

# GIVING IN MAINE

## Focus On Education Grantmaking

Data from Maine's Top 20 Grantmakers for FY 2009



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### Giving to Education Nears \$11 Million

Based on a sample of Maine's Top 20 Grantmakers, **grant awards for Education in 2009 totaled \$10.9 million.** These funders made 775 grants in the Education focus area.

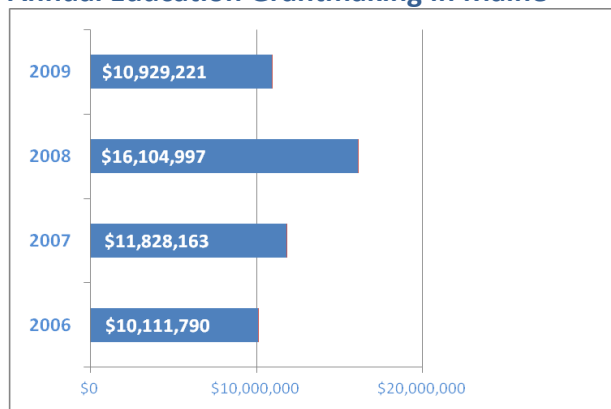
Education grants are any grant award made to nonprofits that are educational institutions. These include pre-schools, elementary and secondary schools, college and universities, libraries, and literacy programs.

### Education is 2nd Largest Grant Focus

Among the 8 major grant areas, **Education received the second largest share of dollars from Maine's Top 20 Grantmakers (21%),** second only to Human Services (29%).

The 21% to Education **represented a drop from the 24% awarded in 2008,** but was in-line with prior years. In 2009, funders appeared to respond to the economic crisis by giving more to Human Services and less to other categories.

### Annual Education Grantmaking in Maine



### Giving by Type of Foundation

**Private foundations gave over 77% of the \$10.9 million to Education in 2009.** The Maine Community Foundation contributed 19%, and corporate funders gave almost 4% of the total giving in this category.

### Maine's Largest Education Funders

**Ten grantmakers awarded 85% of the Education grant dollars in 2009.**

Harold Alfond Foundation	\$ 2.6 million
Maine Community Foundation	\$ 1.9 million
MELMAC Education Foundation	\$ 1.0 million
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation	\$ 874,000
William and Joan Alfond Foundation	\$ 795,000
The Betterment Fund	\$ 513,000
Hannaford	\$ 480,000
Davis Family Foundation	\$ 427,000
Davis Education Foundation	\$ 346,000
Sam L. Cohen Foundation	\$ 289,000

### What Education Grants Support

**Higher Education together with Scholarships & Financial Aid received 59% of the Education grant dollars in 2009.**

Higher Education	39%
Elementary & Secondary Schools	21%
Scholarships & Financial Aid	20%
Libraries	9%
Educational Services	6%
Adult Education	4%
Vocational & Technical Schools	1%

### Out-of-State Funding for Education

National and regional grantmakers based outside of the state contribute generously to Maine. The top out-of-state funders in 2009 include:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NJ	\$ 3.9 million
S & G Foundation, WY	\$ 2.3 million
Nellie Mae Education Foundation, MA	\$ 1.4 million
Bernard Osher Foundation, CA	\$ 1.2 million
Andrew Mellon Foundation, NY	\$ 984,000

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