

Finances & Grantmaking 2016

During 2016 Lilly Endowment distributed grant payments of \$452.8 million and approved \$368.3 million in new grants.

Cumulative figures

The generosity of the Endowment's founders has enabled it to disburse since 1937 more than \$9.4 billion in grants to 9,492 charitable organizations, most of them in Indiana. Of that \$9.4 billion, \$3.7 billion supported education (40 percent), \$3.2 billion supported community development (34 percent), and \$2.5 billion supported religion (26 percent). At the end of 2016 the Endowment's assets totaled \$10.3 billion.

Grants paid [Chart 1, top]

In 2016 the Endowment paid grants of \$452.8 million. In this category, community development grants accounted for \$208.9 million or 46 percent of the total; religion grants totaled \$149.4 million or 33 percent; education grants added up to \$94.5 million or 21 percent.

As in previous years, most grants were paid to organizations in Indiana – a total of \$305.8 million (68 percent). Of the payment total of \$452.8 million, \$139.1 million (31 percent) was paid to non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$166.7 million (37 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Organizations outside Indiana received \$147 million or 32 percent, mostly from religion grants.

Grants approved [Chart 2, bottom]

During 2016 the Endowment approved 705 grants for a total of \$368.3 million to 529 grantees, 12 new to the Endowment.

Community development grants totaled the most dollars at \$177.8 million or 48 percent of the total. Approvals for religion grants totaled \$114.1 million or 31 percent, while approvals for education grants totaled \$76.4 million or 21 percent.

Sixty-seven percent of grants approved in 2016 went to Indiana organizations.

Of the \$368.3 million in grants approved, \$71.4 million (19 percent) was approved for non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$177.8 million (48 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Indiana organizations thus were awarded \$249.2 million (67 percent) of grants approved. \$119.1 million (33 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 54-55 of this report.

