

## 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, orchestras  
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, race/intergroup relations  
Civil rights, voter education  
Civil/human rights  
Civil/human rights, advocacy  
Civil/human rights, aging  
Civil/human rights, disabled  
Civil/human rights, immigrants  
Civil/human rights, LGBTQ  
Civil/human rights, minorities  
Civil/human rights, women  
Patients' rights

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### Community development

Business/industry  
Business/industry, better business bureaus  
Business/industry, trade boards  
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  
Community/economic development  
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  
Charter schools  
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

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Health care, organ/tissue banks  
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  
Palliative care  
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, nose & 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**

Anti-slavery/human trafficking  
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  
British Virgin Islands  
Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso

Burma (Myanmar)  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Caribbean  
Caroline Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Central Africa  
Central Africa Republic  
Central America  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
China & Mongolia  
Colombia  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Comoros  
Congo  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cuba  
Curacao  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Denmark  
Developing countries  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Eastern & Central Europe  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
England  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Europe  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
French Guiana  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Georgia (Republic of)  
Germany  
Ghana  
Gibraltar  
Global programs  
Greece  
Greenland  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Guatemala  
Guernsey  
Guinea

Guinea-Bissau  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Hong Kong  
Hungary  
Iceland  
India  
Indonesia  
Iran  
Iraq  
Ireland  
Isle of Man  
Israel  
Italy  
Ivory Coast  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Jersey  
Jordan  
Kazakhstan  
Kenya  
Kiribati  
Kosovo  
Kuwait  
Kyrgyzstan  
Laos  
Latin America  
Latvia  
Lebanon  
Leeward Islands  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macau  
Macedonia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Mali  
Malta  
Marshall Islands  
Martinique  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Middle East  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
Montserrat  
Morocco and the Western Sahara  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Nauru  
Nepal  
Netherlands  
Netherlands Antilles

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New Caledonia  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Nigeria  
North Africa  
North Korea  
Northern Ireland  
Norway  
Oceania  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Palau  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Qatar  
Romania  
Russia  
Rwanda  
Saint Kitts-Nevis  
Saint Lucia  
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines  
Samoa  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Saudi Arabia  
Scandinavia  
Scotland  
Senegal  
Serbia  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia, Somaliland and Puntland  
South Africa  
South America  
South Asia  
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, Zanzibar and Pemba  
Thailand

Togo  
Tonga  
Trinidad & Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Turks & Caicos Islands  
Tuvalu  
Uganda  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Vanuatu  
Vatican City  
Venezuela  
Vietnam  
Wales  
West Bank/Gaza  
Western Africa  
Yemen  
Yugoslavia (Former)  
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, nose & 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))

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Fraternal societies (501(c)(9))  
Fraternal societies (501(c)(11))  
Insurance (benevolent life)  
Insurance (group)  
Insurance (mutual)  
Insurance, providers  
Insurance, unemployment  
    compensation  
Mutual aid societies  
Pensions  
Pensions, employee trusts  
Pensions, multi-employer plans  
Pensions, teacher funds

### Philanthropy/Voluntarism

Catholic federated giving programs  
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  
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  
Indigenous peoples  
Infants/toddlers  
Infants/toddlers, female  
Infants/toddlers, male  
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  
Electronic communication  
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, 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  
Catholic agencies & churches  
Christian agencies & churches  
Confucianism  
Hinduism  
Islam  
Jewish agencies & synagogues  
Mormon agencies & churches  
Orthodox agencies & churches  
Protestant agencies & churches  
Religion  
Religion, interfaith issues  
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

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Economics  
Ethnic studies  
Gerontology  
International studies  
Labor studies  
Law/international law  
Paranormal/mystic studies  
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

**Advocacy:** Cash grants for services related to advocacy, including advocating for better assistance in various program areas (for example school reform, full access to health care, legal reform, environmental clean up work, etc.) and providing assistance in planning advocacy campaigns.

**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.

**Business startups/expansion:** An area of activity supported by the investments of foundations or funders, the purpose of which is to stimulate the business sector.

**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.

**Charitable use real estate:** Program-related investments in properties that are used for charitable purposes. In most cases, a property such as a building is held by a foundation, which in turn donates or leases it at below market rates to a nonprofit organization. In other cases, a property consists of either land or buildings that are held for a period of time by a foundation and then either given away as a grant or sold to a nonprofit or to a government agency.

**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.



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**Equity investments:** An ownership position in an organization or venture taken through an investment. Returns on the investment are dependent on the profitability of the organization or venture.

**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.

**Foundation-administered programs:** Funds expended for programs administered by the foundation.

**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.

**Interim financing (bridge loans, cash flow financing):** Short-term loan to provide temporary financing until more permanent financing is available.

**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.

**Line of credit:** Agreement by a bank that a company may borrow at any time up to an established limit.

**Linked deposits (usually CDs):** A deposit in an account with a financial institution to induce that institution's support for one or more projects. By accruing no interest or low interest on its deposit, a foundation essentially subsidizes the interest rate of the project borrowers.

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

**Loans to individuals:** Assistance distributed directly to individuals in the form of loans.

**Loans for loan funds:** Funding for nonprofit or for-profit institutions that have specialized lending capacities. They obtain capital in the form of equity and low-interest loans (Program-related investments) from a variety of sources, including foundations and other funders, to form a “lending pool.”

**Loans/promissory notes:** See “Program-related investments/loans.”

**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.

**Mortgage financing:** Funds to lending organizations providing low-interest mortgages to needy individuals.

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

**Pro Bono Services:** Pro bono services rendered by a company, professional services firm, intermediary, association or individual professional leveraging the core competencies and expertise of the professional(s) engaged to meet the client's need.

**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.”)

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**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.