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GIVING IN MAINE

2014 Update of Foundation 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. As part of the Maine Philanthropy Center's commitment to promote philanthropy and increase its impact in Maine, we have collected and analyzed the most recent data available to provide a snapshot of giving in Maine.

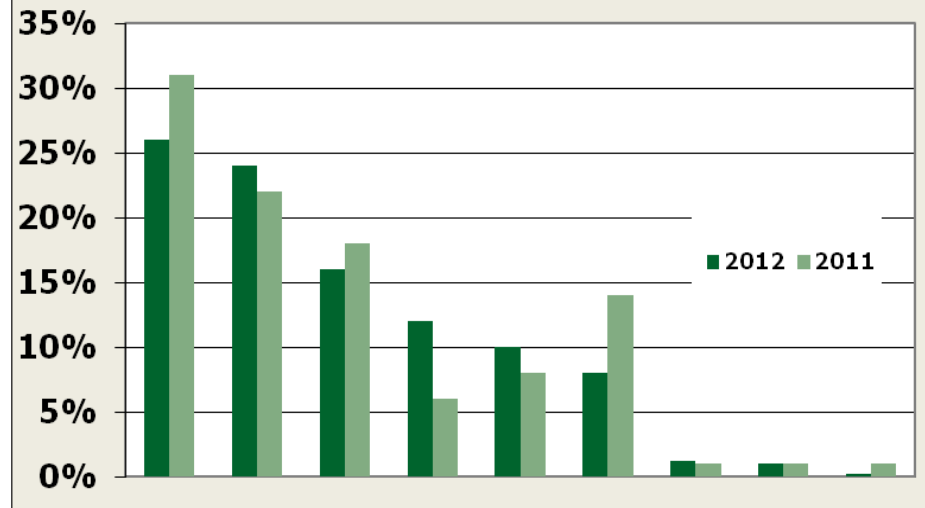
Foundation Giving 2012

- In 2012, there were **368 foundations** registered in Maine, reporting **\$2.6 billion in assets** and **\$182 million in grants**. This represents a 9% increase in number of foundations, a 2% increase in assets and an 18% increase in grant dollars over 2011. In the last five years, the foundation community has increased their asset base and their giving totals by over 35%.
- Since 2000, **Maine foundation giving has increased over 400%**, more than double the increase nationally.
- 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 Education expenditures for 2012 were \$2.1 billion. **Total Maine grants equal 8% of that budget – enough to operate the DOE for less than 30 days.**
- Since 2010, the **Top 20 Maine foundations increased their giving by 46% with an increase in asset base of 10%.**
- National and regional foundations contribute significantly to Maine nonprofits.** Five of these – Doree Taylor Charitable Foundation, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, The Edward C. Johnson Foundation, Nellie Mae Education Foundation, and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation– **gave over \$21 million to Maine in 2012**, adding to the \$80 million awarded by the state's top 20 most active Maine-based foundations.

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

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Grantmaking by Focus Area Top 20 Maine Foundations



1 Education	26%	6 Public Benefit	8%
2 Health Care	24%	7 Religion	1%
3 Human Services	16%	8 Animals	1%
4 Arts & Humanities	12%	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/nteeccode>*

2012 saw a 9% increase in the total number of Maine based foundations and an increase of 18% in total giving by these foundations.

84% of giving by Maine's top 20 foundations stays in Maine.

Top 20 Most Active Maine Foundations in 2012

Maine Grantmaker	Yr Est.	Total Assets	Total Giving	Giving in Maine	% in Maine
Harold Alford Foundation	1993	\$611,923,275	\$27,917,452	\$23,986,222	86%
Maine Community Foundation	1983	\$318,658,874	\$17,832,771	\$14,522,385	81%
Libra Foundation	1989	\$115,061,620	\$7,755,769	\$7,755,769	100%
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation	1982	\$166,932,145	\$7,834,726	\$7,492,620	96%
John T. Gorman Foundation	1996	\$179,667,966	\$6,328,696	\$5,974,651	94%
Maine Health Access Foundation	2000	\$113,216,690	\$3,846,053	\$3,825,138	99%
Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation	1986	\$150,586	\$2,863,505	\$2,824,744	99%
Davis Family Foundation	1986	\$62,904,079	\$2,307,808	\$2,287,808	99%
Betterment Fund	1955	\$33,081,251	\$1,653,500	\$1,653,500	100%
Sam L. Cohen Foundation	1983	\$36,333,606	\$1,561,423	\$1,536,423	99%
Quimby Family Foundation	2003	\$16,568,878	\$1,327,382	\$1,327,382	100%
Maine Bar Foundation	1983	\$3,966,516	\$1,216,567	\$1,216,567	100%
Melmac Education Foundation	2001	\$36,809,252	\$1,020,106	\$1,020,106	100%
Great Bay Foundation*	1998	\$8,528,742	\$878,784	\$878,784	100%
Hannaford Charitable Foundation	1993	\$1,365,743	\$1,372,850	\$852,950	62%
Bangor Savings Bank Foundation	1996	\$4,221,773	\$667,607	\$667,607	100%
The Iberdola USA Foundation*	2001	\$6,617,295	\$1,346,219	\$544,349	8%
Emanuel & Pauline Lerner Fdn.*	2007	\$6,341,494	\$544,174	\$523,150	96%
Davis Conservation Foundation	1989	\$17,765,219	\$754,096	\$483,716	64%
Francis T. & Louise T. Nichols Foundation *	1994	\$29,686,583	\$744,500	\$472,500	63%
Totals		\$1.77B	\$95 M	\$80M	84%

Source: Data collected from Form 990s and grant lists provided by foundations.

* Indicates new to 2012 List

Grant dollars to Maine nonprofits by the top 20 Maine foundations increased by 5% since 2011.

Grants Made by County Top 20 Maine Foundations

County	Total # Grants	Total Dollars	% of Dollars	% of Grants
Androscoggin	131	\$2,253,447	3%	5%
Aroostook	122	\$2,444,604	3%	5%
Cumberland	693	\$25,717,113	32%	26%
Franklin	60	\$1,087,442	1%	2%
Hancock	263	\$3,637,029	5%	10%
Kennebec	297	\$24,484,336	31%	11%
Knox	136	\$1,432,609	2%	5%
Lincoln	72	\$1,459,284	2%	3%
Oxford	72	\$672,675	1%	3%
Penobscot	233	\$4,498,807	6%	9%
Piscataquis	51	\$399,717	1%	2%
Sagadahoc	55	\$1,243,225	2%	2%
Somerset	69	\$686,248	1%	3%
Waldo	92	\$1,615,884	2%	3%
Washington	135	\$3,324,902	4%	5%
York	184	\$4,294,376	5%	7%
Statewide	10	\$443,637	<1%	<1%
Totals	2,675	\$80M		

Note: Grants to Kennebec and Cumberland Counties are often for statewide projects.

- 57% of all grants awarded in Maine were less than \$10,000.
- 50% of all grant dollars awarded were from 2% of grants.

