

Finances & Grantmaking

2015

During 2015 Lilly Endowment distributed grant payments of \$435.5 million and approved \$555.6 million in new grants.

Cumulative figures

The generosity of the Endowment's founders has enabled it to disburse since 1937 more than \$8.9 billion in grants to 9,382 charitable organizations, most of them in Indiana. Of that \$8.9 billion, \$3.6 billion supported education (40 percent), \$3.0 billion supported community development (34 percent), and \$2.3 billion supported religion (26 percent). At the end of 2015 the Endowment's assets totaled \$11.8 billion.

Grants paid [Chart 1, top]

In 2015 the Endowment paid grants of \$435.5 million. In this category, community development grants accounted for \$200.4 million or 46 percent of the total; religion grants totaled \$124.1 million or 29 percent; education grants added up to \$111.0 million or 25 percent.

As in previous years, most grants were paid to organizations in Indiana – a total of \$257.8 million (59 percent). Of the payment total of \$435.5 million, \$107.9 million (25 percent) was paid to non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$149.9 million (34 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Organizations outside Indiana received \$177.7 million or 41 percent, mostly from religion grants.

Grants approved [Chart 2, bottom]

During 2015 the Endowment approved 766 grants for a total of \$555.6 million to 599 grantees, 158 new to the Endowment.

Community development grants totaled the most dollars at \$257.3 million or 46 percent of the total. Approvals for religion grants totaled \$159.3 million or 29 percent, while approvals for education grants totaled \$139.0 million or 25 percent.

Sixty-three percent of grants approved in 2015 went to Indiana organizations. Of the \$555.6 million in grants approved, \$191.6 million (34 percent) was approved for non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$158.6 million (29 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Indiana organizations thus were awarded \$350.2 million (63 percent) of grants approved. \$205.4 million (37 percent) in grants was approved for non-Indiana organizations.

Board-approved and officers' grants are listed in the back of this report and are divided into community development and philanthropy, education and youth, and religion. Discretionary grants of up to \$7,500, authorized by the officers, are listed as a single line item for each division.

The Endowment's match for the charitable contributions of staff, retirees and Board members is reported as a single line item before the total of all grants approved. "Grant Guidelines & Procedures" are outlined on pages 58-59 of this report.

