Foundation Center’s Subject Terms

Subject terms describe WHAT is being supported and refer to grantmakers’ area(s) of focus, the primary work of the nonprofit, or the program/activity/service being funded. In *Foundation Directory Online*, the subject terms are included in “Fields of Interest” in Search Grantmakers and “Subjects” in Search Grants.

### 18 Broad Fields by Subject

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### Agriculture, fishing and forestry

- **Agriculture**
  - Farm viability
    - Agricultural cooperatives
    - Agricultural education
    - Farm bureaus and granges
- **Farmlands**
- **Irrigation and water management**
- **Livestock and ranching**

### Fishing and aquaculture

- **Fish farms and hatcheries**
- **Sustainable fishing**

### Food security

- **Community food systems**
- **Food sovereignty**
- **Subsistence farming**
  - Agrodiversity
  - Agroecology
  - Genetically modified crops
  - Organic farming
- **Forestry**
  - Non-timber forestry
  - Sustainable forestry

### Arts and culture

- **Arts services**
- **Artists’ services**
- **Arts administration**
- **Arts councils**
- **Arts education**
- **Arts exchange**
- **Cultural awareness**
- **Sacred sites**
- **Traditional knowledge**

- **Folk arts**
- **Historical activities**
- **Commemorations**
- **Genealogy**
- **Historic preservation**
- **War memorials**
- **Humanities**
  - **Art history**
  - **History**
  - **Languages**
  - **Linguistics**
  - **Literature and writing**
  - **Philosophy**
- **Museums**
  - **Art museums**
  - **Children’s museums**
  - **Ethnic museums**
  - **History museums**
  - **Maritime museums**
  - **Natural history museums**
  - **Planetariums**
  - **Science museums**
  - **Sport and hobby museums**
- **Performing arts**
- **Circus arts**
- **Dance**
  - **Ballet**
  - **Choreography**
  - **Folk and ethnic dance**
  - **Jazz and tap dance**
  - **Modern dance**
- **Music**
  - **Composition**
  - **Folk and indigenous music**
  - **Musical ensembles and groups**

### Community and economic development

- **Business and industry**
- **Business promotion**
- **Construction**
- **Corporate social responsibility**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Mining and resource extraction**
- **Real estate**
- **Social enterprise**
- **Tourism**
- **Trade**
- **Transport and storage**

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Community improvement
- Community beautification
  - Gardening
  - Landscaping

Community organizing
Community service
Neighborhood associations

Economic development
Employment
- Job benefits
- Job counseling
- Job creation and workforce development
- Job retraining
- Job training
- Organized labor
- Pensions

Rural development
Urban development
- Bicycling and pedestrian-oriented development
- Green building
- Public transportation
- Urban planning
- Urban renewal
- Urban sprawl

Financial services
- Anti-predatory lending
- Banking
- Credit unions

Development finance
- Community development finance
- Microfinance
- Sustainable finance

Financial counseling
Home financing
Insurance
Investment services

Housing development
Foreclosure prevention
Home ownership
Housing loss prevention
Housing rehabilitation
Public housing
Tenants’ organizations

Sustainable development

Education
- Adult education
  - Basic and remedial instruction
    - Adult literacy
    - Adult numeracy
    - High school equivalency
- Continuing education
- ESL and second language acquisition
- Educational services
  - College preparation
  - Computer literacy
  - Cooperative education
  - E-learning
  - Educational exchanges
  - Educational software
  - Educational testing
  - Out-of-school learning
  - Parent-teacher involvement
  - Reading promotion
  - Student retention
  - Tutoring
- Educational management
- Elementary and secondary education
  - Bilingual education
  - Charter school education
  - Child educational development
  - Early childhood education
  - Elementary education
  - Gifted education
  - Middle school education
  - Multicultural education
  - Secondary education
  - Special needs education
  - STEM education
- Equal opportunity in education
- Graduate and professional education
  - Business education
  - Law education
  - Medical education
  - Social work education
  - Teacher education
- Higher education
  - Community college education
  - Undergraduate education
  - University education

Student services
- Alumni relations
- Sororities and fraternities

Vocational education
- Vocational post-secondary education
- Vocational secondary education

Environment
- Biodiversity
  - Forest preservation
    - Forest management
    - Rainforests
    - Reforestation
  - Plant biodiversity
    - Botanical gardens
    - Invasive plant species
  - Wildlife biodiversity
    - Aquariums
    - Aquatic wildlife protection
    - Bird preservation
    - Endangered species protection
    - Invasive animal species
    - Wildlife rehabilitation
    - Wildlife sanctuaries
    - Zoos

Climate change
Domesticated animals
Animal training
Animal welfare
- Animal adoptions
- Animal population control
- Animal rescue and rehabilitation
- Humane education
- Research on animals
- Vegetarianism

Human-animal interactions
Veterinary medicine

Environmental education
- Environmental studies
- Nature education
- Outdoor education

Environmental justice
Natural resources
Air quality
Energy resources
- Energy efficiency
- Fossil fuels
- Nuclear energy
- Renewable energy

Hazardous waste management
- Radiation control
- Toxic substance control

Land resources
- Deserts
- Grasslands
- Highlands
- Land degradation
- Tundra

Solid waste management
- Composting
- Recycling

Water resources
- Coral reefs
- Groundwater
- Oceans and coastal waters
- Rivers and lakes
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- Water conservation
- Water pollution
- Wetlands

Health

Diseases and conditions

Brain and nervous system disorders
- ALS
- Alzheimer's disease
- Autism
- Cerebral palsy
- Epilepsy
- Meningitis
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease
- Spinal cord injuries and diseases

Cancers
- Breast cancer
- Colorectal cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Prostate cancer

Digestive system diseases
- Celiac disease
- Crohn's disease and colitis
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Liver diseases

Ear, nose and throat diseases

Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
- Diabetes
- Malnutrition

Eye diseases

Genetic conditions and birth defects
- Cystic fibrosis
- Down syndrome
- Hemophilia

Heart and circulatory system diseases

Immune system diseases
- HIV/AIDS

Infectious and parasitic diseases
- Cholera
- Ebola
- Malaria
- Tuberculosis

Kidney diseases

Mental and behavioral disorders
- Alcoholism
- Depression
- Learning disorders
- Stress

Musculoskeletal diseases
- Arthritis
- Muscular dystrophy

Respiratory system diseases
- Asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Pneumoniosis

Skin conditions

Health care access

Health care administration and financing

Bioethics

Electronic health records

Health care financing

Health care management

Health insurance

Managed care

Medical counseling

Patient social services

Patient-centered care

Patients' rights

Health care quality

Holistic medicine

In-patient medical care

Burn care

Community health care

Convalescent care

Hospital care
- Children’s hospital care
- Emergency care
- Intensive care
- Specialty hospital care

Medical specialties

Biomedicine

Cardiology

Dermatology

Diagnostic imaging

Gastroenterology

Genetics

Geriatrics

Hematology

Immunology

Internal medicine

Neurology

Obstetrics and gynecology

Oncology

Ophthalmology

Orthopedics

Pathology

Pediatrics

Pharmacology

Psychiatry

Stem cell therapy

Surgery
- Organ transplantation
- Reconstructive surgery

Urology

Medical support services

Blood banks

Emergency medical services

Home medical equipment

Organ and tissue banks

Pharmacies

Prosthetics

Mental health care

Addiction services
- Eating disorders
- Smoking
- Substance abuse prevention
- Substance abuse treatment

Community mental health care

Crisis intervention
- Sexual assault victim services
- Suicide crisis intervention

Mental health counseling
- Bereavement counseling
- Support groups

Psychiatric care

Residential mental health care

Transitional mental health services

Nursing care

Home health care

Hospice care

Palliative care

Out-patient medical care

Dental care

E-health

Health care clinics

Hearing care

Preventive care

School-based health care

Urgent care

Vision care

Public health

Communicable disease control

Environmental health

Epidemiology

Occupational health

Physical fitness
- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Obesity

Sexually transmitted disease control

Water access, sanitation and hygiene
- Clean water supply
- Hygiene
- Sanitation

Rehabilitation

Animal therapy

Art and music therapy

Physical therapy

Play therapy
Speech and hearing rehabilitation
Reproductive health care
Abortion
Childbirth
Family planning
Maternal and perinatal health
  - Infant care
  - Prenatal care
Sexual education
  - Abstinence-only sex education
  - Comprehensive sex education
Youth pregnancy prevention
Traditional medicine and healing

Human rights
Antidiscrimination
Children’s rights
Disabled persons’ rights
Immigrants’ rights
LGBTQ rights
Minority rights
Prisoners’ rights
Rights of the aged
Women’s rights
Diversity and intergroup relations
Individual liberties
Freedom from slavery
Freedom from violence and torture
Freedom of association and expression
Freedom of religion
Reproductive rights
Right to die
Right to free movement and asylum
Right to life
Right to privacy
Justice rights
Capital punishment
Due process
Social rights
Cultural rights
Economic justice
Environmental and resource rights
Freedom of information
Labor rights
Marriage equality
Traditional marriage
Voter rights

Human services
Basic and emergency aid
  - Food aid
    - Dining services
    - Food banks
    - Food delivery
  - Free goods distribution
Gift distribution
  - Thrift shops
Travelers’ aid
Victim aid
Family services
  - Adolescent parenting
  - Adult day care
Child welfare
  - Adoption
  - Child care
  - Child development
  - Foster care
Family counseling
Family disability resources
In-home aid and personal assistance
Parent education
Single parent support
Human services information
Human services management
Job services
Sheltered workshops
Unemployment compensation
Vocational rehabilitation
Personal services
  - Adult peer mentoring
Cemeteries and burial services
Paratransit
Self-advocacy
Self-help groups
Transition planning
  - Aging out of foster care
  - Benefits planning
Shelter and residential care
  - Elder housing
    - Nursing homes
    - Retirement housing
    - Senior assisted living
Homeless shelters
Housing services
  - Home accessibility
  - Home repairs
  - Rent and mortgage assistance
  - Utility expense assistance
Supportive housing
  - Domestic violence shelters
  - Group homes
  - Housing for people with disabilities
  - Housing for the homeless
  - Orphanages
  - Transitional living
Temporary accommodations
Special population support
  - Developmental disability services
Homeless services
Immigrant services
  - Independent living for people with disabilities
  - Senior services
Women’s services
Youth development
Agriculture for youth
Civics for youth
Community service for youth
Economics for youth
Religion for youth
Scouting programs
Youth mentoring
  - Adult and child mentoring
  - Intergenerational mentoring
  - Youth peer mentoring
Youth organizing
Youth services

Information and communications
Communication media
  - Audio recording
  - Film and video
  - Mobile media
  - Publishing
  - Radio
  - Television
  - Web-based media
    - Social media
    - Webcasting
    - Websites
Information communications technology
  - Computer security
  - Software applications
    - Assistive software
    - Business applications
    - Cloud computing
    - Content management software
    - Data management software
    - Financial applications
    - Geographic Information Systems
    - Interactive games
    - Media development software
    - Simulation software
    - Web applications
Telecommunications
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  - Intranets
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  - On-line conferencing
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  - Archives and special collections
    - Digital collections
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Spirituality
Theology
Tribal and indigenous religions

Science
Biology
Biochemistry
Botany
Ecology
Genetic research
Human physiology
Molecular biology
Paleontology
Zoology
Engineering
Aerospace engineering
Chemical engineering
Civil engineering
Electrical engineering
Mechanical engineering
Forensic science
Mathematics
Physical and earth sciences
Astronomy
Atmospheric science
Chemistry
Geology
Hydrology
Marine science
Physics
Technology
Assistive technology
Biology
Computer science
Nanotechnology
Robotics
Social sciences
Anthropology
Archaeology
Cultural anthropology
Physical anthropology
Economics
Geography
Interdisciplinary studies
American studies
Ethnic studies
- Black studies
- Indigenous studies
- Latino and Hispanic studies
Gender and sexuality studies
- LBGTQ studies
- Men's studies
- Women's studies
Gerontology
International studies
Labor studies
Poverty studies
Rural studies
Urban studies
Law
Paranormal and mystic studies
Political science
Population studies
Psychology and behavioral science
Sociology
Sports and recreation
Community recreation
Camps
Clubs
Festivals
Parks
Playgrounds
Sports
Adaptive sports
American football
Baseball and softball
Basketball
Combat sports
Cycling
Equestrianism
European football
Golf
Gymnastics
Olympics
Outdoor sports
- Fishing and hunting
- Hiking and walking
- Mountain and rock climbing
- Orienteering
Paralympics
Racquet sports
Running
Special Olympics
Sports training
- Intramural sports
- School athletics
Table tennis
Track and field
Volleyball
Water sports
- Boating
- Swimming
Winter sports
- Ice hockey
- Ice skating
- Skiing and snowboarding
- Sledding
Unknown or not classified
Foundation Center’s Population Terms

Population terms describe WHO is being supported and details characteristics (age, sex, race/ethnic heritage, etc.) of the population(s) being targeted as the intended beneficiary of support. In Foundation Directory Online, the population terms are included in “Fields of Interest” in Search Grantmakers and “Subjects” in Search Grants.

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Sexual identity
Heterosexuals
LGBTQ people
Bisexuals
Gay men
Intersex people

Lesbians
Transgender people

Social and economic status
At-risk youth
Dropouts
Out-of-home youth
Slum youth
Economically disadvantaged people
Extremely poor people
Homeless people
Low-income and poor people
Working poor
Immigrants and migrants
Asylum seekers
Cross-border families
Immigrants
Internally displaced people
Migrant workers
Refugees and displaced people
Undocumented immigrants
Incarcerated people
Detainees
Ex-offenders
Offenders

Wrongfully incarcerated people
Nomadic people
Victims and oppressed people
Victims of conflict and war
Victims of crime and abuse
Victims of disaster

Work status and occupations
Academics
Researchers
Students
Teachers
Activists
Artists and performers
Domestic workers
Emergency responders
Farmers
Military personnel
Retired people
Self-employed people
Sex workers
Unemployed people
Veterans
Foundation Center’s Support Strategy Terms

Support Strategy describes HOW the grant is being implemented or the type of work supported. In Foundation Directory Online, “Support Strategy” is a field in Search Grantmakers and Search Grants.

15 Broad Fields by Support Strategy

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### Cash grants
- MRI community development credit union deposits
- MRI community development loan fund deposits
- Private equity MRIs
- Public equity MRIs
- Real estate MRIs

### Grants to individuals
- Loaned talent (pro bono)
- Pro bono advocacy services
- Pro bono board services
- Pro bono communications and public relations services
- Pro bono consulting services
- Pro bono financial management services
- Pro bono fundraising services
- Pro bono human resources services
- Pro bono interactive and website technology services
- Pro bono legal services
- Pro bono marketing and branding services
- Pro bono medical services

### Pro bono services
- PRI business start-ups and expansion
- PRI charitable use real estate
- PRI equity investments
- PRI interim financing
- PRI lines of credit
- PRI linked deposits and certificates of deposit
- PRI loan guarantees
- PRI loans
- PRI loans for loan funds
- PRI mortgage financing

### Program-related investments
- Pro bono program design and analysis services
- Pro bono real estate and facilities services
- Pro bono strategic management services
- Pro bono technology infrastructure services

### Mission-related investments
- MRI community development credit union deposits
- MRI community development loan fund deposits
- Pro bono program design and analysis services
- Pro bono real estate and facilities services
- Pro bono strategic management services
- Pro bono technology infrastructure services

### Other
- MRI community development bank deposits
- Pro bono program design and analysis services
- Pro bono real estate and facilities services
- Pro bono strategic management services
- Pro bono technology infrastructure services

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