FOUNDATIONS

INDEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation currently makes grants in five core program areas: higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the environment, and public affairs. www.mellon.org

Annie E. Casey Foundation
The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) works to build better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today’s vulnerable children and families. www.aecf.org

The Annenberg Foundation
The Annenberg Foundation is the successor corporation to the Annenberg School at Radnor, Pennsylvania established by Walter H. Annenberg. It exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. As the principal means of achieving its goal, the Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge. www.annenbergfoundation.org

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, a philanthropic nonprofit institution based in New York City, was established by Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr., then President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Motors Corporation. The Foundation's programs and interests fall into the following areas: basic research, science education, public understanding of science, economic performance and quality of life, as well as select national issues and civic initiatives. www.sloan.org

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
The Gates Foundation was created through the merger of the Gates Learning Foundation, which worked to expand access to technology through public libraries, and the William H. Gates Foundation, which focused on improving global health. The Gates Foundation currently makes grants within their global development program, global health program, and their United States program. www.gatesfoundation.org

The Bradley Foundation
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation is devoted to strengthening American democratic capitalism and the institutions, principles, and values that sustain and nurture it. Its programs support limited, competent government; a dynamic marketplace for economic, intellectual, and cultural activity; and a vigorous defense, at home and abroad, of American ideas and institutions. www.bradleyfdn.org

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Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation
The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation supports research and higher education programs that analyze the impact of free societies, in particular how they advance the well-being of mankind. Building on this knowledge, the Charles Koch Foundation fosters the partnership of scientists and practitioners in order to integrate theory and practice. By doing so, the Foundation strives to develop market-based tools that enable individuals, institutions, and societies to survive and prosper. www.charleskochfoundation.org

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation affirms its founder’s vision of a world in which each of us is in partnership with the rest of the human race where each individual’s quality of life is connected to the well-being of the community, both locally and globally. They pursue this vision through creative grant-making, thoughtful communication and other activities that enhance community in its many forms. www.mott.org

Charles H. Revson Foundation
The Charles H. Revson Foundation, founded with a commitment to “the spread of knowledge” and “the improvement of human life,” makes grants in the areas of: urban affairs, education, biomedical research policy, and Jewish philanthropy and education. www.revsonfoundation.org

Chicago Community Trust
The Chicago Community Trust seeks to encourage the philanthropic field to advance the contributions and address the needs of the world’s growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. With a core focus on the United States, the Trust provides grant makers with opportunities for learning, networking, and collaboration, as well as information resources. www.cct.org

Clinton Foundation
Prominent international foundation based in New York which makes grants in the following areas: HIV/malaria, climate change, childhood obesity, promoting economic opportunity, creating and enabling sustainable growth worldwide, inspiring service, and transforming service. www.clintonfoundation.org

David and Lucile Packard Foundation
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation supports leaders and institutions working to achieve a biologically rich, sustainable world where all families can plan for their children and all children reach their potential. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the following program areas: conservation and science; population; children, families, and communities. www.packard.org

Ford Foundation
The Ford Foundation provides support for the advancement of democratic and accountable government, economic fairness, educational opportunity and scholarship, freedom of expression, human rights, metropolitan opportunity, sexuality and reproductive health and rights, and sustainable development. Its headquarters are in New York and has offices in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Russia. www.fordfound.org

MacArthur Foundation
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation, and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society. It makes grants and loans through its international programs; its US programs; media, culture and special initiatives; and the MacArthur Fellows Program. www.macfound.org
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation concentrates on assisting people in the Southeast to build just and caring communities that nurture people, spur enterprise, bridge differences, foster fairness, and promote civility. www.mrbf.org

Northwest Area Foundation
The Northwest Area Foundation is committed to helping communities reduce poverty. They work with communities in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, providing knowledge, financial resources, products, and services. More specifically, their grants align with three interconnected, mutually reinforcing outcomes: increased assets and wealth among people with low incomes; increased capacity and leadership to reduce poverty; improved public policy solutions to reduce poverty. www.nwaf.org

New York Community Trust
The New York area’s community foundation, The Trust currently manages $2 billion in charitable assets, made up of more than 2,000 funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. Their goal is to help charitable New Yorkers make a meaningful difference. www.nycommunitytrust.org

Open Society Foundations
The Open Society Foundations seek to protect and improve the lives of people in marginalized communities. To achieve this mission, the Foundations work to foster change through grant making and advocacy in the areas of education and youth; governance and accountability; health, rights, and justice; and media and information. www.opensocietyfoundations.org

Otto Bremer Foundation
The mission of the Otto Bremer Foundation is to assist people in achieving full economic, civic and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. www.ottobremer.org

The Pew Charitable Trusts
The Pew Charitable Trusts serves the public interest by providing information, policy solutions and support for civic life. Based in Philadelphia, with an office in Washington, DC, the Trusts make investments to provide organizations and citizens with fact-based research and practical solutions for challenging issues across three overarching areas of interest: improving public policy; informing the public; stimulating civic life. www.pewtrusts.org

Public Welfare Foundation
Based in DC, the Public Welfare Foundation is a non-governmental grant-making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Grants have been awarded in the areas of criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly and youth, environment, population, health, community and economic development, human rights, and technology assistance. www.publicwelfare.org

Rockefeller Foundation
The Rockefeller Foundation is a knowledge-based global foundation with a commitment to enrich and sustain the lives and livelihoods of poor and excluded people throughout the world. Its current efforts work to ensure basic survival safeguards, global health, protect the environment, promote urbanization, and ensure economic and social security. www.rockefellerfoundation.org
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation works to improve the health and healthcare of all Americans. www.rwjf.org

The Starr Foundation
The Starr Foundation currently has assets of approximately $1.25 billion, making it one of the largest private foundations in the United States. It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, human needs, public policy, culture, and the environment. www.starrfoundation.org

Smith Richardson Foundation
The mission of the Smith Richardson Foundation is to contribute to important public debates and to help address serious public policy challenges facing the United States. The Foundation seeks to help ensure the vitality of American social, economic, and governmental institutions. It also seeks to assist with the development of effective policies to compete internationally and to advance US interests and values abroad. www.srf.org

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to apply knowledge to solve the problems of people. Since its beginning the Foundation has continuously focused on building the capacity of individuals, communities, and institutions to solve their own problems. www.wkkf.org

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation is helping to reduce global poverty, limiting the risk of climate change, improving education for students in California and elsewhere, improving reproductive health and rights worldwide, supporting vibrant performing arts in our community, advancing the field of philanthropy, and supporting disadvantaged communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Foundation is primarily interested in solving social and environmental problems. www.hewlett.org

CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

Avon Foundation
The Avon Foundation is a public charity that acts as the philanthropic arm of the Avon Corporation. Its mission is to improve the lives of women and their families with specific focus on supporting economic development, funding access to care, and finding a cure for breast cancer. Avon is committed to being the world's largest women's foundation. www.avonfoundation.org

Blue Shield of California Foundation
Blue Shield of California Foundation is funded entirely by contributions from Blue Shield of California, a mission-based, not-for-profit health plan founded by physicians in 1939. It seeks to Improve the lives of Californians, particularly underserved populations, by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable for all Californians, and by ending domestic violence. www.blueshieldcafoundation.org

Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
The mission of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is to help reduce health disparities by strengthening community-based health care worker capacity, integrating medical care and community-based supportive services, and mobilizing communities in the fight against disease. www.bms.com/foundation
Emerson Charitable Trust
The Emerson Charitable Trust Foundation provides financial assistance and other support to local organizations in the United States that improve and enrich lives, promote volunteerism, sponsor education, and provide services to those in need. www.emerson.com

General Mills Foundation
General Mills is one of the largest food companies in the world, dealing with sales in US retail, international sales, bakeries and food services, and joint ventures for community improvement with other likeminded foundations. www.generalmills.com/Responsibility/general-mills-foundation

IBM
IBM is a large corporate contributor of cash, equipment, and people to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions across the US and around the world. In all its efforts, IBM helps people use information technology to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. It counts education as the top priority in its philanthropic efforts. www.ibm.com

JPMorgan Foundation
The JPMorgan Chase Foundation directs the majority of its time, attention, and investment toward specific neighborhoods in cities where they have major operations. These neighborhoods are typically among the most challenged areas of major urban centers, defined by unacceptably high rates of poverty and historic disinvestment. To accomplish this, JPMorgan is working with best-in-class community-based partners and investing in education and arts and culture. www.jpmorgan.com

Macy's Foundation
The Macy's Foundation issues grants that are focused in the categories of arts and culture, education, the environment, HIV/AIDS and women's issues. In 2011, Macy's contributed more than $26 million to more than 4,500 nonprofit organizations. www.macysinc.com/community

MetLife Foundation
The MetLife Foundation was created in 1976 by MetLife to continue its longstanding tradition of contributions and community involvement. The goal is to empower people to lead healthy, productive lives and strengthen communities. Underlying the Foundation's programs is a focus on education at all ages and a commitment to increasing access and opportunity. The Foundation makes grants in health, education, civic affairs and culture. www.metlife.com

Motorola Mobility Foundation
Motorola Mobility seeks to benefit the communities where it operates around the world. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships, fostering innovation, and engaging stakeholders. Their funding is focused on education, community, health and wellness, and disaster response. www.motorola.com/us/about/motorola-mobility-foundation

Pfizer
Pfizer is one of the world's largest biomedical research and pharmaceutical companies with 122,000 employees in over 150 countries. Citizenship defines its role in local and global communities and how it strives to conduct business responsibly. For that reason, Pfizer integrates citizenship throughout the entire company. www.pfizer.com/purpose
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

Aga Khan Foundation Canada
Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AGFC) is a nonprofit international foundation that supports social development programs in Asia and Africa. As a member of the Aga Khan Development Network, AKFC works to address the root causes of poverty and focuses on four core program areas: health, education, rural development and building the capacity of non-governmental organizations. www.akfc.ca

Brazil Foundation
The Brazil Foundation focuses on generating resources for projects that enable improvement of social and economic conditions of Brazilians. The organization operates in the fields of social welfare, health, education, and human rights. The Brazil Foundation maintains an office in New York as well as Brazil. www.brazilfoundation.org

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal)
Founded by its namesake, The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is based in Lisbon and is dedicated to advancement in the fields of the arts, health (officially called “charity”), education, and science. Working worldwide through a broad range of both direct activities and grant initiatives, the foundation also supports a wide range of museums and cinemas in Lisbon. Its endowment is approximately $3.5 billion. www.gulbenkian.pt

Fundacion Miguel Aleman AC (Mexico)
Founded in 1984, Fundacion Miguel Aleman AC is active throughout Mexico promoting and supporting humanitarian activities, tourism development, health and ecological issues, and technological advances in agriculture. It has net assets of approximately US $1.6 million. www.miguelaleman.org

Garfield Weston Foundation (UK)
The Garfield Weston Foundation is based in London, but works closely with its partner organization, the W. Garfield Weston Foundation, based in Toronto. Together the organizations provide grants concentrated in the following six categories: arts, community, education, welfare, medical, religion, youth, and environment. Today, the foundation provides grants in excess of £30mm annually and has an endowment of approximately $6.5 billion. www.garfieldweston.org

Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (Sweden)
The Wallenberg foundation, established with an initial grant of SEK 20 million, is based in Stockholm. Its focus is in grants for scientific research and education at Swedish universities, institutes, and other academic units as well as grants for critical infrastructure projects. Currently, it is endowed with $5.3 billion. www.wallenberg.com

The Li Ka Shing Foundation (Hong Kong)
Founded by Hong Kong entrepreneur Li Ka Shing with an endowment of approximately $8.3 billion, the mission of the foundation is to nurture “a culture of giving”. To do this, the Li Ka Shing Foundation supports capacity building through education, improved medical services and healthcare, as well as through culture support and community development projects. To date, it has donated over $1.6 billion worldwide. www.lksf.org
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (UAE)
The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation was established in 2007 with a $10 billion donation by the foundation’s namesake, the President of the UAE and constitutional monarch of Dubai. The aim of the foundation is to bridge the knowledge gap between the Arab region and the developed world, improving the standard of education and research in the region, developing leadership programs for youth, and stimulating job creation. https://mbrf.ae/en

Robert Bosch Foundation (Germany)
The Robert Bosch Foundation was capitalized with stock from Robeart Bosch GmbH. It has an endowment of $6.9 billion supporting the philanthropic efforts of its founder, Robert Bosch. The foundation focuses in the areas of health, education, training, support for gifted children, and international reconciliation. www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/index.asp

Stichting INGKA Foundation (Netherlands)
Established by the founder of IKEA, Ingvar Kampard (and therefore commonly referred to as the IKEA Foundation), yet based in the Netherlands, the Stichting INGKA Foundation is endowed with approximately $36 billion. Working worldwide to donate over EUR 65 million annually, the IKEA Foundation is active in the areas of health, education, women’s rights and empowerment, and in support of victims of conflict and natural disasters. www.ikeafoundation.org

The Tony Elumelu Foundation (Nigeria)
The Tony Elumelu Foundation is an Africa-based and African-funded nonprofit institution dedicated to the promotion and celebration of excellence in business leadership and entrepreneurship across Africa. The foundation aims to cause the economic transformation of Africa by enhancing the competitiveness and growth of the African private sector. www.tonyelumelufoundation.org

Wellcome Trust (UK)
The Wellcome Trust was founded in 1936 to improve human and animal health worldwide. As such, its stated goal is to “achieve extraordinary improvements in health by supporting the brightest minds” primarily in the biomedical sciences and by improving public understanding of the sciences. Currently, its endowment is approximately $22 billion and it is based in London. www.wellcome.ac.uk