



# FOUNDATION CENTER

Knowledge to build on.

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## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION CENTER

Established in 1956 and today supported by close to 550 foundations, the Foundation Center is a national nonprofit service organization recognized as the nation's leading authority on organized philanthropy, connecting nonprofits and the grantmakers supporting them to tools they can use and information they can trust. Its audiences include grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. The Center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. grantmakers and their grants; issues a wide variety of print, electronic, and online information resources; conducts and publishes research on trends in foundation growth, giving, and practice; and offers an array of free and affordable educational programs.

Every day thousands of people gain access to valuable resources through the Center's web site and in its five regional library/learning centers and national network of more than 425 Cooperating Collections at libraries, nonprofit resource centers, and organizations in every U.S. state and Puerto Rico and in Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria, South Korea, and Thailand. The Center's online subscription database, *Foundation Directory Online*, provides detailed information about more than 98,000 U.S. foundations and corporate donors and 1.7 million grants. It can be used free of charge on site at all Center locations and Cooperating Collections.

### Activities

The Center accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ Operating **library/learning centers** in five locations—New York City; Washington, DC; Atlanta; Cleveland; and San Francisco—that offer free access to information resources and educational programs.
- ◆ Maintaining **unique databases** of information on the more than 98,000 foundations, corporate donors, and grantmaking public charities in the U.S. and 1.7 million of their recent grants. Its *Foundation Directory Online* subscription service is the most popular means for searching these databases.
- ◆ Providing a content-rich **web site** with a variety of free search tools, tutorials, downloadable reports, and other information updated daily, including *Philanthropy News Digest*, its daily news service, and PubHub, its searchable online collection of thousands of reports published by foundations and nonprofit organizations.
- ◆ Conducting **research** and publishing reports on the growth of the foundation field and on trends in foundation support of the nonprofit sector, including the annual *Foundations Today Series*.
- ◆ Educating thousands of people each year through a full curriculum of **training courses**—in the classroom and online. Free and affordable classes nationwide cover the funding research process, proposal writing, grantmakers and their giving, and related topics.
- ◆ Publishing **books** ranging from basic primers on fundraising and nonprofit management to comprehensive reference works.
- ◆ Coordinating a nationwide network of **funding information centers**—more than 425 Cooperating Collections that offer free local access to core Center resources and training.

#### MISSION

The Foundation Center's mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy.

#### VISION

A world enriched by the effective allocation of philanthropic resources, informed public discourse about philanthropy, and broad understanding of the contributions of nonprofit activity to civil society.

## Helpful Foundation Center Web Links

- Home Page** ..... [foundationcenter.org](http://foundationcenter.org)  
Press Room ..... [foundationcenter.org/media](http://foundationcenter.org/media)  
FAQs ..... [foundationcenter.org/getstarted/faqs](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/faqs)  
FC Stats ..... [foundationcenter.org/findfunders/statistics](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/statistics)  
*Philanthropy News Digest* ..... [foundationcenter.org/pnd](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd)  
Tools and Resources ..... [foundationcenter.org/getstarted/learnabout/tools](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/learnabout/tools)  
Events Archive ..... [foundationcenter.org/events/archive](http://foundationcenter.org/events/archive)

### SEARCH TOOLS

- Fact Finder ..... [foundationcenter.org/findfunders/factfinder](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/factfinder)  
PubHub ..... [foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub](http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub)  
*Foundation Directory Online* ..... [fconline.foundationcenter.org](http://fconline.foundationcenter.org)  
Catalog of Nonprofit Literature ..... [cnl.foundationcenter.org](http://cnl.foundationcenter.org)

**MEET OUR PRESIDENT** ... [foundationcenter.org/about/president](http://foundationcenter.org/about/president)

**MEET OUR EXPERTS** ... [foundationcenter.org/media/experts](http://foundationcenter.org/media/experts)



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## Locations

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**New York City**  
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(212) 620-4230  
(800) 424-9836

### REGIONAL CENTERS

**New York City**  
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New York, NY 10003  
(212) 620-4230

**Atlanta**  
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Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 880-0094  
*Director: Pattie Johnson*

**Cleveland**  
1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1600  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
(216) 861-1933  
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**San Francisco**  
312 Sutter Street, Suite 606  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
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*Director: Janet Camarena*

**Washington, DC**  
1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor  
Washington, DC 20006  
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### COOPERATING COLLECTIONS

Nationwide list at  
[foundationcenter.org/collections/](http://foundationcenter.org/collections/)

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