



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, community food systems
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
Journalism
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
Print publishing
Textile/fiber arts
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
Web-based media

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, marriage equality
Civil liberties, reproductive rights
Civil liberties, right to privacy
Civil liberties, right to life
Civil liberties, right to die
Civil liberties, traditional marriage
Civil rights, race/intergroup relations
Civil rights, voter education
Civil/human rights
Civil/human rights, advocacy
Civil/human rights, aging
Civil/human rights, disabled

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Civil/human rights, immigrants
Civil/human rights, LGBTQ
Civil/human rights, minorities
Civil/human rights, women patients' rights
Cultural rights
Environmental and resource rights
Freedom from violence/torture
Labor rights

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
Microfinance/microlending
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, computer literacy/technology training
Education, continuing education
Education, drop-out prevention
Education, e-learning
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
Middle schools/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, climate change/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

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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
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
Genetic diseases & disorders
Geriatrics
Health organizations
Heart & circulatory diseases
Hematology
Hemophilia
Immunology
Internal medicine
Kidney diseases
Learning disorders
Liver disorders
Lung diseases
Lupus
Medical specialties
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
Stem cell therapy
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

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Residential/custodial care, senior continuing care	Belarus	French Guiana
Residential/custodial care, special day care	Belgium	Gabon
Salvation Army	Belize	Gambia
Self-advocacy services, disability	Benin	Georgia (Republic of)
Supported living	Bermuda	Germany
Thrift shops	Bhutan	Ghana
Transition planning	Bolivia	Gibraltar
Urban League	Bonaire	Global programs
Volunteers of America	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Greece
Women, centers/services	Botswana	Greenland
YM/YWCAs & YM/YWHAs	Brazil	Grenada
Youth, pregnancy prevention	British Virgin Islands	Guadeloupe
Youth, services	Brunei	Guatemala
	Bulgaria	Guernsey
	Burkina Faso	Guinea
	Burma (Myanmar)	Guinea-Bissau
	Burundi	Guyana
	Cambodia	Haiti
	Cameroon	Honduras
	Canada	Hong Kong
	Cape Verde	Hungary
	Caribbean	Iceland
	Caroline Islands	India
	Cayman Islands	Indonesia
	Central Africa	Iran
	Central Africa Republic	Iraq
	Central America	Ireland
	Chad	Isle of Man
	Chile	Israel
	China	Italy
	China & Mongolia	Ivory Coast
	Colombia	Jamaica
	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Japan
	Comoros	Jersey
	Congo	Jordan
	Costa Rica	Kazakhstan
	Croatia	Kenya
	Cuba	Kiribati
	Curacao	Kosovo
	Cyprus	Kuwait
	Czech Republic	Kyrgyzstan
	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Laos
	Denmark	Latin America
	Developing countries	Latvia
	Djibouti	Lebanon
	Dominica	Leeward Islands
	Dominican Republic	Lesotho
	East Timor	Liberia
	Eastern & Central Europe	Libya
	Ecuador	Liechtenstein
	Egypt	Lithuania
	El Salvador	Luxembourg
	England	Macau
	Equatorial Guinea	Macedonia
	Eritrea	Madagascar
	Estonia	Malawi
	Ethiopia	Malaysia
	Europe	Maldives
	Federated States of Micronesia	Mali
	Fiji	Malta
	Finland	Marshall Islands
	France	Martinique
		Mauritania

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Mauritius	Soviet Union (Former)	Diseases (rare) research
Mexico	Spain	Down syndrome research
Middle East	Sri Lanka	Ear, nose & throat research
Moldova	Sub-Saharan Africa	Epilepsy research
Monaco	Sudan	Eye research
Mongolia	Suriname	Genetic diseases and disorders research
Montenegro	Swaziland	Geriatrics research
Montserrat	Sweden	Heart & circulatory research
Morocco and the Western Sahara	Switzerland	Hematology research
Mozambique	Syria	Hemophilia research
Namibia	Tahiti	Immunology research
Nauru	Taiwan	Internal medicine research
Nepal	Tajikistan	Kidney research
Netherlands	Tanzania, Zanzibar and Pemba	Learning disorders research
Netherlands Antilles	Thailand	Liver research
New Caledonia	Togo	Lung research
New Zealand	Tonga	Lupus research
Nicaragua	Trinidad & Tobago	Medical research
Niger	Tunisia	Medical specialties research
Nigeria	Turkey	Multiple sclerosis research
North Africa	Turkmenistan	Muscular dystrophy research
North Korea	Turks & Caicos Islands	Myasthenia gravis research
Northern Ireland	Tuvalu	Nerve, muscle & bone research
Norway	Uganda	Neuroscience research
Oceania	Ukraine	Obstetrics/gynecology research
Oman	United Arab Emirates	Organ research
Pakistan	United Kingdom	Orthopedics research
Palau	Uruguay	Parasitic diseases research
Panama	Uzbekistan	Parkinson's disease research
Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu	Pathology research
Paraguay	Vatican City	Pediatrics research
Peru	Venezuela	Pharmacology research
Philippines	Vietnam	Prostate cancer research
Poland	Wales	Sickle cell research
Portugal	West Bank/Gaza	SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) research
Qatar	Western Africa	Skin disorders research
Romania	Yemen	Spine disorders research
Russia	Yugoslavia (Former)	Stem cell research
Rwanda	Zambia	Surgery research
Saint Kitts-Nevis	Zimbabwe	Tropical diseases research
Saint Lucia		
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines		
Samoa	Medical research	
Sao Tome and Principe	AIDS research	
Saudi Arabia	Alcoholism research	Mental health/Crisis services
Scandinavia	Allergies research	Hospitals (psychiatric)
Scotland	ALS research	Mental health, addictions
Senegal	Alzheimer's disease research	Mental health, association
Serbia	Anesthesiology research	Mental health, clinics
Seychelles	Arthritis research	Mental health, counseling/support groups
Sierra Leone	Asthma research	Mental health/crisis services
Singapore	Autism research	Mental health/crisis services, hot-lines
Slovakia	Biomedicine research	Mental health/crisis services, rape victim services
Slovenia	Brain research	Mental health/crisis services, suicide
Solomon Islands	Breast cancer research	Mental health, depression
Somalia, Somaliland and Puntland	Cancer, leukemia research	Mental health, disorders
South Africa	Cancer research	Mental health, eating disorders
South America	Cerebral palsy research	Mental health, gambling addiction
South Asia	Chiropractic research	Mental health, grief/bereavement counseling
South Korea	Cystic fibrosis research	Mental health, residential care
Southeast Asia	Diabetes research	
Southern Africa	Diagnostic imaging research	
	Digestive disorders research	

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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
Insurance, unemployment compensation
Mutual aid societies
Pensions
Pensions, employee trusts
Pensions, multi-employer plans
Pensions, teacher funds

Philanthropy/Voluntarism

Catholic federated giving programs
United Ways and 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
Sex workers
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 communications/internet
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
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

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Astronomy
Biology/life 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
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.

Camperships: Funding to organizations to provide partial or full tuition subsidies to enable participants who would not otherwise be financially able to participate in fee-based camping programs.

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 technology: Grants to acquire, upgrade, or develop computer technology. Includes hardware, software, peripherals, systems, networking components, and mobile devices.

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.

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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.

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.

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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/financial aid (institutional support): Grants to organizations to provide assistance to individuals in the form of grants-in-aid, stipends, loans, work-study, or other awards for pursuing educational, research, or professional goals.

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.

Travel awards: Funding to organizations to provide awards to individuals to cover transportation and/or out-of-town living expenses while attending a conference or completing a period of study or special project. Enrollment in a college or university is not a requirement.

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.