ABOUT THIS SNAPSHOT

This research report is produced annually by Philanthropic Foundations Canada. It depicts the top 150 private or public grantmaking foundations in Canada (i.e. grantmaking is the primary activity) based on the most recent year that complete public data is available (2015). The data was compiled by Imagine Canada from data provided by Canada Revenue Agency.

This report, as well as two companion sheets, are available on the PFC web site www.pfc.ca. The companion sheets include: information on definitions and scope of the research.

■ TOP FOUNDATIONS BY GIVING
  A complete list of top 150 foundations by gifts.

■ TOP FOUNDATIONS BY ASSETS
  A complete list of 150 top foundations by assets.

Profile of Foundations

GROWTH IN TOTAL FOUNDATION GIVING *

In 2015 Canada had 10,743 foundations with $69.7 billion in assets and $5.6 billion in total giving

*Nominal Dollars
Profile of Foundations

TYPES OF FOUNDATIONS

PRIVATE – Half or more of the foundation’s directors do not deal with each other at arm’s length and/or 50% or more of the foundation’s funding comes from a person or group of persons that control the charity in some way.

PUBLIC – A majority of the foundation’s directors’ deal with each other at arm’s length and the majority of the organization’s funding typically come from arm’s length supporters. Public foundations are distinct from operating charities in that they must spend the equivalent of more than half of their annual income on gifts to qualified donees.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOUNDATIONS: 10,743

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TOTAL ASSETS: $69.7 BILLION

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TOTAL FOUNDATION GIVING: $5.6 BILLION

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TOP 10 FOUNDATIONS BY ASSETS

- THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION
  - $12.7 B
- THE J W McCONNELL FAMILY FOUNDATION
  - $607 M
- FONDATION LUCIE ET ANDRE CHAGNON
  - $2.1 B
- LI KA SHING (CANADA) FOUNDATION
  - $1.3 B
- THE ROSSY FAMILY FOUNDATION
  - $498 M
- THE AZRIELI FOUNDATION
  - $1.8 B
- THE MOLSON FOUNDATION
  - $322 M
- FONDATION MARCELLE ET JEAN COUTU
  - $563 M
- THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION
  - $12.7 B
- THE W. GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION
  - $302 M

GRANTMAKING FOUNDATIONS

To be identified as a grant-making foundation for the purpose of this snapshot, the foundation must show clear evidence of independent philanthropic action, working primarily through multiple qualified donees.

$ have been rounded
**Profile of Foundations**

**TOP 10 FOUNDATIONS BY GIFTS**

![Diagram showing the top 10 foundations by gifts with their respective gift amounts.]

**GIVING BY REGION**

In 2015 almost 50% of the total grant dollars went to recipients in Ontario.

The greatest percentage increase in the total grant dollars from 2014 to 2015 was in Alberta (increase from 6-10%) and Prairies (increase from 3-5%).

**DISTRIBUTION TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS***

- British Columbia: 9%
- Alberta: 10%
- Prairie: 5%
- Ontario: 49%
- Quebec: 17%
- Atlantic: 3%
- International: 8%

*Numbers have been rounded
GIVING BY ISSUE

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Education & Research (34% of grant dollars), Health (17%) and Social Services (12%) receive almost half of grant dollars. This pattern is consistent year over year.

THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION IN 2015

Canada’s largest foundation with $12.7 billion in assets and the largest grantmaker with over $65.9 million in grants.

MasterCard is a significant funder to these 3 issues:
- Education & Research
- International
- Government

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