Foundations in Wisconsin: A Directory

Area of Interest Categories

The following categories are used to designate foundation interests, that is, the types of programs supported by a particular foundation during the year for which information is included in this directory. The numbers which correspond to these categories are listed under the term "Interests" in each foundation profile in the main section of this directory. The names of the foundations which have supported these interests are listed on the pages which follow. A foundation must have made grants of $1,000 or more to be included in an interest category.

No attempt is made to show which interest is preferred by a foundation. To determine this preference, view the foundation’s complete grants list found on the IRS 990 tax forms available at Marquette University Raynor Library or via web sources such as GuideStar (www.guidestar.org).

Education

10. Elementary or Secondary Education: facilities and programs K-12. (p. 267)
11. Higher Education: colleges, universities and vocational programs. (p. 269)
12. Scholarships or Financial Aid. (p. 272)
13. Libraries or Library Science: public, school, etc. (p. 274)
15. Medical School Education: facilities & programs for doctors, nurses & other medical personnel. (p. 275)
16. Theological Education or Seminaries. (p. 276)
17. Other Education: literacy projects, job training & adult education; includes 4H and Junior Achievement. (p. 276)

Health and Medical

20. Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse: including dependency prevention and treatment. (p. 277)
21. Health Care Institutions: hospitals, health centers, hospices and dental care. (p. 278)
23. Medical Research: institutions and programs that conduct research on specific diseases, disorders or medical disciplines; includes large campaigns such as American Cancer Society. (p. 280)
24. Mental Health: psychiatric and psychological treatment, counseling and crisis and intervention. (p. 282)
25. Public Health Programs: health fairs, health screening programs, general wellness promotion, home health care and rescue equipment; includes Visiting Nurses. (p. 282)

Human Services

30. United Ways: federated giving programs. (p. 283)
31. Children and Youth Services: day care and other social services provided especially for children; includes Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brother and Big Sisters and Make-a-Wish. (p. 284)
32. Boys and Male Youth: includes Boy Scouts and Rawhide Boys Ranch. (p. 287)
33. Disabled: services and research for visual and hearing impairments; also covers developmental and physical disabilities. (p. 288)
34. Aging, Elderly or Senior Citizens Services. (p. 289)
35. Minorities or Race Relations: services and aid to all ethnic & racial minorities; refugee programs. (p. 290)
36. Women & Girls: advocacy, women’s shelters & rape prevention; includes YWCA & Girl Scouts. (p. 290)
37. Family Services: multi-purpose family service agencies and programs; includes Planned Parenthood and Ronald McDonald House. (p. 292)
38. Individuals: direct assistance to individuals in need (except scholarships, see category 12). (p. 293)
39. Community Service Associations: includes Rotary, American Legion, Junior League & Jaycees. (p. 293)
40. Human Services (General): multi-purpose agencies, veterans, food and shelter programs; includes Salvation Army, Rescue Mission and Red Cross. (p. 294)
ARTS AND CULTURE

50. Performing Arts: dance, theater, etc. (p. 296)
51. Music: orchestras, bands, opera and concert series. (p. 298)
52. Museums and Visual Arts: includes science, children’s and ethnic museums (excludes historical, see category 54). (p. 299)
53. Arts Alliances: arts councils and federations, special events and festivals; includes UPAF (United Performing Arts Fund). (p. 301)
54. Historic Preservation, Museums and Societies: restoration projects, preservation, etc. (p. 302)
55. Mass Media or Communications: public television & radio, film, video, journalism & publishing. (p. 303)

RELIGION

60. Roman and Orthodox Catholic: agencies, churches and missions. (p. 304)
61. Jewish: agencies, temples, etc. (p. 305)
62. Lutheran: agencies, churches and missions. (p. 305)
63. Other Protestant and Non-Denominational Christian: Episcopalian, Methodist, etc.; includes Christian organizations that are either non-denominational or whose denomination is not known. (p. 306)
64. Other Religious: Seventh Day Adventist, Muslim, Mormon, etc. (p. 307)
65. Interfaith Issues or Organizations: councils of churches; includes National Conference of Christians & Jews. (p. 307)

ENVIRONMENT

70. Environment: environmental protection, natural resources, beautification programs, botanical or horticultural programs and environmental education. (p. 308)
71. Wildlife: animal welfare and humane society. (p. 309)
72. Zoos and Zoological Societies. (p. 310)

MISCELLANEOUS

80. Building Funds. (p. 311)
81. Community and Economic Development: community foundations, civic activities, parks, parades, Summerfest, volunteerism and grants to government. (p. 311)
82. Crime and Justice: prevention, ex-offender programs and legal aid activities. (p. 313)
83. Good Government or Public Policy: consumer protection, public interest advocacy, voter education and registration, civil rights; includes League of Women Voters and ACLU. (p. 313)
84. Neighborhood and Housing Activities: includes Habitat for Humanity. (p. 313)
85. Recreation and Sports: teams, facilities and camping programs; includes Olympics and Special Olympics. (p. 314)
86. Trade and Professional Associations: includes Wisconsin Association of Manufacturers and Commerce and SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Engineers). (p. 316)
87. International Affairs, Development or Peace: any projects or exchanges with international focus. (p. 316)
88. Miscellaneous: unidentifiable, not fitting above categories. (p. 317)
89. Corporate Matching Gifts: (matching gifts are not included in total number of grants, nor in samples.) (p. 317)