,000
Opportunity Corridor planning.	
Economic Growth Foundation < http://www.gcpartnership.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$30,000
Construction and Building Trades Community Benefits Agreement implementation.	
Greater Cleveland Media Development Corporation < http://www.clevelandfilm.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$60,000
Film production, attraction and coordination.	
Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education < http://www.noche.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$500
CEOs for Cities national conference presentation.	

Housing & Community Revitalization

Cleveland Housing Network, Inc. < http://www.chnnet.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$100,000
Housing initiatives.	
Cleveland State University Foundation, Inc. < http://www.csuohio.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Community Development Innovation Program.	
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. < http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/ > <i>Columbia, Maryland</i>	\$40,000
EcoDistrict/Sustainability Initiatives.	
Hebrew Free Loan Association < http://www.hflaclev.org/ > <i>Beachwood, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Building the Community Small Business Loan Fund.	
Western Reserve Land Conservancy < http://www.wrlc.cc/ > <i>Novelty, Ohio</i>	\$50,000
Thriving Communities Institute.	

Special Programs

The Brookings Institution < http://www.brookings.edu/ > <i>Washington, DC</i>	\$300,000
Operating support.	
City Club of Cleveland < http://www.cityclub.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$35,000
Audience Re-Engagement Initiative.	
City Year, Inc. < http://www.cityyear.org/ > <i>Boston, Massachusetts</i>	\$40,000
City Year Cleveland.	
Cleveland Development Foundation < http://ech.case.edu/cgi/article.pl?id=CDF > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Connected Cities Tour.	
Cleveland Leadership Center < http://www.cleveleads.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$40,000
Operating support.	

Cleveland Special Events Corporation < http://www.gg9cle.com > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Gay Games in Cleveland.	\$5,000
Community AIDS Network < http://www.canapi.org > <i>Akron, Ohio</i> Gay Games scholarships.	\$10,000
The Foundation Center < http://www.fdncenter.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> "Spotlight on Economic Development" report.	\$2,500
Friends of New Orleans Inc. < http://www.friendsofneworleans.org > <i>Arlington, Virginia</i> Forward Cities: A National Learning Collaborative Among Cities of Innovation.	\$25,000
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, Inc. < http://gchfh.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Start-up support for new east side Restore location.	\$25,000
International Partners in Mission < http://www.ipmconnect.org > <i>Cleveland Heights, Ohio</i> Anniversary events.	\$8,000
Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Greater Cleveland < http://www.lgbtcleveland.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Gay Games scholarships.	\$10,000
Policy Matters Ohio < http://www.policymattersohio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$60,000
PolicyBridge < http://www.policy-bridge.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$25,000
Rid-All Foundation < http://www.greenghetto.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Toy Gun Buy Back Program.	\$10,000
Summer on the Cuyahoga < http://www.summeronthecuyahoga.com/ > <i>Bay Village, Ohio</i> Nonprofit internships.	\$5,000
University Circle Incorporated < http://www.universitycircle.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> TEDxCLE.	\$10,000

Urban Design, Planning & Amenities

Cleveland Restoration Society, Inc. < http://www.clevelandrestoration.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support and Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities conference.	\$25,000
LAND studio, Inc. < http://www.land-studio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Public Square transformation.	Up to \$5,000,000 (over 5 years)
LAND studio, Inc. < http://www.land-studio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$350,000
Presidents' Council Foundation Inc. < http://www.thepresidentscouncil.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cleveland Rocks New Year's Eve.	\$25,000
Western Reserve Historical Society < http://www.wrhs.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Restoration and installation of Euclid Beach carousel.	\$150,000

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Education

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The Foundation continued its investments in key areas of the Cleveland Plan, whose goals are to ensure that every child in Cleveland attends a high-quality school — district or charter — and that every neighborhood has great schools from which families can choose. Grants included start-up support for five new schools — Bard High School Early College, Cleveland High School for Digital Arts, and PACT Academy and E3agle Academy at John F. Kennedy High School, all in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and Breakthrough’s Lakeshore Intergenerational School, a charter school. The Foundation also supported PRE4CLE in its efforts to provide high-quality preschool programs for Cleveland children. Total education grantmaking was \$3,606,200.

Higher Education

The Cleveland Foundation < http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland.	\$65,000
National Council on Teacher Quality < http://www.nctq.org/ > Washington, DC Review of Ohio schools of education.	\$17,500
That Can Be Me Inc. < http://www.booksatwork.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio Operating support.	\$5,000

National Education Policy

The George Washington University < http://www.gwu.edu/ > Washington, DC Center on Education Policy.	\$150,000 (over 2 years)
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Primary & Secondary Education

Bard College < http://www.bard.edu/ > Annandale-on-Hudson, New York Bard High School Early College Cleveland.	\$221,250
The Cleveland Foundation < http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio Portfolio of Excellent Schools initiative.	\$1,333,700
Cleveland Metropolitan School District < http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio Start-up support for Bard High School Early College and Cleveland High School for Digital Arts.	\$427,750
College Now Greater Cleveland Inc. < http://www.collegenowgc.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio College access, advising and retention services and scholarships for Cleveland Metropolitan School District students.	\$150,000
Economic Growth Foundation < http://www.gcpartnership.com/ > Cleveland, Ohio Polling on Cleveland education issues.	\$10,000
Economic Growth Foundation < http://www.gcpartnership.com/ > Cleveland, Ohio Research.	\$10,000
Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County < http://www.esc-cc.org/ > Valley View, Ohio PRE4CLE, high-quality preschool expansion in Cleveland.	\$300,000
Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County < http://www.esc-cc.org/ > Valley View, Ohio First Ring Superintendents' Collaborative.	\$16,000
Esperanza Incorporated < http://www.esperanzainc.com/ > Cleveland, Ohio Program support.	\$50,000
Friends of Breakthrough Schools < http://www.breakthroughcleveland.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio Breakthrough Charter Schools growth plan.	\$300,000

Outcomes Research Institute <> <i>Stanford, California</i> Cleveland Conference meeting.	\$5,000
Progress with Chess, Inc. < http://www.progresswithchess.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cleveland Metropolitan School District chess program.	\$10,000
Stepstone Academy < http://www.stepstoneacademy.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Start-up support.	\$100,000
Teach for America, Inc. < http://www.teachforamerica.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> Teach For America - Cleveland.	\$300,000
Youth Opportunities Unlimited < http://www.youthopportunities.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Program and operating support.	\$85,000

State Education Policy

Philanthropy Ohio < http://www.philanthropyohio.org > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Ohio Education Policy Initiative.	\$50,000
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Environment

- Conservation of Natural Systems & Biodiversity
- Nonprofit Capacity Building
- Protection of Human Health
- Special Programs
- Sustainability, Energy & Climate Change

The Foundation's grantmaking reflected its long-standing commitment to preserving Northeast Ohio's distinctive ecosystem, supporting efforts to help Cleveland become a model of urban sustainability and addressing climate change. In addition, grants were provided for policy analysis and advocacy efforts aimed at increasing the percentages of renewable energy and energy efficiency in our state, promoting a robust local foods infrastructure and encouraging smart growth. Environment grantmaking totaled \$3,680,614.

Conservation of Natural Systems & Biodiversity

Alaska Conservation Foundation < http://www.akcf.org/ > Anchorage, Alaska	\$50,000
Operating support.	(over 2 years)

Nonprofit Capacity Building

1 for the Planet, Inc. < http://www.onepercentfortheplanet.org/ > Waitsfield, Vermont	\$100,000
Operating support.	(over 2 years)

Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. < http://www.crwp.org/ > Willoughby, Ohio	\$20,000
Central Lake Erie Basin watershed organization collaboration.	

Cleveland Botanical Garden < http://www.cb garden.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$1,000,000
Cleveland Botanical Garden and Holden Arboretum integration.	(over 3 years)

Shaker Lakes Regional Nature Center < http://www.shakerlakes.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$5,000
Feasibility study.	

Protection of Human Health

Beyond Pesticides < http://www.beyondpesticides.org/ > Washington, DC	\$100,000
Creating Sustainable Lawns, Landscapes and Public Spaces project.	(over 2 years)

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown < http://www.cfalleghenies.org/ > Johnstown, Pennsylvania	\$160,614
FracTracker Alliance Ohio office.	(over 2 years)

Environmental Health Watch, Inc. < http://www.ehw.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$250,000
Operating and Clean Air Campaign support.	(over 2 years)

The Ohio Organizing Collaborative < http://www.ohorganizing.org/ > Columbus, Ohio	\$100,000
Communities United for Responsible Energy.	

Virginia Organizing, Inc. < http://www.virginia-organizing.org/ > Charlottesville, Virginia	\$10,000
Fracking funders working group.	

Special Programs

CEOs for Cities < http://www.ceosforcities.org/ > Chicago, Illinois	\$10,000
Connected Cities Report.	

Shaker Lakes Regional Nature Center < http://www.shakerlakes.org/ > Cleveland, Ohio	\$25,000
Kathleen L. Barber Memorial Habitat Restoration Fund.	

Sustainability, Energy & Climate Change

Clean Fuels Ohio < http://www.cleanfuelsohio.org/ > Columbus, Ohio	\$100,000
Operating support.	(over 2 years)

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History < http://www.cmnh.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cleveland Neighborhood Climate Action.	\$40,000
Cleveland Water Alliance < http://www.clevelandwateralliance.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$25,000
Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown < http://www.cfalleghenies.org/ > <i>Johnstown, Pennsylvania</i> Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services.	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
Consultative Group on Biological Diversity Inc. < http://www.cgbd.org/ > <i>San Francisco, California</i> Climate and Energy Funders Group.	\$10,000
Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association < http://www.cvsr.com/ > <i>Peninsula, Ohio</i> Locomotive engine energy efficiency conversion.	\$10,000
The Energy Foundation < http://www.ef.org/ > <i>San Francisco, California</i> Public engagement in Ohio on climate and energy.	\$350,000
The Environmental and Energy Study Institute < http://www.eesi.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$160,000 (over 2 years)
Franklin County Historical Society < http://www.fcghs-oh.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Ohio Advanced Energy Economy.	\$100,000
Fresh Energy < http://www.fresh-energy.org > <i>Saint Paul, Minnesota</i> Midwest Energy News.	\$40,000
Greater Ohio Policy Center Inc. < http://www.greaterohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Transportation policy reforms.	\$90,000 (over 2 years)
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Inc. < http://www.lcvef.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Ohio Clean Energy project.	\$50,000
National Wildlife Federation < http://www.nwf.org/ > <i>Reston, Virginia</i> Great Lakes Natural Resource Center.	\$145,000 (over 2 years)
New Agrarian Center < http://www.gotthenac.org/ > <i>Oberlin, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$40,000
New York Foundation for the Arts, Inc. < http://www.nyfa.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> "Cheshire, Ohio" documentary.	\$5,000
Ohio City Inc. < http://www.ohiocity.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Protected bike lane learning exchange.	\$10,000
Ohio State University Foundation < http://www.osu.edu/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition.	\$200,000 (over 2 years)
Rails to Trails Conservancy < http://www.railtrails.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support and Power of 32 project.	\$200,000 (over 2 years)
Rockefeller Family Fund, Inc. < http://www.rffund.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> RE-AMP project.	\$55,000
United States Public Interest Research Group Education Fund < http://www.uspirg.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Campus Sustainable Energy and Transit Corps.	\$50,000
West Creek Preservation Committee < http://www.westcreek.org/ > <i>Parma, Ohio</i> Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference.	\$10,000
Young Men's Christian Association of Cleveland Ohio, Inc. < http://www.clevelandymca.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Active Transportation program.	\$60,000

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Human Services

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The Foundation continued to invest in innovative, timely public policy efforts resulting from the ever-changing government landscape in Cuyahoga County, Columbus and Washington, D.C. Major initiatives, led by capable community partners, included the first county-based Pay for Success social innovation financing project in the country, known in Cuyahoga County as Partnering for Family Success, and PRE4CLE, a new high-quality prekindergarten program targeted to children in the city of Cleveland and fulfilling a critical component of the Cleveland Plan for Transforming Schools. Support continued for state health care and juvenile justice reforms. Grant funding continued to emphasize identifying, testing and scaling evidence-based policies and programs. Human services grantmaking totaled \$4,804,970. Two program-related investments for Pay for Success, totaling \$1,000,000, were made.

Child & Family Stability

Adoption Network Cleveland < http://www.adoptionnetwork.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$200,000 (over 2 years)
Advocates for Youth < http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Promotion of science-based comprehensive sexuality education.	\$60,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland < http://www.clevekids.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Save Our Kids Campaign.	\$100,000
Case Western Reserve University < http://www.case.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Brief on Ohio juvenile justice reform.	\$5,000
The Catholic Charities Corporation < http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Friend of the Court and Unaccompanied Minor Pro Bono programs.	\$50,000
Children's Defense Fund < http://www.cdfohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$80,000 (over 2 years)
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center < http://www.clevelandrapecrisis.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Sexual assault public policy project.	\$40,000
Council for a Strong America < http://www.councilforstrongamerica.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Mobilization of "unexpected voices" in Ohio to support increased investments in children.	\$75,000
County of Cuyahoga < http://www.cuyahogacounty.us/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Invest In Children: Universal Prekindergarten program.	\$500,000 (over 2 years)
Effective Leadership Academy < http://www.effectiveva.org/ > <i>Beachwood, Ohio</i> Camp LEAD scholarships for Cleveland students.	\$7,500
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. < http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/ > <i>Columbia, Maryland</i> Pay for Success pilot project.	\$10,000
Flying Horse Farms < http://www.flyinghorsefarms.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Camp programs.	\$10,000
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio < http://www.gsneo.org/ > <i>Macedonia, OH</i> Camp scholarships for Cleveland students.	\$10,000
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, Inc. < http://www.hmhb.org/ > <i>Alexandria, Virginia</i> Ohio Text4baby initiative.	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
HELP Foundation, Inc. < http://www.helpfoundationinc.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Summer program.	\$10,000

Inner City Tennis Clinics Incorporated < http://www.innercitytennis.net > <i>Painesville, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$7,500
Juvenile Justice Coalition, Inc. < http://www.juvenilecoalition.org/ > <i>Bath, Ohio</i> Organizational development.	Up to \$80,000
Northern Kentucky Children's Law Center, Inc. < http://www.childrenslawky.org/ > <i>Covington, Kentucky</i> Ohio juvenile justice reform.	\$100,000
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence < http://www.oaesv.org > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Advocacy efforts.	\$20,000
The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies, Inc. < http://www.oacca.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Ohio Fostering Connections initiative.	\$30,000
Ohio Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy < http://www.ohiobrt.com > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Consultant and administrative costs.	\$10,000
Ohio Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy < http://www.ohiobrt.com > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Consultant expenses.	\$2,500
Ohio Justice and Policy Center < http://www.ohiojpc.org/ > <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> Smarter Justice, Fewer Prisoners initiative.	\$110,000 (over 2 years)
Public Children Services Association of Ohio, Inc. < http://www.pcsao.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Child welfare advocacy.	\$80,000 (over 2 years)
Public Interest Projects Inc. < http://www.publicinterestprojects.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> National Campaign to Reform State Juvenile Justice Systems operating support.	\$75,000
The Refugee Response < http://www.refugeerresponse.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$40,000
State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services < http://www.dys.ohio.gov/dnn/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Ohio Communities 4 Kids juvenile diversion project.	\$10,000
Towards Employment, Incorporated < http://www.towardsemployment.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Advocacy program.	\$61,000
United Way of Greater Cincinnati < http://www.uwgc.org > <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> Ohio Partnership to Build Stronger Families.	\$25,000
Voices for Ohio's Children < http://www.raiseyourvoiceforkids.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Children's health policy advocacy.	\$54,000

Meeting Basic Needs

AIDS Resource Center Ohio Inc. < http://www.arcohio.org/ > <i>Dayton, Ohio</i> State advocacy and policy analysis.	\$35,000
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc. < http://www.aclu.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> Reproductive Freedom Project.	\$80,000 (over 2 years)
Care Alliance < http://www.carealliance.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Central Neighborhood Clinic.	\$400,000
Case Western Reserve University < http://www.case.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development Community Information Program.	\$140,000 (over 2 years)
Case Western Reserve University < http://www.case.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Cuyahoga County Community Health Data Dashboard.	\$19,570

Case Western Reserve University < http://www.case.edu/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Pay For Success supplemental data analysis.	\$10,000
Center for Community Solutions < http://www.communitysolutions.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> State fiscal and human services policy analysis.	\$160,000 (over 2 years)
Center for Community Solutions < http://www.communitysolutions.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> AIDS Funding Collaborative, Ohio Youth Advocates Council and Collaborative for Comprehensive School-Age Health.	\$111,000
Center for Community Solutions < http://www.communitysolutions.com/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Collaborative for Comprehensive School-Age Health and Ohio Youth Advocates Council.	\$38,000
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities < http://www.cbpp.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$135,000
Cleveland Foodbank, Inc. < http://www.clevelandfoodbank.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> SNAP Outreach Program and advocacy efforts.	\$50,000
Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio < http://www.cohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> One Ohio Now.	\$50,000
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. < http://www.communitylegalaids.org/ > <i>Akron, Ohio</i> Health Education Advocacy and Law Project.	\$20,000
Community Service Alliance < http://www.comservealliance.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$7,200
Cuyahoga County Board of Health < http://www.ccbh.net/ > <i>Parma, Ohio</i> Health Improvement Plan-Cuyahoga evaluation plan.	\$50,000 (over 2 years)
Environmental Health Watch, Inc. < http://www.ehw.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality.	\$81,000 (over 2 years)
Families USA Foundation, Inc. < http://www.familiesusa.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Medicaid expansion efforts.	\$25,000
Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio, Inc. < http://www.fpaneo.org/ > <i>Painesville, Ohio</i> Teen clinic.	\$50,000 (over 2 years)
The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland < http://www.thefreeclinic.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Syringe Exchange Program.	\$70,000 (over 2 years)
Grantmakers in Health < http://www.gih.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$5,000
Hands On Northeast Ohio < http://www.handsonneo.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Homeless Stand Down.	\$10,000
Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati < http://www.lascinti.org/ > <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> Health care reform implementation and family economic stability advocacy.	\$80,000 (over 2 years)
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry < http://www.lutheranmetro.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Men's Emergency Shelter volunteer program.	\$37,500
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry < http://www.lutheranmetro.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Advocacy efforts.	\$30,000
Magnolia Clubhouse < http://www.magnoliacubhouse.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$10,000
Malachi House < http://www.malachihouse.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Heating and cooling system.	\$8,200
MDRC < http://www.mdrc.org/ > <i>New York, New York</i> Operating support.	\$40,000
Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition < http://www.mhaadvocacy.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$30,000

Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. < http://www.mhs-inc.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
Primary and behavioral health electronic health record integration.	
Metanoia Project Inc. < http://metanoiaproject.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$20,000
Operating support.	
Metanoia Project Inc. < http://metanoiaproject.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Operating support.	
MetroHealth Foundation, Inc. < http://www.metrohealth.org/foundation > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$125,000 (over 18 months)
School-based health clinics.	
MobileMed 1, Inc. < http://www.mobilemedicalcare.org/ > <i>Shaker Heights, Ohio</i>	\$35,000
Operating support.	
NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation < http://www.prochoiceohio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
Operating support.	
Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation < http://www.maydugancenter.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$25,000
Health and Wellness Program.	
Neighborhood Health Care Incorporated < http://www.nfpmedcenter.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$75,000 (over 2 years)
School-based primary health care clinics.	
North Coast Health Ministry < http://www.nchealthministry.org/ > <i>Lakewood, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Strategic plan and organizational transition.	
Philanthropy Ohio < http://www.philanthropyohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	\$30,000
Philanthropy Ohio health initiative.	
Philanthropy Ohio < http://www.philanthropyohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Ohio Network for Health Coverage and Enrollment communications campaign.	
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio < http://www.ppgoh.org > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	\$100,000
Operating support.	
Policy Matters Ohio < http://www.policymattersohio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$30,000
State Fiscal Analysis Initiative.	
Shoes and Clothes for Kids Inc. < http://www.sc4k.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Operating support.	
Third Sector New England, Inc. < http://www.tsne.org/ > <i>Boston, Massachusetts</i>	\$200,000 (over 2 years)
BUILD Initiative.	
Trinity Cathedral < http://www.trinitycleveland.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$10,000
Hunger ministry.	
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio < http://www.uhcanohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	\$75,000
Affordable Care Act implementation in Ohio.	
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio < http://www.uhcanohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	\$5,000
Operating support.	
West Side Catholic Center < http://www.westsidecatholiccenter.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	\$60,000 (over 2 years)
Drop-In Center.	

Special Programs

Media In The Public Interest Inc. < http://www.mediainthepublicinterest.org/ > <i>Boulder, Colorado</i>	\$30,000
Ohio News Project.	

Program-Related Investments

Cuyahoga PFS, LLC <<http://www.thirdsectorcap.org/cuyahoga/>> \$725,000
Pay for Success initiative.

Cuyahoga PFS, LLC <<http://www.thirdsectorcap.org/cuyahoga/>> \$275,000
Pay for Success initiative.

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Special Commitments

- [Philanthropic Services](#)
- [Retinitis Pigmentosa Research](#)

The Foundation maintained its commitment to fund research on the causes, nature and prevention of inherited retinal degenerative diseases. We also continued support for a wide range of organizations working to strengthen the nonprofit and philanthropic fields. Special commitments grantmaking totaled \$2,528,475.

Philanthropic Services

Alliance for Justice, Inc. < http://www.afj.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Bolder Advocacy Initiative.	\$150,000 (over 2 years)
Business Volunteers Unlimited < http://bvuvolunteers.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Services to nonprofits.	\$35,000
Center for Nonprofits and Voting Inc. < http://www.nonprofitvote.org/ > <i>Boston, Massachusetts</i> Operating support.	\$150,000 (over 2 years)
Council of Michigan Foundations, Inc. < http://www.michiganfoundations.org/ > <i>Grand Haven, Michigan</i> Great Lakes Funder Collaborative.	\$5,000
Council on Foundations, Inc. < http://www.cof.org/ > <i>Arlington, Virginia</i> Operating support.	\$39,500
Episcopal Diocese of Ohio < http://www.dohio.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Episcopal community services.	\$20,000
The Foundation Center < http://www.fdncenter.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$30,000
Grants Managers Network, Inc. < http://www.gmnetwork.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$2,000
Grassroots Grantmakers < http://www.grassrootsgrantmakers.org/ > <i>Hallettsville, Texas</i> Conference in Cleveland.	\$5,000
ICL Institute < http://www.instituteforcreativeleadership.org/ > <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$5,000
Independent Sector < http://www.independentsector.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$25,000 (over 2 years)
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy < http://www.ncrp.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$10,000
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy < http://www.ncrp.org/ > <i>Washington, DC</i> Operating support.	\$10,000
Philanthropy Northwest < http://www.philanthropynw.org/ > <i>Seattle, Washington</i> Mission Investors Exchange.	\$5,000
Philanthropy Ohio < http://www.philanthropyohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Operating support.	\$11,975
Philanthropy Ohio < http://www.philanthropyohio.org/ > <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> Summer Institute.	\$10,000

Retinitis Pigmentosa Research

The Foundation Fighting Blindness < http://www.blindness.org/ > Retinal degenerative disease research.	<i>Columbia, Maryland</i>	\$2,000,000
The Foundation Fighting Blindness < http://www.blindness.org/ > VisionWalk.	<i>Columbia, Maryland</i>	\$5,000
The Foundation Fighting Blindness < http://www.blindness.org/ > VisionWalk.	<i>Columbia, Maryland</i>	\$5,000

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George Gund

George Gund was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and his family settled in Cleveland in 1897. Following graduation from Harvard College (1909) and graduate study at Harvard Business School, his early career included banking and real estate in Seattle, serving in Army intelligence during World War I, developing the Kaffee-Hag Corporation in Cleveland, attending Animal Husbandry School at Iowa State University and ranching in Nevada.



In 1936, Mr. Gund married Jessica Roesler and settled down in Cleveland to raise a family. His interest in banking culminated in his becoming President of The Cleveland Trust Company in 1941. At his death in 1966, he was Chairman of the Board.

In 1937, Mr. Gund began a formal program of charitable giving, and his philanthropic concern extended throughout his life. He carefully selected those charities to which he committed his funds. If the commitment was considerable over a long period of time, he characteristically devoted much of his time and energy to the institution.

Strong relationships developed with the educational institutions that shaped Mr. Gund's early life. He contributed time and money to University School (Cleveland), where he was a trustee, and to Iowa State University, where he established a scholarship program for students of animal husbandry. He served on the Board of

Overseers of Harvard College from 1954 to 1960 and was closely involved at Harvard with the School of Public Health and the Business School from 1954 to 1966. Another interest in higher education was Kenyon College, where he served as a trustee for many years.

Although Mr. Gund had little personal experience in the arts, his devotion to them was great. Perhaps the single best example was his long association with the Cleveland Institute of Art. In 1942, he became President of the Institute and, under his leadership, saw it develop into a lively and prestigious institution.

The George Gund Foundation was created in 1952 because Mr. Gund believed the private foundation concept provided the most positive, farsighted vehicle for intelligent underwriting of creative solutions to social ills in a manner which would not be limited to his own lifetime. He favored the corporate foundation structure directed by an experienced, sensitive board of trustees entrusted not only with disbursement of funds, but an objective, practical review of proposals. He valued the degree of freedom a private foundation can exercise in seeking and fostering innovative ideas and in implementing demonstration projects.

Today, Mr. Gund's vision is carried forth through the continued involvement of the Gund family in the Foundation's work. Since its inception, the Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$658 million toward the advancement of human welfare.

By Geoffrey Gund, President

Financial Statements

Statements Of Financial Position

December 31	2014	2013
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,742,536	\$ 7,100,128
Investments, net	530,848,703	521,866,588
Interest and dividends receivable, net of allowance	319,827	284,713
Federal excise tax	54,963	18,332
Other assets	224,856	249,476
Total assets	\$ 539,190,885	\$ 529,519,237
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 811,293	\$ 745,782
Grants payable	13,647,695	12,881,455
Deferred federal excise tax	4,113,482	4,162,892
Total liabilities	18,572,470	17,790,129
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	520,618,415	511,729,108
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 539,190,885	\$ 529,519,237

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Statements Of Activities

For the years ended December 31	2014	2013
Revenues, Gains, And Losses		
Net realized investment gains	\$ 18,837,785	\$ 25,070,192
Net unrealized investment gains	16,379,667	70,552,123
Dividend income	5,337,146	4,884,918
Interest income	1,071,510	1,208,659
Other income	29,590	1,463
Net revenue, gains and losses	41,655,698	101,717,355
Expenses		
Grants expensed	25,805,694	24,766,101
Administrative expenses	6,095,677	5,121,263
Total expenses	31,901,371	29,887,364
Increase in net assets before federal excise tax provision	9,754,327	71,829,991
Federal excise tax provision	865,020	2,194,774
Net increase in net assets	8,889,307	69,635,217
Net assets – beginning	511,729,108	442,093,891
Net assets – ending	\$ 520,618,415	\$ 511,729,108

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Statements Of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31	2014	2013
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 8,889,307	\$ 69,635,217
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	53,578	68,674
Net realized gains on investments	(18,837,785)	(25,070,192)
Net unrealized gains on investments	(16,379,667)	(70,552,123)
Deferred federal excise tax	(49,410)	1,044,443
Provision for uncollectible program-related loans	598,825	221,411
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(87,570)	1,643,800
Other assets	(7,126)	(4,468)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	65,511	248,219
Grants payable	766,240	2,340,955
Net cash used in operating activities	(24,988,097)	(20,424,064)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of investments	113,976,330	163,351,548
Purchase of investments	(88,323,993)	(145,213,991)
Purchase of equipment and improvements	(21,832)	(31,873)
Net cash provided by investing activities	25,630,505	18,105,684
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	642,408	(2,318,380)
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning	7,100,128	9,418,508
Cash and cash equivalents – ending	\$ 7,742,536	\$ 7,100,128
Supplemental Disclosure Of Cash Flow Information		
Cash paid during the year:		
Income taxes, excise	\$ 940,000	\$ 900,000
Interest	\$ –	\$ –

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements – December 31, 2014 and 2013

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of operations The George Gund Foundation (“the Foundation”) is a private foundation located in Greater Cleveland which makes grants to educational, community service, and philanthropic organizations.

Basis of accounting The Foundation’s financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred. The Foundation has only unrestricted net assets.

Use of estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly-liquid investments with maturity dates of three months or less, which are readily convertible into cash.

Investments Marketable and U.S. government securities are reported at their market values. Securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported trading price on the last business day of the year. Realized gains or losses are determined by comparison of asset cost to net proceeds received. Unrealized gains or losses are determined by comparison of asset cost to market values at the end of the year.

Investments include program-related loans, net of allowance, which are due from various not-for-profit organizations, valued at \$8,987,763 and \$9,824,067 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The notes receivable are due at various dates, from 2016 through 2038. The loans carry interest rates between 1% and 3%; principal and interest payment arrangements vary by note. As of December 31, 2014, the Foundation has unfunded note commitments of \$1,320,000. There were no unfunded note commitments at December 31, 2013.

The Foundation invests in certain alternative investments which include investments in limited partnerships. Market values represent the Foundation's pro rata interest in the net assets of each limited partnership as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, as provided by the fund managers. Market values as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are not based on audited financial information supplied by the general partner or manager of the funds. Audited information is only available annually based on the partnerships' or funds' year end. Management reviews monthly valuations provided by the general partner or manager of the funds and assesses the reasonableness of the fair values provided at the interim dates and included in the financial statements. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Foundation had total unfunded capital commitments to alternative investments of \$2,305,662 and \$2,580,662, respectively. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation of alternative investments, the market values reflected in the accompanying financial statements may differ significantly from realizable values.

Allowance for uncollectible accounts Investments in program-related loans are stated at the present value of the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for uncollectible accounts and a credit to a valuation allowance, based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. At December 31, 2014, an allowance for uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$583,000 is netted against investments in notes receivable. There was no allowance at December 31, 2013.

Interest receivable is stated at the present value of the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for uncollectible interest and a credit to a valuation allowance, based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, an allowance for uncollectible interest in the amount of \$237,236 and \$221,411, respectively, is netted against interest receivable.

Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Amortization and depreciation is recorded using both straight-line and accelerated methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$53,578 and \$68,674 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Fair value measurement - definition and hierarchy The Foundation follows FASB ASC 820-10, "Fair Value Measurements." Under this standard, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Foundation uses various valuation approaches, including market, income, and/or cost approaches. FASB ASC 820-10 establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Foundation. Unobservable inputs reflect the Foundation's assumptions used in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels, based on the reliability of inputs, as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Foundation has the ability to access.

Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 inputs include: exchange-traded equity securities that are actively traded.

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 2 inputs include: government bonds, corporate bonds, foreign bonds, private equity investments, charitable reserve funds, and program related savings.

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 3 inputs include: equity securities that are not actively traded, private equity investments, and program related investments held in loans.

Reclassifications Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2014 presentation.

Note 2 – Investments

Cost and market value of investments were as follows:

	2014		2013	
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
Fixed income securities	\$ 19,668,306	\$ 19,522,066	\$ 21,577,402	\$ 22,037,262
Common stocks and alternative investments	511,180,397	305,262,083	500,289,186	291,402,819
Total	\$ 530,848,703	\$ 324,784,149	\$ 521,866,588	\$ 313,440,081

Market values of investments are based on December 31, 2014 and 2013 published quotations, except that estimates are used when quotations are not available. Fixed income securities consist of U.S. government securities, U.S. government guaranteed securities, corporate securities, and charitable reserve funds. Common stocks and alternative investments consist principally of U.S. and international equity securities, program-related investments, and investments in limited partnerships.

Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosure and Measurement

Published market quotations do not necessarily represent realizable values, particularly where sizable holdings of a company's stock exist, as in the case of the Foundation's holding of the Kellogg Company common stock.

The Foundation's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy in accordance with FASB ASC 820-10. See Note 1 for a discussion of the Foundation's policies regarding this hierarchy.

The following fair value hierarchy tables present information about the Foundation's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

December 31, 2014	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			Balance
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Corporate Stock				
Consumer goods	\$ 132,173,905	—	—	\$ 132,173,905
Financial	18,039,182	—	—	18,039,182
Services	15,617,054	—	—	15,617,054
Industrial goods	13,435,242	—	—	13,435,242
Basic materials	7,214,285	—	—	7,214,285
Technology	16,726,940	—	—	16,726,940
Healthcare	8,330,357	—	—	8,330,357
Other	6,451,414	—	—	6,451,414
Closely- held	—	—	\$ 100	100
Bonds				
Corporate	—	\$ 4,601,095	—	4,601,095
United States Treasury and Agency	—	5,954,180	—	5,954,180
State and Municipal	—	1,081,144	—	1,081,144
Foreign	—	252,523	—	252,523
Limited Partnerships	—	211,201,448	72,977,549	284,178,997
Other Investments				
Program-related savings	—	25,158	—	25,158
Program-related loans, net of allowance	—	—	8,987,763	8,987,763
Charitable reserve fund	—	7,779,364	—	7,779,364
Total Fair Value Assets	\$ 217,988,379	\$ 230,894,912	\$ 81,965,412	\$ 530,848,703

December 31, 2013	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			Balance
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Corporate Stock				
Consumer goods	\$ 132,339,479	—	—	\$ 132,339,479
Financial	13,420,379	—	—	13,420,379
Services	15,249,822	—	—	15,249,822
Industrial goods	13,166,901	—	—	13,166,901
Basic materials	8,799,900	—	—	8,799,900
Technology	16,256,434	—	—	16,256,434
Healthcare	5,734,625	—	—	5,734,625
Other	4,086,018	—	—	4,086,018
Closely- held	—	—	\$ 100	100
Bonds				
Corporate	—	\$ 5,140,787	—	5,140,787
United States Treasury and Agency	—	4,909,533	—	4,909,533
State and Municipal	—	693,371	—	693,371
Foreign	—	806,834	—	806,834
Limited Partnerships	—	203,291,197	78,095,168	281,386,365
Other Investments				
Program-related savings	—	25,095	—	25,095
Program-related loans	—	—	9,824,067	9,824,067
Charitable reserve fund	—	10,026,878	—	10,026,878
Total Fair Value Assets	\$ 209,053,558	\$ 224,893,695	\$ 87,919,335	\$ 521,866,588

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in Level 3, assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
	Limited Partnerships	Other Investments	Common Stock	Total
Beginning balance – January 1, 2014	\$ 78,095,168	\$ 9,824,067	\$ 100	\$ 87,919,335
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized) included in changes in net assets	(883,714)	—	—	(883,714)
Purchases	275,000	30,000	—	305,000
Sales proceeds	(4,508,905)	(283,304)	—	(4,792,209)
Increase in provision for uncollectible program-related loans	—	(583,000)	—	(583,000)
Ending balance – December 31, 2014	\$ 72,977,549	\$ 8,987,763	\$ 100	\$ 81,965,412
The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in changes in net assets attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date	\$ (2,277,100)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (2,277,100)

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in Level 3, assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
	Limited Partnerships	Other Investments	Common Stock	Total
Beginning balance – January 1, 2013	\$ 64,303,400	\$ 9,525,064	\$ 100	\$ 73,828,564
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized) included in changes in net assets	15,388,201	2,536	—	15,390,737
Purchases	1,014,783	500,000	—	1,514,783
Sales proceeds	(2,611,216)	(203,533)	—	(2,814,749)
Ending balance – December 31, 2013	\$ 78,095,168	\$ 9,824,067	\$ 100	\$ 87,919,335
The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in changes in net assets attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date	\$ 13,741,461	\$ 2,536	\$ —	\$ 13,743,997

The following table represents the Foundation's level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs.

Instrument	Fair Values	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values	Weighted Average
Closely held stock	\$ 100	Recent sales	Recent sales	—	—
Program-related loans	8,987,783	Discounted cash flows	Applicable interest and term	—	—

At December 31, 2014, the Foundation's limited partnerships are subject to withdrawal restrictions as follows:

	Limited partnerships
Available for redemption:	
Monthly	\$ 271,909,647
Subject to distribution	12,269,350
Total	<u>\$ 284,178,997</u>

Investments that are available for redemption may be redeemed by the Foundation generally with 15- to 30-day advance notice on a monthly basis, subject to the terms of the investment agreement.

Investments subject to distribution cannot be redeemed by the Foundation, but rather will be distributed by the limited partnership upon the liquidation of the underlying assets of the partnership. Distributions are generally expected, but not guaranteed, over the next five to ten years.

The investment objective for limited partnerships is long-term capital appreciation in excess of what is available in the public markets. Private equity funds generally hold illiquid debt and equity securities of public and/or privately-held companies. This asset class includes venture capital, buyout, and distressed funds.

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) from Level 3 investments included in changes in net assets include net investment gains of \$1,393,386 and \$1,646,740 for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and net unrealized investment gain/loss of \$(2,277,100) and \$13,743,997 for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

At December 31, 2014, the Foundation's charitable reserve fund is not subject to withdrawal restrictions. The fund holds mostly fixed income investments and is valued at net asset value. The Foundation owns 62% of the common trust fund at December 31, 2014.

Note 4 – Credit Concentration

Aside from its holdings in the Kellogg Company, the Foundation's portfolio of investments is highly diversified; however, at December 31, 2014 and 2013, 24% of the total market value of securities, and 65% and 74%, respectively, of dividend income in each year are attributable to ownership of Kellogg Company stock.

Note 5 – Grants

Grants are expensed upon approval by the Board of Trustees, payable upon the performance of specified conditions, and paid when the specified conditions are satisfied. Discretionary grants in amounts up to \$10,000 and cumulative for the year up to \$700,000 for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, are recommended by the program officers and approved by the executive director, expensed upon approval, and ratified by the Board of Trustees at the following board meeting. Grants that are cancelled or in excess of needed amounts are included as a reduction of grant expense in the year they are cancelled or returned.

Note 6 – Leases

The Foundation occupies office space in the Landmark Office Towers under a lease that terminates on December 31, 2018. Base annual rentals are \$120,080 for the remaining term of the lease, with escalation charges from these base rentals. There are renewal options for additional periods. Rental expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$148,228 and \$143,787, respectively.

The future minimum lease commitments under leases with terms in excess of one year are as follows:

2015	\$	127,585
2016		129,461
2017		131,337
2018		131,337
	\$	519,720

Note 7 – Net Assets

Net assets include two board-designated funds (principal and income), both of which consist entirely of unrestricted net assets. The principal fund consists of investments in securities and receives the realized and unrealized gains or losses on those assets. The income fund receives interest and dividends on the principal fund investments which are used for grants and administrative expenses. The statements of financial position included the following income fund accounts:

	2014	2013
Cash	\$ 588,719	\$ 2,023,249
Receivables	374,790	303,045
Other assets	64,834	57,708
Due to principal fund	(2,637,316)	(2,412,437)
Accounts payable	(811,293)	(745,782)
Grants payable	(13,647,695)	(12,881,455)
Deferred Federal excise tax	7,016	6,473
	\$ (16,060,945)	\$ (13,649,199)

The following is a summary of the changes in total net assets:

	2014	2013
Income fund	\$ (2,411,746)	\$ (3,548,342)
Principal fund	11,301,053	73,183,559
Increase in net assets	8,889,307	69,635,217
Net assets – beginning	511,729,108	442,093,891
Net assets – ending	\$ 520,618,415	\$ 511,729,108

The change in individual funds includes transfers by the Foundation of \$23,382,266 in 2014 and \$21,006,348 in 2013, respectively, from the principal fund to the income fund.

Note 8 – Employee Benefit Plan

The Foundation has an employee's tax-sheltered annuity plan for all eligible employees. Such a plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Employer contributions are required at 9% of the participants' compensation up to the social security wage base for the year, and 14.7% of the participant's compensation in excess of this wage base, with a limit of \$260,000 and \$255,000 of compensation for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Employer contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$126,837 and \$128,584, respectively. Participants are also permitted to make salary reduction contributions to the plan.

Note 9 – Excise Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC, but is subject to a 2% (1% if certain criteria are met) federal excise tax on net investment income, including net realized gains, as defined by the IRC.

Deferred federal excise taxes are provided on the unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments and interest and dividend income and certain expenses being reported for financial statement purposes in different periods than for tax purposes.

Current excise taxes were provided at 2% for 2014 and 2013, and deferred excise taxes were provided at 2% for both 2014 and 2013. The current and deferred portions of the excise tax provisions were \$914,430 and \$(49,410) respectively, netting to \$865,020 in 2014. The current and deferred portions of the excise tax provisions were \$1,150,331 and \$1,044,443, respectively, netting to \$2,194,774 in 2013.

The Organization follows the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, "Income Taxes," which provides guidance on the recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition issues. Management has evaluated and concluded that there were no material uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in the accompanying financial statements.

Accrued interest relating to uncertain tax positions would be recorded as a component of interest expense and penalties relating to uncertain tax positions would be recorded as a component of general and administrative expenses

The federal tax returns of the Organization for 2012, 2013, and 2014 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they were filed.

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events from the statement of financial position date through April 28, 2015.

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees, The George Gund Foundation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The George Gund Foundation (an Ohio private foundation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The George Gund Foundation at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Certified Public Accountants

Cleveland, Ohio
April 28, 2015

Grant Guidelines

The history of The George Gund Foundation reflects a deep commitment to place, to the Greater Cleveland community that was the home of its founder and that remains the Foundation's home. The Foundation's philanthropic stewardship of this region derives not just from our history, but also from our belief that Cleveland can continue to develop original responses to urban issues and from our hope that collaborations across boundaries can create a crucible of innovation in all fields of endeavor. Moreover, the urban emphasis of our work stems from a belief that thriving cities are among the nation's best hopes for addressing our essential problems. This focus is especially vital in an era of diminished government involvement in urban issues, intensifying globalization and heightened awareness of the central role of regions.

The Foundation's guidelines reflect our long-standing interests in the arts, economic development and community revitalization, education, environment and human services because these areas embrace most of the major issues that any community must address. While we continue to organize much of our work within these program areas, there is increasing awareness that many issues and, therefore, many grant proposals do not fit neatly into one program category. Indeed, the work of a growing number of nonprofit organizations brings together aspects of several of our core interests, and, as a result, we are becoming ever more interdisciplinary in our approach.

This is particularly evident with initiatives that aim to make Cleveland, and urban areas generally, more globally competitive, livable, sustainable and just. It is in this domain that the greatest need and maximum opportunity converge with the Foundation's primary interests, expertise and ongoing stewardship. We especially seek to support innovative ideas being pursued by creative and entrepreneurial organizations.

Our primarily urban focus motivates us to devote attention and resources to the illumination of policies that shape the issues we care about. National, state and local policymaking affects all of the Foundation's work and the work of the organizations we fund. Consequently, we feel a special obligation to support the nonpartisan voice of nonprofit advocacy in policy deliberations that directly relate to our program interests.

Global climate change is an urgent issue that cuts across all the Foundation's programs. Every organization and individual can help to address this problem. The Foundation takes seriously our own responsibility, and we want to hear from grant applicants what they are doing or considering to reduce or to eliminate their organizational impact on climate change. Our website includes links to helpful resources, and Foundation staff will assist grant seekers—both new and those of long standing—in all of our program areas with questions they may have.

Arts

The Foundation values and supports the role the arts play in making Cleveland and its region a more desirable place to live, encouraging the growth of a creative workforce, catalyzing development in our neighborhoods and serving as a bridge between various segments of the community. The Foundation encourages a lively, diverse arts community in Greater Cleveland by funding projects in the city and its first-ring suburbs that contribute to Cleveland's urban vitality, attract new audiences, expand artistic offerings and increase organizational capacity. We also try to balance continuing support that ensures the stability of Cleveland's arts institutions with funding for new initiatives, programs and organizations that foster creativity in our community. Arts education continues to be a priority, with a focus on curriculum-related partnerships between arts organizations and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. In addition, the Foundation seeks to advance the region's understanding of the importance of the arts by supporting the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture.

Economic Development & Community Revitalization

Sustaining uniquely urban assets such as vibrant neighborhoods and a thriving downtown is a key part of a successful regional strategy to promote economic growth. The Foundation devotes considerable attention to these dynamics, in particular by supporting collaborative efforts that leverage resources. As a result, the highest priority is given to initiatives that bolster the impact of Foundation-supported intermediary organizations working to improve the competitiveness of Cleveland's neighborhoods and its metropolitan region. Examples of such initiatives include quality urban planning and design, improvements to urban parks and public spaces, promotion of equal opportunity and diversity in housing and the workplace and proposals to redevelop Cleveland's downtown, neighborhoods and first-ring suburbs.

Education

Education is fundamental to success, and if Cleveland is to produce, attract and retain talent and be the thriving center of a robust regional economy, expectations about education must rise exponentially. Consequently, our Foundation's focus is on the transformation of public education in Cleveland in order to equip children from early childhood onward with the skills they ultimately will need to meet the demands of college, the 21st-century workplace and international standards. Our primary area of interest is the creation and support of new, innovative, excellent schools in Cleveland that drive autonomy and accountability to the school level and create different teaching and learning conditions to ensure student success. We support statewide policy and advocacy efforts in furtherance of this work, particularly as it relates to the importance of high-quality teachers and principals in every classroom and school. We also maintain a desire to support disadvantaged students through key transitions, especially to higher education.

Environment

Human well-being is inextricably linked to the quality of the environment. Urban areas bring this fact into sharp focus as historic disregard for the environment and modern development pressures create great challenges. Cleveland's relationship to these issues—and, therefore, its opportunity—are unique because the 1969 fire on the Cuyahoga River was a key factor in launching the modern environmental movement. The Foundation supports organizations that seek to build on that legacy in order to transform the community into a model of urban sustainability. The Foundation focuses on opportunities to take advantage of Cleveland's distinctive ecosystem to advance environmental improvements, promote alternatives to urban sprawl, devise innovative ways for cities to take a leading role in the fight against climate change and increase public awareness of environmental issues.

Human Services

Heightened focus on developing a more globally competitive city and region demands recognition that people are at the heart of this effort and that all segments of society can make constructive contributions. To maximize those contributions, direct attention must be paid to the needs of those most at risk of being left out of social and economic transformation. Building human capital begins at birth, and the Foundation pays special attention to the needs of Greater Cleveland's disadvantaged children through grants to support early childhood care and education, abuse prevention and improved foster care and adoption systems. In addition, the Foundation provides some support for the local "safety net" of food, clothing, shelter and access to health care. A closely related set of interests is reflected in the Foundation's desire to help vulnerable populations achieve access to health insurance, the legal system, community support following release from prison and safe and affordable reproductive health services.

The Foundation normally does not consider grants for endowments. Capital requests must meet the Foundation's program goals and also adhere to "green building" standards of environmental sustainability. Details on these requirements are available from the Foundation. Grants are not made for debt reduction or to fund benefit events.

The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, nor does it administer programs it supports. Grants are limited to organizations located in the United States.

The Foundation makes grants only to organizations that meet Internal Revenue Code requirements as nonprofit tax-exempt organizations and to qualified government units and agencies. Grant funds may not be used to participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Application Procedures

The Foundation encourages inquiries about the application of our funding guidelines to specific ideas in advance of the submission of formal proposals. Foundation staff welcome the opportunity to provide guidance, suggest alternatives and recommend partners.

Proposals are considered three times a year by the Foundation's Trustees. Deadlines for submitting proposals for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Trustees are March 15 (for summer meeting), July 15 (for fall meeting) and November 15 (for winter meeting). Proposals are due the next business day if a deadline falls on a weekend.

The Foundation now requires all applicants to use an online application form that is available at the Foundation's website, www.GundFoundation.org <<http://www.GundFoundation.org>> . Applicants will receive email notification of proposal receipt. Proposals should include the following information:

Organizational Background

History, mission, any current organizational issues, types of programs offered, constituencies served.

Project Description

Justification of need, specific goals and objectives, activities planned to meet goals and objectives, project time line, qualifications of key personnel, methods of evaluation.

Project Budget

Anticipated expenses, including details about how Foundation funds would be used, and anticipated income, including information about other sources approached for funding.

Organizational Budget

Previous and current year budget and proposed budget for project year(s), showing both income and expenses.

Required Supporting Documents

List of current trustees, most recent audited financial statement (if available). Arts organizations participating in the Ohio Cultural Data Project should submit the George Gund Foundation report available at www.OhCulturalData.org <<http://www.OhCulturalData.org>> .

All proposals must include a climate change statement, a brief explanation of what the organization is doing or considering to reduce or to eliminate its impact on climate change. The Foundation's website includes resources to assist grantees with this task.

Optional Supporting Documents

Letters of support, annual reports or brochures, media coverage.

Applicants with questions about grant application procedures should call the Foundation at 216.241.3114.

All proposals are screened and evaluated by the staff before presentation at Trustee meetings.

Grant seekers may obtain information about other foundation and corporate funding sources at the Foundation Center Library in Cleveland, 1422 Euclid Avenue, or by calling 800.424.9836 for the locations of other Foundation Center offices.

Trustees & Staff

Board of Trustees



Top from left: Catherine Gund, Secretary; Geoffrey Gund, President and Treasurer; Ann L. Gund, Vice President; Robyn Minter Smyers, Trustee; Lara Gund, Trustee beginning 2015.

Bottom from left: Randell McShepard, Trustee; Zachary Gund, Trustee; Anna Traggio, Trustee.

Not pictured: George Gund IV, Trustee, on leave of absence beginning July 2014.

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Credits & Downloads

The Photographs

Noted photojournalist David Burnett <<http://www.davidburnett.com/>> **has focused his well-traveled lens on the vitality and diversity of Cleveland’s rapidly growing cycling community. Burnett, who was named by American Photo magazine as one of the “100 Most Important People in Photography,” has spent more than four decades covering the news, the people and the visual tempo of our age. He is cofounder of the New York-based photojournalism agency Contact Press Images and winner of dozens of top awards. Burnett has traveled extensively throughout the world photographing a broad range of subjects, from napalm victims of the Vietnam War to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to reggae singer Bob Marley. His work has been published in many major publications and has been exhibited nationally and internationally.**

The Organizations

The Foundation would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for their assistance in making the photo essay in this report possible:

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Cleveland Metroparks <<http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Home.aspx>>
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Downloads

Visit our archives <<http://www.gundfoundation.org/news-and-publications/annual-reports>> containing George Gund Foundation annual reports from 1990 to 2014. Browse through selected photographs or download the complete reports in easy-to-access PDFs. The following documents can also be downloaded:

Text-Only 2014 Annual Report
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