

The Foundation Center's Fields of Interest/Subject Term/Recipient Type Authority List

28 Broad Fields of Interest

Agriculture/Food	Environment	Mental health/Crisis services	Safety/disasters
Animals/Wildlife	Health care	Mutual aid societies	Science
Arts/Humanities	Health organizations	Philanthropy/Voluntarism	Social sciences
Civil Rights	Housing/Shelter	Population groups	Unknown/not classified
Community development	Human services	Public affairs	Youth development
Crime/Law enforcement	International affairs	Recreation	
Education	International giving	Religion	
Employment	Medical research		

Agriculture/Food

Agriculture
Agriculture, farm bureaus/granges
Agriculture, farm cooperatives
Agriculture, farmlands
Agriculture/food
Agriculture, irrigation services
Agriculture, livestock issues
Agriculture, sustainable programs
Food banks
Food distribution, groceries on wheels
Food distribution, meals on wheels
Food services
Food services, agency eatery
Food services, commodity distribution
Food services, congregate meals
Home economics
Nutrition

Animals/Wildlife

Animal population control
Animal welfare
Animals/wildlife
Animals/wildlife, bird preserves
Animals/wildlife, clubs
Animals/wildlife, endangered species
Animals/wildlife, exhibition
Animals/wildlife, fisheries
Animals/wildlife, preservation/protection
Animals/wildlife, sanctuaries
Animals/wildlife, special services
Animals/wildlife, training
Aquariums
Veterinary medicine
Veterinary medicine, hospital
Zoos/zoological societies

Arts/Humanities

Art history
Arts
Arts, artist's services
Arts councils

Arts, cultural/ethnic awareness
Arts education
Arts, folk arts
Arts, multipurpose centers/programs
Arts, services
Historic preservation/historical societies
Historical activities
Historical activities, centennials
Historical activities, genealogy
Historical activities, war memorials
History/archaeology
Humanities
Language (classical)
Language (foreign)
Language/linguistics
Literature
Media/communications
Media, film/video
Media, journalism/publishing
Media, radio
Media, television
Museums
Museums (art)
Museums (children's)
Museums (ethnic/folk arts)
Museums (history)
Museums (marine/maritime)
Museums (natural history)
Museums (science/technology)
Museums (specialized)
Museums (sports/hobby)
Performing arts
Performing arts (multimedia)
Performing arts, ballet
Performing arts centers
Performing arts, choreography
Performing arts, circus arts
Performing arts, dance
Performing arts, education
Performing arts, music
Performing arts, music (choral)
Performing arts, music composition

Performing arts, music ensembles/groups
Performing arts, opera
Performing arts, orchestra (symphony)
Performing arts, theater
Performing arts, theater (musical)
Performing arts, theater (playwriting)
Philosophy/ethics
Planetarium
Theology
Visual arts
Visual arts, architecture
Visual arts, art conservation
Visual arts, ceramic arts
Visual arts, design
Visual arts, drawing
Visual arts, painting
Visual arts, photography
Visual arts, sculpture

Civil Rights

Children's rights
Civil liberties, advocacy
Civil liberties, death penalty issues
Civil liberties, due process
Civil liberties, first amendment
Civil liberties, freedom of information
Civil liberties, freedom of religion
Civil liberties, reproductive rights
Civil liberties, right to privacy
Civil liberties, right to life
Civil liberties, right to die
Civil rights
Civil rights, advocacy
Civil rights, aging
Civil rights, disabled
Civil rights, gays/lesbians
Civil rights, immigrants
Civil rights, minorities
Civil rights, race/intergroup relations
Civil rights, voter education
Civil rights, women
Patients' rights

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Community development

Business/industry
Business/industry, better business bureaus
Business/industry, trade boards
Community development
Community development, business promotion
Community development, citizen coalitions
Community development, civic centers
Community development, men's clubs
Community development, neighborhood associations
Community development, neighborhood development
Community development, public/private ventures
Community development, real estate
Community development, service clubs
Community development, small businesses
Community development, women's clubs
Economic development
Economic development, visitors/convention bureau/tourism promotion
Nonprofit management
Rural development
Social entrepreneurship
Urban/community development

Crime/Law enforcement

Courts/judicial administration
Crime/law enforcement
Crime/law enforcement, correctional facilities
Crime/law enforcement, counterterrorism
Crime/law enforcement, DWI
Crime/law enforcement, missing persons
Crime/law enforcement, police agencies
Crime/violence prevention
Crime/violence prevention, abuse prevention
Crime/violence prevention, child abuse
Crime/violence prevention, domestic violence
Crime/violence prevention, gun control
Crime/violence prevention, sexual abuse
Crime/violence prevention, youth
Dispute resolution
Legal services
Legal services, guardianship
Legal services, public interest law
Legal services, tenant law
Offenders/ex-offenders, bail issues
Offenders/ex-offenders, prison alternatives

Offenders/ex-offenders, probation/parole
Offenders/ex-offenders, rehabilitation
Offenders/ex-offenders, services
Offenders/ex-offenders, transitional care

Education

Adult/continuing education
Adult education—literacy, basic skills & GED
Business school/education
Child development, education
Dental school/education
Education
Education, alumni groups
Education, bilingual programs
Education, community/cooperative
Education, continuing education
Education, drop-out prevention
Education, early childhood education
Education, ESL programs
Education, gifted students
Education, PTA groups
Education, reading
Education, services
Education, special
Education, testing
Elementary school/education
Elementary/secondary education
Elementary/secondary school reform
Engineering school/education
Graduate/professional education
Graduate school reform
Health sciences school/education
Higher education, college
Higher education, college (community/junior)
Higher education reform
Higher education, university
Journalism school/education
Law school/education
Libraries (academic/research)
Libraries (law)
Libraries (medical)
Libraries (public)
Libraries (school)
Libraries (special)
Libraries, archives
Libraries/library science
Medical school/education
Nursing school/education
Public health school/education
Scholarships/financial aid
Secondary school/education
Social work school/education
Student services/organizations
Students, sororities/fraternities
Teacher school/education
Theological school/education
Vocational education
Vocational education, post-secondary

Vocational school reform
Vocational school, secondary

Employment

Employment
Employment, homebound work
Employment, job counseling
Employment, labor unions/organizations
Employment, retraining
Employment, services
Employment, sheltered workshops
Employment, training
Employment, vocational rehabilitation
Goodwill Industries

Environment

Botanical gardens
Botanical/horticulture/landscape services
Environment
Environment, air pollution
Environment, beautification programs
Environment, energy
Environment, forests
Environment, global warming
Environment, land resources
Environment, natural resources
Environment, noise pollution
Environment, plant conservation
Environment, pollution control
Environment, radiation control
Environment, recycling
Environment, toxics
Environment, waste management
Environment, water pollution
Environment, water resources
Environmental education
Horticulture/garden clubs
Landscaping

Health care

Art & music therapy
Dental care
End of life care
Health care
Health care, blood supply
Health care, burn centers
Health care, clinics/centers
Health care, cost containment
Health care, counseling/pastoral care
Health care, emergency transport services
Health care, EMS
Health care, financing
Health care, HMO financing
Health care, HMOs
Health care, home services
Health care, infants
Health care, insurance
Health care, organ/tissue banks

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Health care, patient services
Health care, rural areas
Health care, support services
Holistic medicine
Hospitals (general)
Hospitals (specialty)
Hospitals, intensive care
Medical care, bioethics
Medical care, community health systems
Medical care, in-patient care
Medical care, outpatient care
Medical care, rehabilitation
Nursing care
Nursing home/convalescent facility
Optometry/vision screening
Pharmacy/prescriptions
Physical therapy
Podiatry
Public health
Public health, bioterrorism
Public health, communicable diseases
Public health, environmental health
Public health, epidemiology
Public health, obesity
Public health, occupational health
Public health, physical fitness
Public health, STDs
Reproductive health
Reproductive health, abortion clinics/services
Reproductive health, family planning
Reproductive health, fertility
Reproductive health, OBGYN/birthing centers
Reproductive health, prenatal care
Reproductive health, sexuality education
Reproductive health, sterilization
Speech/hearing centers

Health organizations

AIDS
Alcoholism
Allergies
ALS
Alzheimer's disease
Anesthesiology
Arthritis
Asthma
Autism
Biomedicine
Brain disorders
Breast cancer
Cancer
Cancer, leukemia
Cerebral palsy
Chiropractic
Cystic fibrosis
Diabetes
Diagnostic imaging

Digestive diseases
Diseases (rare)
Down syndrome
Ear & throat diseases
Epilepsy
Eye diseases
Genetics/birth defects
Geriatrics
Health organizations
Heart & circulatory diseases
Hematology
Hemophilia
Immunology
Internal medicine
Kidney diseases
Learning disorders
Liver disorders
Lung diseases
Lupus
Multiple sclerosis
Muscular dystrophy
Myasthenia gravis
Nerve, muscle & bone diseases
Neuroscience
Obstetrics/gynecology
Organ diseases
Orthopedics
Parasitic diseases
Parkinson's disease
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacology
Prostate cancer
Sickle cell disease
Skin disorders
SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)
Spine disorders
Surgery
Tropical diseases

Housing/Shelter

Home accessibility modifications
Housing/shelter
Housing/shelter, aging
Housing/shelter, co-ops
Housing/shelter, development
Housing/shelter, expense aid
Housing/shelter, home owners
Housing/shelter, homeless
Housing/shelter, owner/renter issues
Housing/shelter, public housing
Housing/shelter, rehabilitation
Housing/shelter, repairs
Housing/shelter, search services
Housing/shelter, services
Housing/shelter, SROs
Housing/shelter, temporary shelter
Housing/shelter, tenants' organizations
Independent housing for people with disabilities

Human services

Aging, centers/services
American Red Cross
Benefits planning services
Child development, services
Children, adoption
Children, day care
Children, foster care
Children, services
Children/youth, services
Developmentally disabled, centers & services
Family resources and services, disability
Family services
Family services, adolescent parents
Family services, counseling
Family services, domestic violence
Family services, home/homemaker aid
Family services, parent education
Family services, single parents
Homeless, human services
Human services
Human services, emergency aid
Human services, financial counseling
Human services, gift distribution
Human services, mind/body enrichment
Human services, personal services
Human services, self-help groups
Human services, transportation
Human services, travelers' aid
Human services, victim aid
Independent living, disability
Minorities/immigrants, centers/services
Neighborhood centers
Personal assistance services (PAS)
Pregnancy centers
Residential/custodial care
Residential/custodial care, group home
Residential/custodial care, half-way house
Residential/custodial care, hospices
Residential/custodial care, senior continuing care
Residential/custodial care, special day care
Salvation Army
Self-advocacy services, disability
Supported living
Thrift shops
Transition planning
Urban League
Volunteers of America
Women, centers/services
YM/YWCAs & YM/YWHAs
Youth, pregnancy prevention
Youth, services

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International affairs

International affairs
International affairs, arms control
International affairs, foreign policy
International affairs, goodwill promotion
International affairs, national security
International affairs, U.N.
International agricultural development
International conflict resolution
International democracy & civil society development
International development
International economic development
International economics/trade policy
International exchange
International exchange, arts
International exchange, students
International human rights
International migration/refugee issues
International peace/security
International relief
International relief, 2004 tsunami
International terrorism

International giving

Afghanistan
Africa
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Anguilla
Antarctica
Antigua & Barbuda
Arctic Region
Argentina
Armenia
Aruba
Asia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bermuda
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bonaire
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia

Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Caribbean
Caroline Islands
Cayman Islands
Central Africa
Central African Republic
Central America
Chad
Chile
China
China & Mongolia
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cuba
Curacao
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Developing countries
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Eastern Europe
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
England
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Europe
Fiji
Finland
France
French Guiana
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia (Republic of)
Germany
Ghana
Gilbert Islands
Gibraltar
Global programs
Greece
Greenland
Grenada
Guadaloupe
Guatemala
Guernsey
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland

India
Indian Subcontinent & Afghanistan
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Ireland
Isle of Man
Israel
Italy
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Latin America
Latvia
Lebanon
Leeward Islands
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marianas
Marshall Islands
Martinique
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Middle East
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar (Burma)
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
Netherlands Antilles
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
North Korea
Northeast Africa

Fields of Interest/Subject Term/Recipient Type Authority List

Northern Ireland
Norway
Oceania
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peoples Dem. Rep. of Yemen
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Saint Kitts-Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Samoa
Saudi Arabia
Scandinavia
Scotland
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South America
South Korea
Southeast Asia
Southern Africa
Soviet Union (Former)
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sub-Saharan Africa
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Tahiti
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Turks & Caicos Islands
Tuvalu
Uganda

Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Vatican City
Venda
Venezuela
Vietnam
Wales
West Bank/Gaza
Western Africa
Western Samoa
Yemen Arab Republic
Yugoslavia
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Medical research

AIDS research
Alcoholism research
Allergies research
ALS research
Alzheimer's disease research
Anesthesiology research
Arthritis research
Asthma research
Autism research
Biomedicine research
Brain research
Breast cancer research
Cancer, leukemia research
Cancer research
Cerebral palsy research
Chiropractic research
Cystic fibrosis research
Diabetes research
Diagnostic imaging research
Digestive disorders research
Diseases (rare) research
Down syndrome research
Ear & throat research
Epilepsy research
Eye research
Genetics/birth defects research
Geriatrics research
Heart & circulatory research
Hematology research
Hemophilia research
Immunology research
Internal medicine research
Kidney research
Learning disorders research
Liver research
Lung research
Lupus research
Medical research
Medical specialty research
Multiple sclerosis research
Muscular dystrophy research

Myasthenia gravis research
Nerve, muscle & bone research
Neuroscience research
Obstetrics/gynecology research
Organ research
Orthopedics research
Parasitic diseases research
Parkinson's disease research
Pathology research
Pediatrics research
Pharmacology research
Prostate cancer research
Sickle cell research
SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) research
Skin disorders research
Spine disorders research
Surgery research
Tropical diseases research

Mental health/Crisis services

Hospitals (psychiatric)
Mental health, addictions
Mental health, association
Mental health, clinics
Mental health, counseling/support groups
Mental health/crisis services
Mental health/crisis services, hot-lines
Mental health/crisis services, rape victim services
Mental health/crisis services, suicide
Mental health, depression
Mental health, disorders
Mental health, eating disorders
Mental health, gambling addiction
Mental health, grief/bereavement counseling
Mental health, residential care
Mental health, schizophrenia
Mental health, smoking
Mental health, stress
Mental health, transitional care
Mental health, treatment
Substance abuse, prevention
Substance abuse, services
Substance abuse, treatment

Mutual aid societies

Cemeteries/burial services
Cemeteries/burial services, burial association
Cemeteries/burial services, cemetery company
Fraternal societies
Fraternal societies (501(c)(8))
Fraternal societies (501(c)(9))
Fraternal societies (501(c)(11))
Insurance (benevolent life)
Insurance (group)
Insurance (mutual)
Insurance, providers

Fields of Interest/Subject Term/Recipient Type Authority List

Insurance, unemployment compensation

Mutual aid societies

Pensions

Pensions, employee trusts

Pensions, multi-employer plans

Pensions, teacher funds

Philanthropy/Voluntarism

Federated giving programs

Foundations (community)

Foundations (corporate)

Foundations (non-grantmaking, non-operating)

Foundations (private grantmaking)

Foundations (private independent)

Foundations (private operating)

Foundations (public)

Jewish federated giving programs

Philanthropy/voluntarism

Protestant federated giving programs

Religious federated giving programs

Roman Catholic federated giving programs

Venture philanthropy

Voluntarism promotion

Population groups

African Americans/Blacks

Aging

AIDS, people with

Asians/Pacific Islanders

Blind/visually impaired

Boys

Children

Children/youth

Crime/abuse victims

Deaf/hearing impaired

Disabilities, people with

Drug abusers *use Substance abusers*

Economically disadvantaged

Girls

Hispanics/Latinos

Homeless

Immigrants/refugees

Infants/toddlers

LGBTQ

Men

Mentally disabled

Migrant workers

Military/veterans

Minorities

Native Americans/American Indians

Offenders/ex-offenders

People with AIDS (PWAs)

Physically disabled

Single parents

Substance abusers

Terminal illness, people with

Veterans *use Military/veterans*

Women

Youth

Public affairs

Accessibility/universal design

Campaign finance reform

Consumer protection

Financial services

Financial services, credit unions

Government

Government, federal

Government, local

Government, quasi-governmental

Government, state

Government, tribal

Government/public administration

Leadership development

Military/veterans' organizations

Public affairs

Public affairs, citizen participation

Public affairs, election regulation

Public affairs, finance

Public affairs, government agencies

Public affairs, political organizations

Public policy, research

Telecommunications

Telecommunications, electronic messaging services

Telecommunications, mutual/co-op

Transportation

Utilities

Welfare policy/reform

Recreation

Athletics/sports, academies

Athletics/sports, amateur competition

Athletics/sports, amateur leagues

Athletics/sports, baseball

Athletics/sports, basketball

Athletics/sports, equestrianism

Athletics/sports, fishing/hunting

Athletics/sports, football

Athletics/sports, golf

Athletics/sports, Olympics

Athletics/sports, professional leagues

Athletics/sports, school programs

Athletics/sports, racquet sports

Athletics/sports, soccer

Athletics/sports, Special Olympics

Athletics/sports, training

Athletics/sports, water sports

Athletics/sports, winter sports

Recreation

Recreation, adaptive sports

Recreation, camps

Recreation, centers

Recreation, community facilities

Recreation, country clubs

Recreation, fairs/festivals

Recreation, parks/playgrounds

Recreation, social clubs

Religion

Bahai

Buddhism

Christian agencies & churches

Confucianism

Hinduism

Islam

Jewish agencies & temples

Mormon agencies & churches

Orthodox Catholic agencies & churches

Protestant agencies & churches

Religion

Religion, interfaith issues

Roman Catholic agencies & churches

Spirituality

Safety/disasters

Disasters, 9/11/01

Disasters, civil defense

Disasters, domestic resettlement

Disasters, fire prevention/control

Disasters, floods

Disasters, Hurricane Katrina

Disasters, preparedness/services

Disasters, search/rescue

Safety, automotive safety

Safety, disasters

Safety, education

Safety, first aid training

Safety, poisons

Science

Anatomy (animal)

Anatomy (human)

Assistive technology

Astronomy

Biological sciences

Botany

Chemistry

Computer science

Engineering

Engineering/technology

Geology

Marine science

Mathematics

Physical/earth sciences

Physics

Science

Space/aviation

Social sciences

American studies

Anthropology/sociology

Black studies

Economics

Ethnic studies

Gerontology

International studies

Labor studies

Law/international law

Paranormal/mystic studies

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Political science
Population studies
Poverty studies
Psychology/behavioral science
Rural studies
Social sciences
Social sciences, interdisciplinary studies
Urban studies
Women's studies

Unknown/not classified

Unknown/not classified

Youth development

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Boy scouts
Boys & girls clubs
Boys clubs
Camp Fire
Girl scouts
Girls clubs
Youth development
Youth development, adult & child programs
Youth development, agriculture
Youth development, business

Youth development, centers/clubs
Youth development, citizenship
Youth development, community service clubs
Youth development, intergenerational programs
Youth development, religion
Youth development, scouting agencies (general)
Youth development, services

The Foundation Center's Types of Support Authority List

Annual campaigns: Any organized effort by a nonprofit to secure gifts on an annual basis; also called annual appeals.

Awards/prizes/competitions: Grants for artists' awards, prizes, competitions, housing, living space, and work space.

Building/renovation: Grants for constructing, renovating, remodeling, or rehabilitating property. Includes general or unspecified capital support awards.

Capital campaigns: Campaigns to raise funds for a variety of long-term purposes such as building construction or acquisition, endowments, land acquisition, etc.

Cause-related marketing: The practice of linking gifts to charity with marketing promotions. This may involve donating products that will then be auctioned or given away in a drawing with the proceeds benefiting a charity. The advertising campaign for the product will be combined with the promotion for the charity. In other cases it may be advertised that when a customer buys the product a certain amount of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

Collections acquisition: Grants to libraries or museums to acquire permanent materials as part of a collection, usually books or art.

Collections management/preservation: Grants for maintenance, preservation, and conservation of materials.

Commissioning new works: Grants to support the creation of new artistic works.

Computer systems/equipment: Grants to purchase or develop automated systems.

Conferences/seminars: Includes workshops.

Consulting services: Professional staff support provided by the foundation to a nonprofit to consult on a project of mutual interest or to evaluate services (not a cash grant).

Continuing support: Grant renewed on a regular basis.

Curriculum development: Awards to schools, colleges, universities, and educational support organizations to develop general or discipline-specific curricula.

Debt reduction: Grant to reduce the recipient organization's indebtedness; also referred to as deficit financing. Frequently refers to mortgage payments.

Donated equipment: Surplus furniture, office machines, paper, appliances, laboratory apparatus, or other items that may be given to charities, schools, or hospitals.

Donated land: Land or developed property. Institutions of higher education often receive gifts of real estate; land has also been given to community groups for housing development or for parks or recreational facilities.

Donated products: Companies sometimes give away what they make or produce. Product donations may include periodic clothing donations to a shelter for the homeless or regular donations of pharmaceuticals to a health clinic resulting in a reliable supply.

Electronic media/online services: Grants for support of projects on the Internet and World Wide Web, including online publications and databases, development of Web sites, electronic networking and messaging services, CD-ROM products, and interactive educational programs.

Emergency funds: One-time grants to cover the immediate short-term funding needs of a recipient organization on an emergency basis.

Employee matching gifts: Usually made by corporate foundations to match gifts made by corporate employees.

Employee volunteer services: Effort through which a company promotes involvement with nonprofits on the part of employees.

Employee-related scholarships: Scholarship programs funded by a company-sponsored foundation usually for children of employees; programs are frequently administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation which is responsible for selection of scholars.

Endowments: Bequests or gifts intended to be kept permanently and invested to provide income for continued support of an organization.

Equipment: Grants to purchase equipment, furnishings, or other materials.

Exchange programs: Usually refers to funds for educational exchange programs for foreign students.

Exhibitions: Awards to institutions such as museums, libraries or historical societies specifically to mount an exhibit or to support the installation of a touring exhibit.

Faculty/staff development: Grants to institutions or organizations to train or further educate staff or faculty members.

Fellowships: Usually indicates funds awarded to educational institutions to support fellowship programs. A few foundations award fellowships directly to individuals.

Film/video/radio: Grants to fund a specific film, video, or radio production.

Type of Support Authority List

General/operating support: Grants for the day-to-day operating costs of an existing program or organization or to further the general purpose or work of an organization; also called “unrestricted grants.”

Grants to individuals: These are awards given directly to individuals, not through other nonprofit organizations. Many grantmakers have a specific limitation stating “no grants to individuals.” In order to make grants to individuals, a foundation must have a program that has received formal IRS approval.

In-kind gifts: Contributions of equipment, supplies, or other property as distinct from monetary grants.

Income development: Grants for fundraising, marketing, and to expand audience base.

Internship funds (institutional support): Funds awarded to an institution or organization to support an internship program, rather than a grant to an individual.

Land acquisition: Grants to purchase real estate property.

Loaned talent: Usually involves employee-loaned professionals and executive staff who are helping a nonprofit in an area involving their particular skills.

Management development/capacity building: Grants for salaries, staff support, staff training, strategic and long-range planning, capacity building, budgeting and accounting.

Matching/challenge support: Grants to match funds provided by another donor and grants paid only if the donee is able to raise additional funds from another source.

Performance/productions: Grants to cover costs specifically associated with mounting performing arts productions.

Professorships: Grants to educational institutions to endow a professorship or chair.

Program development: Grants to support specific projects or programs as opposed to general purpose grants.

Program evaluation: Grants to evaluate a specific project or program; includes awards both to agencies to pay for evaluation costs and to research institutes and other program evaluators.

Program-related investments/loans: Loans or other investments (as distinguished from grants) to organizations to finance projects related to the foundation’s stated charitable purpose and interests.

Public relations services: May include printing and duplicating, audio-visual and graphic arts services, helping to plan special events such as festivals, piggyback advertising (advertisements that mention a company while also promoting a nonprofit), and public service advertising.

Publication: Grants to fund reports or other publications issued by a nonprofit resulting from research or projects of interest to the foundation.

Research: Funds to cover the costs of investigations and clinical trials, including demonstration and pilot projects. (Research grants for individuals are usually referred to as “fellowships.”)

Scholarship funds (institutional support): Grants to educational institutions or organizations to support a scholarship program, mainly for students at the undergraduate level; the donee institution then distributes the funds to individuals through their own programs.

Scholarships to individuals: These are funds awarded directly to individuals through programs administered by the grantmaker.

Seed money: Grants to start, establish, or initiate new projects or organizations; may cover salaries and other operating expenses of a new project. Also called “start-up funds.”

Sponsorships: Endorsements of charities by corporations, or corporate contributions to charitable events.

Student aid (institutional support): Assistance in the form of educational grants, loans, or scholarships.

Student loans to individuals: These are loans distributed directly to individuals through programs administered by the grantmaker.

Technical assistance: Operational or management assistance given to nonprofit organizations, including fundraising assistance, budgeting and financial planning, program planning, legal advice, marketing, and other aids to management.

Use of facilities: May include rent-free office space for temporary periods, dining and meeting facilities, telecommunications services, mailing services, transportation services, or computer services.