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# GIVING IN MAINE

## 2012 Update of Foundation & Individual Giving

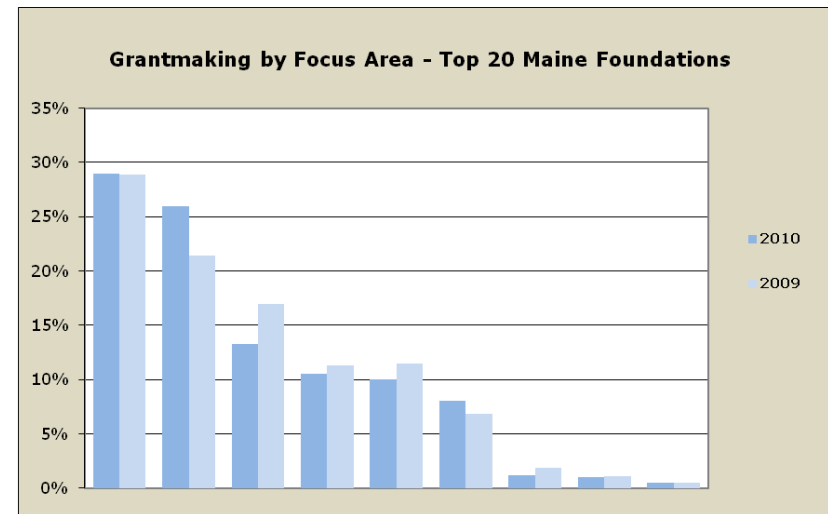
*Reflects most recent data available*

Each year, foundations and generous individuals provide millions of dollars of support for nonprofit organizations that strengthen the lives of Maine residents and their communities. While Mainers remain generous, there has been a decrease in giving, reflecting the local and national economic challenges. As part of the Maine Philanthropy Center's commitment to promote philanthropy, we have collected and analyzed the most recent data available to provide a snapshot of giving in Maine.

### Foundation Giving 2010

- In 2010, there were **322 foundations** registered in Maine, reporting **\$2.2 billion in assets** and **\$135 million in grants**. This represents a 33% increase in assets and 7% increase in grants over 2009.
- Since 2000, Maine Foundation assets have increased more than 300% and giving almost 400%.
- While generous in supporting state priorities, **Maine foundations give a fraction of the money spent each year by state government**. For instance, the Maine Department of Health & Human Services budget for 2010 was \$3.4 billion. **Total Maine grants equal less than 4% of that budget – enough to operate the department for less than 15 days.**
- The Top 20 Maine Foundations in 2010 maintained their total giving overall from 2009, but increased their **giving in Maine** by more than 4%. Base assets appear to have recovered from the economic decline, rebounding by 21%. Significant shifts in foundation funding include increased giving to Arts & Humanities as well as Education and decreases in Health Care.
- **National and regional foundations contribute significantly to Maine nonprofits**. Six of these – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, S&G Foundation, Inc., Bank of America Charitable Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Nellie Mae Education Foundation, and the Sunshine Lady Foundation – **gave \$11 million to Maine in 2010**, adding to the \$54 million awarded in Maine by the state's 20 largest foundations.

Source: Foundation Center and Maine State Legislature, Office of Fiscal & Program Review.



1 Human Services	29%	6 Arts & Humanities	8%
2 Education	26%	7 Religion	1%
3 Health Care	13%	8 Animals	1%
4 Public Benefit	11%	9 International Affairs	<1%
5 Environment	10%		

\* Source: Data collected from Form 990s and grant lists provided by grantmakers  
- Category descriptions can be found: <http://tinyurl.com/nteecode>

*“The Top 20 Maine foundations increased giving to the Arts and Humanities and Education in 2010.*”

*“75% of giving by Maine’s leading foundations stays in Maine.”*

## A Generous Maine

### Top 20 Most Active Maine Foundations in 2010 \*

Maine Grantmakers	Yr Est.	Total Assets	Giving in Maine	Total Giving	% in Maine
Harold Alford Foundation	1993	\$608,162,930	\$10,206,452	\$10,269,723	99%
Maine Community Foundation	1983	\$264,328,622	\$9,757,663	\$12,342,025	79%
Libra Foundation	1989	\$106,813,269	\$8,863,218	\$8,863,218	100%
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation	1982	\$162,097,373	\$4,738,650	\$5,810,650	82%
Maine Health Access Foundation	2000	\$111,772,113	\$3,324,069	\$3,354,069	99%
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation	1986	\$1,342,154	\$2,484,651	\$3,083,661	81%
Davis Family Foundation	1986	\$61,577,651	\$2,230,217	\$2,230,217	100%
Betterment Fund	1955	\$33,859,787	\$1,706,065	\$1,815,840	100%
Quimby Family Foundation	2003	\$18,202,936	\$1,566,625	\$1,600,625	98%
Sam L. Cohen Foundation	1983	\$38,535,508	\$1,499,353	\$1,514,653	99%
John T. Gorman Foundation	1996	\$99,155,942	\$1,491,514	\$1,491,514	100%
Maine Bar Foundation	1983	\$1,801,500	\$1,078,034	\$1,078,034	100%
The William and Joan Alford Foundation	1986	\$24,370,074	\$1,018,552	\$1,018,552	96%
Hannaford Charitable Foundation	1993	\$1,457,810	\$959,298	\$1,736,552	55%
Melmac Education Foundation	2001	\$35,717,898	\$879,107	\$879,107	100%
Bangor Savings Bank Foundation	1996	\$4,002,515	\$584,600	\$584,600	100%
Lunder Foundation	1988	\$19,661,317	\$532,852	\$1,599,222	33%
Savings Bank of Maine Foundation	1988	\$1,754,847	\$490,732	\$510,670	96%
TD Charitable Foundation	2002	\$86,607,879	\$458,000	\$11,612,914	4%
Davis Conservation Foundation	1989	\$17,432,433	\$407,838	\$673,470	61%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1.7B</b>	<b>\$54M</b>	<b>\$72M</b>	<b>75%</b>

\* Source: Data collected from Form 990s and grant lists provided by grantmakers.

### Individual Giving <sup>2009</sup>

- Mainers who itemized their deductions on their tax returns reported over \$382 million in charitable donations in 2009.
- Maine's giving patterns reflect national trends in decreased giving. Although total itemized deductions have dropped since their highest in 2006, there was a smaller decrease in giving over the past two years.
- Maine's average charitable deduction in 2009 was essentially the same as in 2008.
- The national average for charitable deductions is \$4,191 and Maine ranked 50th with an average of \$2,702.
- Maine's ranking is consistent with other New England states - 5 out of 6 New England states rank among the lowest 20% in average deductions.

### Charitable Bequests <sup>2009</sup>

- In 2009, 131 estates (up from 117 in 2008) of \$2 million or more settled in Maine for a total of \$59 million.
- The average estate was \$4.6 million with the average charitable bequest at \$1.9 million.
- Maine ranked 18th for the number of estates that included a charitable bequest. Maine has ranked in the top 20 for the last two years.
- Because few estates are settled in Maine each year, trends are difficult to establish, and one or two large bequests may cause Maine's rankings to fluctuate.

Source: Foundation Center and IRS.

*"Approximately 80% of all charitable gifts come directly from individuals."*

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