

Causes Count

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CALIFORNIA'S NONPROFIT SECTOR

SNEAK PEEK AT NEW FINDINGS
This is a sneak peek at some of the interesting new findings in the soon-to-be-released **Causes Count: the Economic Impact of California's Nonprofit Sector** report. Don't miss out on future sneak peeks and the full report: sign up to receive our emails at www.calnonprofits.org.

California is now a **net exporter** of foundation dollars

California's nonprofits are known for innovation, drawing attention to neglected areas, and being good at fundraising. So it's not a surprise that California nonprofits raise \$1.5 billion each year from out-of-state foundations and \$3.2 billion from California foundations.

Surprisingly, California-based foundations send \$2.2 billion in grants to nonprofits outside of California – to other states and countries around the world. This means California is a net exporter of foundation dollars, sending out over \$700 million more than comes in from out-of-state foundations. Up until five years ago, California was a net importer of foundation dollars.





Top 25 out-of-state foundations that fund California nonprofits

The single biggest out-of-state funder by far is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (WA) which gives \$306 million each year to California nonprofits. Interestingly, other than the donor-advised funds at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, this is more than any single California foundation awards in California.

Two of the top 25 out-of-state funders are corporate foundations (labeled **INC** in the table below) and two are community foundations (labeled **CF** in the table) - types of foundations that are usually considered more focused on local geographic areas, like cities or counties.

Top 25 out-of-state foundations awarding grants of at least \$10,000 to California nonprofits (circa 2016)

Name	State	Type ¹	Dollars Awarded to California nonprofits	Number of Grants of \$10K or more awarded to California nonprofits
1 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	PF	\$306,386,541	154
2 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	PF	45,498,332	106
3 Ford Foundation	NY	PF	37,455,359	100
4 Walton Family Foundation	AR	PF	35,883,000	73
5 Foundation For The Carolinas	NC	CF	35,692,923	36
6 Wells Fargo Foundation	MN	INC	35,505,070	1,044
7 W.K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	PF	34,985,579	88
8 Simons Foundation	NY	PF	32,487,532	131
9 Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust	NY	PF	29,234,719	59
10 Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	NE	PF	29,043,463	39
11 Foundation to Promote Open Society	NY	PF	28,268,912	101
12 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	PF	26,726,500	41
13 Chicago Community Trust	IL	CF	26,005,664	162
14 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	PF	24,531,000	50
15 Laura and John Arnold Foundation	TX	PF	23,854,991	53
16 Bloomberg Philanthropies	NY	PF	23,365,279	110
17 Adelson Family Foundation	MA	PF	19,963,113	7
18 Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	NC	INC	18,728,195	569
19 Wallace Foundation	NY	PF	17,939,889	18
20 NoVo Foundation	NY	PF	17,915,900	30
21 PB Foundation	NY	PF	17,641,300	27
22 Kresge Foundation	MI	PF	16,588,633	86
23 John Templeton Foundation	PA	PF	16,242,857	70
24 Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	PF	14,798,400	32
25 McKnight Foundation	MN	PF	14,070,000	7
TOTAL OF TOP 25 FOUNDATIONS			\$928,813,151	3,193

1. PF=Private/Family Foundation; CF=Community Foundation; INC=Corporate Foundation



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