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The 2006 production of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 25th edition of the print directory and the 6th year of the online version (www.wifoundations.org). 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. However, additional information was obtained from surveys, foundation Web sites, annual reports, and newsletters.

Wisconsin foundations have shown continued growth in several key areas. The number of active grantmaking foundations has risen to 1227, with 77 new foundations identified since last year's publication. Total grants increased by 15% to a total of \$452 million, while assets increased by 6% to \$5.5 billion. The following table details the 10-year financial pattern as documented in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

Directory Edition	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
1997	950	\$182,967,421	\$2,708,661,013
1998	1002	\$214,924,544	\$3,220,532,662
1999	1048	\$270,535,600	\$3,902,154,919
2000	1065	\$298,408,284	\$4,533,619,026
2001	1100	\$361,133,037	\$5,005,239,842
2002	1151	\$389,009,152	\$5,018,788,836
2003	1160	\$386,684,708	\$4,700,316,614
2004	1184	\$387,572,449	\$4,772,292,891
2005	1213	\$395,089,700	\$5,254,012,485
2006	1227	\$452,791,755	\$5,549,409,967

Foundations headquartered in 10 counties account for 87% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Those counties are listed below in rank order by grants paid. Milwaukee County tops the list with 29% of the total number of foundations and 45% of the total grantmaking. Ozaukee County makes its first appearance in the top 10, with Marathon falling into 11th place.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	351	\$203,174,440	\$2,606,971,974
Dane	118	\$84,728,504	\$477,996,344
Waukesha	98	\$30,659,570	\$379,276,616
Outagamie	35	\$16,359,500	\$211,549,629
Racine	26	\$13,421,998	\$72,194,476
Brown	71	\$12,222,857	\$191,376,373
Rock	27	\$12,023,556	\$146,188,705
Winnebago	34	\$9,386,277	\$91,429,334
Wood	14	\$7,632,700	\$120,794,559
Ozaukee	42	\$7,630,749	\$111,295,216

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$306,083,441 in total giving or 68% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vi.

Foundations in Wisconsin is produced by the staff of the Funding Information Center, located in Marquette University's John P. Raynor, S.J., Library. The Center's mission is to serve the research needs of grantseekers from around the state. We welcomed over 700 visitors and received over 600 phone calls this past year. Among other resources, the Center's collection includes both the print and online versions of this directory for public use. For more information about the Center or to plan a visit, please turn to page vii or see our website at www.marquette.edu/library/fic.

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