

UKGrantmaking is the definitive annual publication on grant funding in the UK. It is a unique collaboration between 360Giving, the Association of Charitable Foundations, the Association of Charitable Organisations, UK Community Foundations and London Funders.

UKGrantmaking provides data and insight on over £20bn of funding in 2022-23 from across all sectors to the voluntary, community and social sectors.

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Foundation giving

In partnership with the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF)

Foundation giving includes organisations which are usually registered charities, whose primary activity is charitable grantmaking. The UKGrantmaking platform categorises grantmakers into community foundations,

corporate foundations, family foundations, fundraising grantmakers, general grantmakers, government/lottery endowed organisations, member/trade funded organisations and Wellcome Trust.

Grantmaker by grant spending

Grant spending by segment, 2022-23 (£m)

There are nearly 12,000 UK grantmakers who distributed over £6bn in grants in 2022-23. Of that spend, over 80% (i.e. £5.23bn) came from the largest 300 foundations. Across those 300, grant spending rose by 14% – a real terms increase of 3% to £5.2bn (when adjusted for inflation).

General grantmaker



Family Foundation



Wellcome Trust



Corporate Foundation



Fundraising Grantmaker



Member/Trade Funded



Community Foundation



Government/Lottery Endowed



Source: 360Giving analysis of data from Charity Regulators and charity accounts.

The table below presents grantmaking spend across various grantmaker categories, each representing a different segment of the foundation giving landscape.

2022-23 grantmaking spend (£m)
% change from 2021-22 (adjusted for inflation)

Largest 300 foundations overall (including Wellcome Trust)



Largest 300 foundations (excluding Wellcome Trust)



Largest 100 family foundations



Largest 50 Corporate foundations



Largest 50 fundraising grantmakers



In 2022-23, foundations, emerging from the pandemic, contended with the cost-of-living crisis and peak inflation levels. Given the heightened spending levels from foundations during the pandemic, the increased grantmaking spend from the largest 300 grantmakers highlights the sector's resilience and the foundations' dedication to supporting the communities and causes they serve.

The largest 200 members of the Association of Charitable Foundations in 2022-23 accounted for nearly 70% of total grantmaking spend, collectively distributing grants of £4.32bn.

Reflections from Association of Charitable Foundations

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We are delighted to be a partner on the UK Grantmaking platform and strongly believe that more open, transparent data on grantmaking and the foundation sector can enhance trust, facilitate decision-making and ultimately drive more effective philanthropy. It is also an opportunity to highlight and showcase the vital contribution foundations make to wider society by addressing pressing issues and supporting communities in need.

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