According to Candid's data as of September 2023, of the $161.9 billion in grants given by private and public foundations, corporations, and public charities in FY 2021, only 2% ($3.0B) went toward disasters. As more devastating disasters and humanitarian crises continue to hit communities worldwide, the need for philanthropic support for immediate aid and long-term recovery also grows.

**Measuring the State of Disaster Philanthropy 2023**

**ALL FUNDING**

- **$161.9B TOTAL**
  - **$194.1M** (1.2%)
  - **$228.7M** (1.4%)
  - **$419.8M** (2.6%)
  - **$218.9M** (1.3%)
  - **$139.8M** (0.9%)
  - **$281.1M** (1.7%)
  - **$2.4B** (1.5%)
  - **$8.8M** (0.0%)
  - **$111.4M** (0.7%)
  - **$116.9M** (0.7%)
  - **$141.9M** (0.9%)
  - **$158.1M** (1.0%)
  - **$3.0B** (0.2%)
  - **$592.6M** (3.7%)
  - **$1.7B** (1.0%)

**LARGEST U.S. FOUNDATIONS, 2012–2021**

**FUNDING BY ISSUE AREA**

- **Health**: $100.8B (20.5%)
- **Human Rights**: $81.3B (5.4%)
- **Environment & Animals**: $72.2B (5.4%)
- **Public Affairs**: $72.2B (3.9%)
- **Science & Engineering**: $41.2B (1.4%)
- **Education**: $63.8B (14.1%)
- **Religion**: $42.1B (1.4%)
- **Arts & Culture**: $71.3B (5.6%)
- **Human Services**: $102.0B (16.5%)
- **Sports & Recreation**: $72.0B (2.9%)
- **Community & Economic Development**: $72.0B (12.0%)
- **Governmental Activities**: $84.7B (15.1%)
- **Other Activities**: $95.4B (16.5%)
- **Community Services**: $72.5B (14.1%)
- **International Relations**: $72.5B (14.1%)
- **Volunteer Services & Disaster Relief**: $95.4B (16.5%)
- **Other**: $95.4B (16.5%)

**FUNDING BY DISASTER TYPES**

- **Response & Relief**: $141.9B (82.4%)
- **Reconstruction & Recovery**: $161.8B (99.1%)
- **Preparedness**: $592.6B (92.2%)
- **Resilience, Risk Reduction**: $592.6B (92.2%)

**FUNDING BY POPULATION GROUP**

- **Ethnic & Racial Groups**: 1.2% of total
- **Gender**: 4.1% of total
- **People with Disabilities**: 4.8% of total
- **Older People**: 14.1% of total
- **People of Color**: 1.6% of total
- **LGBTQIA+**: 1.0% of total
- **Women**: 5.6% of total

**FUNDING FOR DISASTERS BY THE TOP 1000 LARGEST U.S. FOUNDATIONS, 2012–2021**

**FUNDING FOR DISASTER TYPES**

- **Disasters—General**: $251.7M (82.4%)
- **Disasters—Natural**: $3.0B (82.4%)
- **Disasters—Humanitarian**: $3.0B (82.4%)

**INITIATIVES THAT SPECIFICALLY SERVED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE U.S. AND/or Bolivia received the highest percentage of funding followed by giving for ethnic and racial groups, mainly in the US, for communities of color.**

**The data set used includes grants of ≥$10,000 by 1,000 of the largest U.S. community, corporate, independent and operating foundations. It excludes loans, grants to individuals, program-related investments and in-kind gifts, and more than $900 million in grants by the Ford Foundation to global humanitarian organizations and $2.5B in grants to groups that primarily serve children and youth.**

**The 10-year trend is based on Candid's Foundation 1000, which contains grants of ≥$10,000 by 1,000 of the largest US community, corporate, independent and operating foundations. It excludes loans, grants to individuals, program-related investments and in-kind gifts, and more than $900 million in grants by the Ford Foundation to global humanitarian organizations and $2.5B in grants to groups that primarily serve children and youth.**

**The COVID-19 pandemic continues to drive disaster giving toward health and human services.**

**COVID-19 funding was coded as “response and relief” unless donors specified a different assistance strategy.**

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