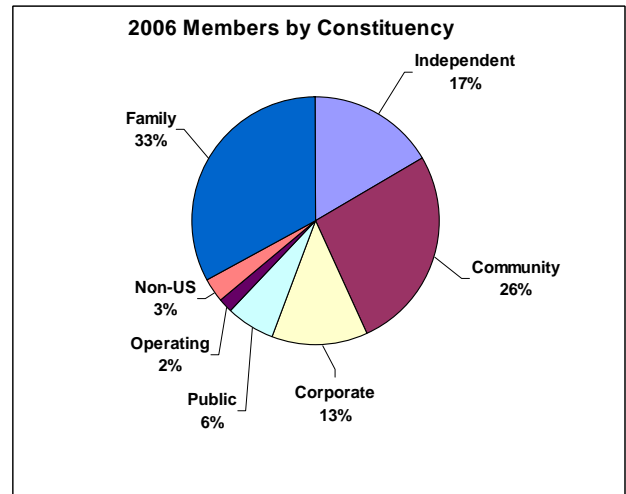


## 2007 Fact Sheet

The Council on Foundations is a membership organization of grantmaking foundations and corporations. Our mission is to provide the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good. The Council articulates a statement of ethical principals for grantmakers by which all members have adopted, represents organized philanthropy to government and the media and educates the public on the role and value of foundations in American life.

### Profile of Members:

- More than 2,000 members.
- Combined 2006 estimated assets of over \$276 billion.
- Charitable grants reached an estimated \$15 billion in 2006.



### Members of the Council Include:

- **Community foundations**, which build their endowments through contributions from many donors within a given geographic region and typically focus on local needs.
- **Corporate grantmakers**, which are private foundations established by for-profit corporations but legally separate from the parent corporation; or corporate giving programs, which are programs within a company that make charitable contributions from the company's pretax income.
- **Family foundations**, in which the original donor or the donor's family plays a significant role in governing the foundation.
- **Independent foundations**, which are private foundations, usually endowed by one source such as an individual's bequest or the conversion of a nonprofit to a for-profit organization.
- **Operating foundations**, which 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**, which are public charities that operate significant grantmaking programs in addition to their other charitable activities.
- **Non-U.S.-based foundations**, which exist in a wide variety of forms, including those described here as well as others that result from the various legal and economic institutions of different countries.

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