**Introduction**

The 2019 publication of *Foundations in Wisconsin* is the 38th edition of the print directory and the 19th year of the online database. The directory is designed as a research tool for grantseekers interested in locating information on private, corporate, and community foundations registered in Wisconsin. Each entry in this new edition has been updated or reviewed to provide the most current information available. Most of the data was drawn from IRS 990-PF tax returns filed by the foundations. Additional information was obtained from surveys, foundation websites, and annual reports.

Wisconsin foundations once again grew in two significant areas: grants and assets. Total grants increased by 6.4% to $803 million and total assets increased by 4% to 10.9 billion, both record highs. Additionally, 36 new foundations have been identified this year. (See page 269 for the complete list.) The following table illustrates the 10-year financial pattern as documented in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

**Directory Active Total Total**

**Edition Foundations Grants Paid Assets**

2019 1234 $803,559,961 $10,909,637,031

2018 1239 $755,072,560 $10,502,179,880

2017 1225 $701,607,377 $9,635,262,424

2016 1241 $623,668,784 $9,638,306,941

2015 1256 $579,703,766 $9,532,780,829

2014 1276 $551,306,717 $8,147,400,419

2013 1264 $487,953,327 $7,068,417,918

2012 1301 $490,683,280 $7,022,030,971

2011 1324 $458,107,578 $6,260,367,106

2010 1314 $473,144,467 $5,623,975,366

The 10 counties listed below account for 81% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County again tops the list with 22% of the total foundations and 43% of the total grantmaking.

**Foundations Active Total Total**

**by County Foundations Grants Paid Assets**

Milwaukee 269 $345,196,611 $4,021,941,201

Waukesha 118 $96,197,183 $1,209,357,733

Dane 155 $67,298,569 $943,262,956

Outagamie 27 $36,164,403 $392,233,462

Brown 74 $29,857,448 $506,862,300

Winnebago 23 $19,600,591 $251,954,460

Racine 25 $15,870,282 $123,976,923

Wood 15 $15,371,834 $291,665,204

Marathon 27 $14,242,577 $303,604,324

Ozaukee 55 $12,537,017 $212,637,522

Total 788 $652,336,515 $8,257,496,085

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for $518,127,615or 64% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vii.

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