

KEY FINDINGS

When foundation, corporate and individual giving are combined, giving in Illinois in FY 1999 totaled \$7.1 billion. All sectors of giving grew strongly between 1997 and 1999, resulting in an overall increase of 48% over those two years. Giving in Illinois examines, in detail, the sources of charitable giving, the growth and change in foundation and corporate giving resources, and trends in individual giving and volunteering. The report also explores grantmaking trends based on a sample of Chicago-area foundations, tracking patterns in giving by subject type, support types and populations served. Following are some of the key findings in this report.

Giving and Growth, 1999

- Grantmaking by Illinois' 2,227 foundations and corporate giving programs grew to \$1.1 billion in FY 1999, a 25% increase over FY 1997.
- Assets of Illinois foundations totaled almost \$20 billion, an increase of 23% during the same two-year period.
- The number of foundations and corporate giving programs increased by nearly 300 over two years; this 15% increase was slightly ahead of the 12% national growth rate.
- The majority of Illinois foundations were small to mid-sized; however, 8% of Illinois foundations and giving programs controlled 90% of all grantmaking assets.

Individual Giving and Volunteering

- Individual giving rose 25% during the report period, up to \$6 billion in FY 1998 (the most current year available).
- Illinois ranked eighth in the nation in terms of total dollars claimed in charitable contributions; the average contribution per household in Illinois was \$1,150.
- Illinoisans volunteered a total of 1.2 billion hours a year – time valued at \$13.8 billion.

Giving by Region

- In the Chicago metropolitan area, Lake and Kane counties led in new foundation growth.
- Foundations in DuPage County recorded the largest growth in asset size and grantmaking; assets increased 70% while grants more than doubled.
- Elsewhere in the state, Peoria County experienced the most new foundation creation; Winnebago County (including the city of Rockford) reported major increases in foundation assets and grant activity.
- Eighty-five percent of foundations and corporate giving programs are located in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Grant Dollars

- Of grants analyzed for this report sample, fifty percent were \$10,000 or less.
- The average grant amount was \$36,000.

Local vs. National Giving

- One in ten dollars supported internationally based programs and organizations, up slightly from two years ago.
- Forty-four percent of grant dollars were awarded to Illinois organizations; of these, 85% went to Chicago-based groups.

Grantmaking Trends by Subject Area

- At 20% each, public/society benefit and human services accounted for the largest share of funding in FY 1999.
- Education's share of grant dollars dropped to 17% from 28% two years ago.
- Human services received the largest number of grants.
- Environmental funding by local grantmakers was double the national average.

Grantmaking Trends by Support Type

- Local support for general operating and research grants surpassed the national average; capital support trailed at half the national average.
- Half of all dollars awarded were program/project support grants.
- General operating grants tended to smaller.
- Arts organizations captured most capital dollars; most research funds targeted education.