

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

Annual Review of Global Foundation Grantmaking

Produced by **Candid.** and  **HRFN**

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

Annual Review of Global Foundation Grantmaking

2018 KEY FINDINGS



Produced by **Candid.** and  **HRFN** | Human Rights Funders Network

Published in 2021

Welcome!

Kellea Miller
Rachel Thomas

Human Rights Funders Network














About the Research

- How do we define human rights grantmaking?
- Where do we get our data?

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

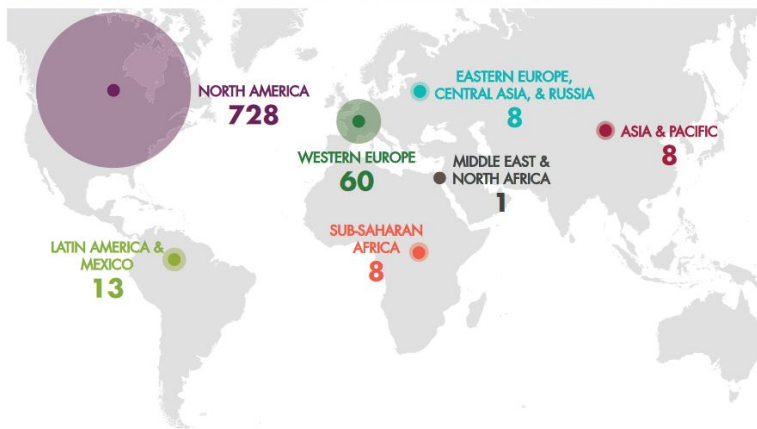


Foundation funding for human rights by issue*

Issue	Total \$	% of overall \$	# of grants
 Equality Rights and Freedom from Discrimination	\$642 M	17%	6,038
 Human Rights General	\$462 M	12%	4,558
 Education, Religion, and Culture	\$415 M	11%	1,729
 Health and Well-being Rights	\$335 M	9%	2,328
 Environmental and Resource Rights	\$332 M	9%	3,166
 Access to Justice	\$318 M	9%	1,516
 Sexual and Reproductive Rights	\$262 M	7%	995
 Freedom from Violence	\$260 M	7%	1,695
 Migration and Displacement	\$241 M	7%	2,062
 Civic and Political Participation	\$125 M	3%	785
 Expression and Information Rights	\$120 M	3%	1,050
 Economic and Labor Rights	\$114 M	3%	761
 Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding	\$88 M	2%	903

*The shading provides a comparison of grant dollars.

826 foundations in 44 countries made human rights grants in 2018



#1

Human rights funding is increasing...

...but it's a drop in the bucket.

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS:

Annual Review of Global Foundation Grantmaking
2018 Key findings

826 FUNDERS

MADE **27,586** HUMAN RIGHTS
GRANTS TOTALING **\$3.7 B**

TO **16,230** RECIPIENTS

27% OF THE FUNDING WAS
REPORTED AS FLEXIBLE
GENERAL SUPPORT



#2

A handful of funders have considerable influence.



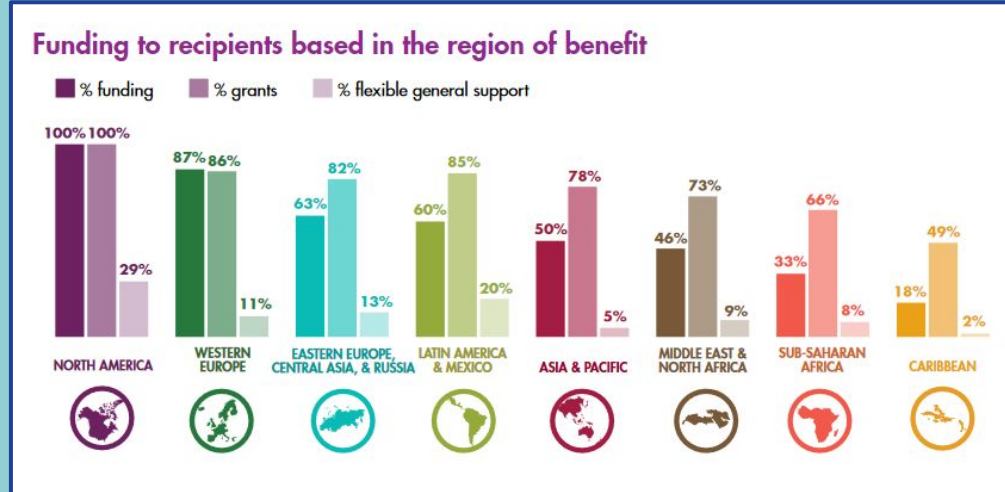
THE **TOP 12** HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS ACCOUNTED FOR **45%** OF THE OVERALL **\$3.7 B** OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDING

Top funders by grant dollars in 2018

Funder name	Based in	Scope	\$ amount	% of overall \$
1 Ford Foundation*	United States	global	\$287 M	8%
2 Foundation to Promote Open Society*	United States	global	\$206 M	6%
3 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	United States	global	\$205 M	6%
4 NoVo Foundation*	United States	global	\$186 M	5%
5 Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	United States	global	\$146 M	4%
6 W.K. Kellogg Foundation*	United States	regional	\$144 M	4%
7 Oak Foundation*	Switzerland	global	\$133 M	4%
8 Wellspring Philanthropic Fund*	United States	global	\$123 M	3%
9 Silicon Valley Community Foundation	United States	global	\$113 M	3%
10 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	United States	national	\$67 M	2%
11 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*	United States	global	\$63 M	2%
12 California Endowment	United States	local	\$62 M	2%

#3










Trust remains an issue... ...especially across borders.



#4

People with disabilities is the only population for whom funding declined.

Foundation funding for human rights by population*

	Population	Total \$	% of overall \$	% of \$ with populations specified	# of grants
	Ethnic and Racial Groups	\$893 M	24%	39%	4,911
	Women and Girls	\$752 M	20%	33%	6,439
	Children and Youth	\$715 M	19%	31%	4,971
	Migrants and Refugees	\$445 M	12%	20%	3,293
	Indigenous Peoples	\$188 M	5%	8%	1,702
	LGBTQI	\$110 M	3%	5%	1,625
	People with Disabilities	\$62 M	2%	3%	934
	Human Rights Defenders	\$34 M	1%	1%	574
	Sex Workers	\$5 M	0.1%	0.2%	153

*The shading provides a comparison of grant dollars.

#5

There are significant gaps when it comes to funding with a racial justice lens.

COVID-19 showed the world that health and racial justice are connected.

In 2018, less than 1% of all U.S. foundation grant dollars supported health rights of racial and ethnic groups.

**HRFN**Human Rights
Funders Network[About Us](#) [Our Work](#) [Our Community](#) [Resources](#) [Join](#) [Events](#)

Mapping Funding for Racial Justice: A Political Imperative

July 21, 2021

By Ana María Enríquez, HRFN Executive Director, and Kellea Miller, PhD, HRFN Deputy Director

Since 2010, Human Rights Funders Network (HRFN) and Candid have partnered on research that maps funding for human rights globally. Our analysis provides an evidence base to understand and strengthen resourcing for social change.

Over this time, we have had a glaring omission: our research has not captured funding related to race or ethnicity, despite significant and global human rights work in this area.

Though we will explain in greater detail below what this has meant and how we are addressing it, we first must acknowledge and own the impact. We have not lived up to HRFN's potential to contribute to a more coordinated philanthropic response to systemic racism and inequality. And we have compounded the invisibility of those working for racial justice, Black liberation, and equity based on ethnic or racial identity. We are changing our analysis and shifting our practices to be fully accountable to racial justice movements.



Go to: <https://www.hrfn.org/community-voices/ahr-racial-justice/>

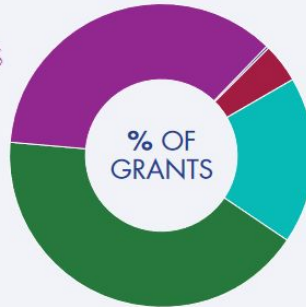
#6

Intersectional grantmaking isn't happening in practice.

Proportion of grants by number of populations

36%
0 POPULATIONS

42%
1 POPULATION



0.2%
4 POPULATIONS

4%
3 POPULATIONS

18%
2 POPULATIONS

#7

Human rights networks matter.

How does member and non-member funding compare?

MEMBERS REPRESENT

23% OF FUNDERS

48% OF GRANT DOLLARS

58% OF GRANTS

PROPORTION OF FUNDING GRANTED AS FLEXIBLE GENERAL SUPPORT

32% MEMBERS

22% NON-MEMBERS

AVERAGE GRANT LENGTH

MEMBERS: 15 MONTHS

NON-MEMBERS: 16 MONTHS

PROPORTION OF FUNDING GRANTED TO RECIPIENTS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH AND EAST

23% MEMBERS

5% NON-MEMBERS

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

Annual Review of Global Foundation Grantmaking

Produced by **Candid.** and  **HRFN** | Human Rights
Funders Network