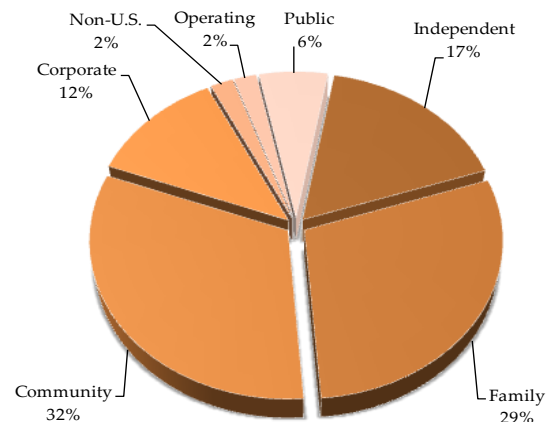


Who We Are

The Council on Foundations is a national nonprofit association of nearly 1,800 grantmaking foundations and corporations. As a leader in philanthropy, we increase the effectiveness, stewardship, and accountability of our sector while providing our members with the services and support they need for success. For more information on who we are, visit our website at www.cof.org.

Profile of Members:

- Nearly 1,800 members, with combined 2009 estimated assets of \$300 billion
- 40% of our members have assets under \$10 million
- Charitable grants by our members reached an estimated \$20 billion in 2009, representing almost half of all foundation giving in the United States



Members of the Council include:

- **Community foundations** serve thousands of people who share a common interest – improving the quality of life in their area. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations create permanent charitable funds that help their regions meet the challenges of changing times. The foundations invest and administer these funds.
- **Corporate philanthropy** includes private foundations established by for-profit corporations but are legally separate from the parent corporation; or corporate giving programs – programs within a company that make charitable contributions from the company’s pretax income.
- **Family philanthropy** are those foundations in which the original donor or the donor’s family plays a substantial role in governing the foundation.
- **Independent foundations** are distinct from corporate or family foundations in that they are not governed by the donor, the donor’s family, or a corporation. Most of the largest foundations in the United States are independent foundations, although many began as family foundations.
- **Operating foundations** are private foundations that use most of their income to provide charitable services or programs of their own rather than making grants to outside organizations.
- **Public foundations** are public charities that operate significant grantmaking programs as one of an array of activities.
- **Non-U.S.-based foundations** exist in a wide variety of forms, including those described above, as well as others that result from the various legal and economic institutions of different countries.