Cumulative figures
The generosity of the Endowment’s founders has enabled it to disburse since 1937 nearly $11.7 billion in grants to 10,386 charitable organizations, most of them in Indiana. Of that $11.7 billion, $4.4 billion supported education (38 percent), $4.2 billion supported community development (36 percent), and $3.1 billion supported religion (26 percent). At the end of 2020 the Endowment’s assets totaled $21 billion.

Grants paid [top chart]
In 2020 the Endowment paid grants of $773.2 million:
- Community development grants accounted for $332.3 million or 43 percent of the total;
- Education grants added up to $230.4 million or 30 percent;
- Religion grants totaled $210.5 million or 27 percent.

As in previous years, most grants were paid to organizations in Indiana – a total of $543.1 million (70 percent). Of the payment total of $773.2 million, $299.6 million (39 percent) was paid to non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and $243.5 million (31 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Organizations outside Indiana received $230.1 million or 30 percent, mostly from religion grants.

Grants approved [bottom chart]
During 2020 the Endowment approved 1,346 grants for a total of $807.8 million to 921 grantees, 338 new to the Endowment:
- Community development grants totaled the most dollars at $335 million or 41 percent of the total;
- Education grants totaled $218.5 million or 27 percent;
- Religion grants totaled $254.3 million or 32 percent.

Sixty-six percent of grants approved in 2020 went to Indiana organizations. Of the $807.8 million in grants approved, $290.9 million (36 percent) was approved for non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and $240.5 million (30 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Indiana organizations thus were awarded $531.4 million (66 percent) of grants approved. $276.4 million (34 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 page 60 of this report.