

WHERE GRANTS GO

At least a third of trust grants are made in the field of social care, according to the first results of the Grants Mapping Project - which has been carried out by CAF's Research & Statistics Unit with support from ACF. A further 12% of grants are made for educational purposes, 11% on health, 11% on the arts and recreation, and 8% on religious activities. The other 24% is spread across many fields.

The figures are based on a structured analysis of over 2000 grants made by all bar one large trusts and a representative sample of small trusts. The aggregate spending of the trusts covered is just under £1 billion. Not covered is the Wellcome Trust's £450 million spending, which is entirely on medical research and the history of medicine.

There is a wide variety in the size of grants made across the various fields - which is reflected in the rather different proportions revealed by an analysis of total funds spent (as distinct from numbers of grants made). Of the £980 million total, just under a quarter, £233 million, goes on social care, £174m is spent on health, £155m on education, £95m on the arts and recreation, and £76m on religious activities.

The survey has many more fascinating figures – for example that 23% of all grants benefit young people and 18% benefit children. These figures overlap, but combined giving to children *and* young people is likely to emerge at more than 30% of the total.

7% of grants go internationally and 12% to UK-wide causes. The other 81% goes to local, regional, and national causes across the UK's 'four nations'. The figures show a pro-England bias, with a notable skew towards London and the South East. This seems to reflect the origins of trusts and their pre-determined areas of benefit, at least as much as the effects of trustees' policy choices and preferences. Grant-making per head of population in England and Scotland runs at about three times the rate for Wales and Northern Ireland.

The full results of the Project will be published at the end of January and the report launched at a joint CAF/ACF seminar. Watch for full details in the next *Trust & Foundation News*.

New classification scheme

A side-product of the Project is a modernised classification scheme for grants. This is a serious step towards an adaptable 'standard' model for the whole trust field. The main subject headings are:

- social care
- health
- education
- arts, culture, and recreation
- religious activities
- development and housing
- environment and animal welfare
- philanthropy, volunteering, and voluntary sector support
- science and technology
- civil society, law, and advocacy
- international
- social science.

The full classification scheme, which has several dimensions, will be published as supplement to the main report.

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