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

Agriculture, fishing and forestry
Arts and culture
Community and economic development
Education
Environment
Health

Human rights
Human services
Information and communications
International relations
Philanthropy
Public affairs

Public safety
Religion
Science
Social sciences
Sports and recreation
Unknown or not classified

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
Sustainable agriculture
- 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

- Opera
- Orchestral music
- Vocal music

Performance art
Performing arts education
Spoken word
Theater
- Musical theater
- Playwriting

Public arts

Visual arts
Architecture
Art conservation
Ceramic arts
Design
Drawing
Painting
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture
Textile arts

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

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

Education 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

- 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
- Pneumoconiosis

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 accomodations

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

- Internet
- Intranets
- Mobile communications
- On-line conferencing

Libraries

Academic libraries

Archives and special collections

- Digital collections
- Institutional archives

Government libraries
Public libraries
School libraries and media centers

Media access and policy

Information and media literacy
Media democracy
- Digital divide
- Internet neutrality

Media justice

News and public information

Journalism
- Advocacy journalism
- Citizen journalism
- Constituency journalism
- Investigative journalism
- Photojournalism

Open data

International relations

Democracy and civil society development

Foreign policy

Goodwill promotion

International development

International economics and trade

International exchange

International peace and security

Arms control
- Arms trafficking
- Disarmament
- Landmines
- Nuclear non-proliferation

Conflict resolution

Multilateral cooperation

Philanthropy

Foundations

Nonprofits

Philanthropy and public policy

Venture philanthropy

Voluntarism

Public affairs

Democracy

Civic participation
Elections
- Campaign finance
- Election regulation
- Political organizations
- Voter education and registration

Public integrity

Leadership development

National security

Bioterrorism

Counterterrorism
Customs and border control
Cyber warfare
Immigration and naturalization
National defense

Public administration

Census
Government regulation
Public assistance
- Social security
- Welfare

Public finance
Public works

Public policy

Public utilities

Electric utilities
Oil and gas utilities
Sewage utilities
Water utilities

Public/private ventures

Public safety

Abuse prevention

Bullying
Child abuse
Domestic violence
Elder abuse
Sexual abuse

Consumer protection

Drug safety
Food safety
Universal design

Corrections and penology

Offender re-entry
Prison alternatives
Probation and parole
Rehabilitation of offenders
Services for offenders

Courts

Dispute resolution
Family courts
Juvenile justice

Crime prevention

Cybercrime
Gun control
Impaired driving
Law enforcement
- Community policing
- Police agencies

Missing persons
Narcotics control

Disasters and emergency management

Civil protection
Disaster preparedness

Disaster reconstruction
Disaster relief
Disasters
- Droughts
- Earthquakes
- Extreme temperatures
- Famines
- Floods
- Mass movements
- Non-natural disasters
- Storms
- Tsunamis
- Volcanos
- Wildfires

Internal resettlement
Search and rescue

Fire prevention and control

Legal services

Child advocacy
Guardianship
Housing law
Immigration law
Intellectual property
Legal aid
Public interest law

Safety education

First aid training
Home safety
Poison control
Traffic safety
- Automotive safety
- Bicycle safety
- Pedestrian safety

Religion

Baha'i

Buddhism

Christianity

Catholicism
Christian Science
Evangelicalism
Mormonism
Orthodox Christianity
Protestantism
- Baptist
- Episcopalianism and Anglicanism
- Lutheranism
- Methodism
- Presbyterianism

Confucianism

Hinduism

Interfaith

Islam

Shi'a

Sufism
Sunni

Judaism
Conservative Judaism
Orthodox Judaism
Reconstructionist Judaism
Reform Judaism

Shintoism

Sikhism

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
Biotechnology
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

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