A Snapshot of Philanthropy in the Greater Washington Region

$504,881,505
Estimated 2013 giving in the region by foundations and corporations located in the region. This is a 10% increase over 2012 giving, estimated at $459,246,497.¹

What are the priority areas of giving?
A 2014 survey of WRAG member giving in 2013 found that health and education are the two issue areas that attract the highest amount of funding in the region:

How does giving in the Greater Washington region compare to other metro areas?
A 2014 study (using 2012 data) of rates of individual giving found that the Greater Washington region ranked 27 out of the 50 largest metro areas in the country, with 2.89% of adjusted gross income going to charity. The metro area with the highest rate of individual giving was Salt Lake City, UT (5.4%) and the lowest was Hartford, CT (1.9%).²

¹ Sources: Foundation Center; Washington Business Journal; Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers survey of members
² Source: The Chronicle of Philanthropy
Top 10 foundations in the region by asset size (2013):³

The Wyss Foundation (DC)...........................................................................................................$2,115,965,902
(supports land conservation, economic opportunity, and education at the national level)

*The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation (DC).................................................................$725,140,070
(supports the arts, community services, education, environment, and health at the regional level)

Jack Kent Cook Foundation (VA)..................................................................................................$677,726,607
(supports education at the national level)

Sherman Fairchild Foundation (MD)..............................................................................................$671,317,262
(supports higher education at the national level)

Diana Davis Spencer Foundation (MD)..........................................................................................$649,513,608
(supports entrepreneurship, self-reliance, global understanding, free enterprise, the arts, education, health, environment at the national and regional level)

*J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation (MD).................................................................$630,758,193
(supports education, hospitality, opportunity, community, and health at the national and regional level)

*Public Welfare Foundation (DC)..............................................................................................$488,153,146
(supports criminal justice, juvenile justice, civil legal aid, and workers’ rights at the national level)

*Community Foundation for the National Capital Region (DC)..............................................$334,979,789
(supports safety net services, workforce development, and education at the regional level)

The Gottesman Fund (DC)............................................................................................................$323,969,755
(supports Jewish organizations, cultural, medical, scientific and educational institutions at the national level and in Israel)

Charles Koch Foundation (VA)....................................................................................................$276,881,787
(supports public policy change at the national level)

About the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers

The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers is a membership association of grantmakers in the Greater Washington region - Northern Virginia, suburban Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Our members represent a vibrant cross-section of philanthropy, including family, community, corporate, and independent foundations, as well as corporate giving programs, governmental grantmakers, and grantmaking public charities. Our members have diverse funding interests and strategies, but what they have in common is a dedication to improving the region and the lives of those who call it home.

³ Source: Foundation Center. Excludes operating foundations.
*Indicates members of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers