How Many Grantmakers Are in Minnesota?
In 2008, the latest year for which complete data are available, Minnesota was home to 1,467 active grantmakers, an increase of 2.7 percent from 2007. In 2008, 85 percent of the grantmakers were private foundations (1,241), 9 percent were corporate foundations and giving programs (134), and 6 percent were community/public foundations (92).

How Much Do Minnesota Grantmakers Give?
Foundation and corporate giving in Minnesota totaled $1.42 billion in 2008, an increase of 3.6 percent, from $1.37 billion in 2007. Most of Minnesota’s grantmaking in 2008 came from a relatively small number of grantmakers, continuing a long-term trend. Eleven percent of the grantmakers (155) accounted for 88 percent of all grants paid ($1.25 billion). The effect of the economic downturn was clearly reflected in the change in grantmaker assets in 2008. Minnesota foundation assets declined to $17.30 billion in 2008 from $19.55 billion in 2007, an 11.5-percent decrease. Declines in foundation assets in one year can lead to lower grantmaking a year or more in the future. Foundations typically base their grant levels on a one- to three-year average of past asset performance.

To What Causes Do Grantmakers Give?
Consistent with previous years, human services, education, and public affairs/society benefit received the largest shares of Minnesota’s grant dollars in 2008, at 26 percent, 25 percent and 15 percent, respectively. Human services giving outpaced education giving for only the third time since MCF began conducting Giving in Minnesota studies in 1976.

Where Do Minnesota's Grant Dollars Go?
Fifty-two percent of Minnesota’s grant dollars were given to organizations serving Minnesota. Of the dollars that stayed within the state, 32 percent went to the Twin Cities metro area, 11 percent went to Greater Minnesota, and 9 percent went statewide.

How Does Minnesota Giving Compare?
Compared to other states, Minnesota ranks:
- 10th in foundation giving per capita
- 15th in total foundation giving

How Much Do Individuals Give?
The majority of charitable giving in Minnesota – 74 percent of all dollars given – comes from individuals. Reflecting the dramatic downturn in the economy, individual giving in Minnesota declined to $4.02 billion in 2008, a 7.7 percent decrease from 2007. In 2008, 871,150 individuals claimed charitable contributions on their tax returns, and the average contribution per itemized tax return was $3,784. The average size of total contributions by residents of Minnesota continued to remain below the national average of $4,343. Historically, more Minnesota residents, including those with lower charitable giving levels, have itemized their charitable contributions than the national average.

Minnesota Grantmaking at a Glance, 2005-2008*

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* Due to rounding, figures do not add up to 100%.
Based on grants of $2,000 or more made by a sample of 100 of the largest grantmakers in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF), a regional association of grantmakers, works actively to strengthen and expand philanthropy. MCF members represent three-quarters of all grantmaking in the state, awarding more than $900 million to nonprofits annually. Members include family and private independent foundations, community and other public foundations, and corporate foundations and giving programs. For more information, visit www.mcf.org