

What is the League of California Community Foundations?



MISSION

The League of California Community Foundations builds and strengthens California's communities by fostering collaboration among the state's community foundations.

WHAT DOES THE LEAGUE OFFER ITS MEMBERS?

The League helps its members build capacity and become more effective by serving as an information resource, facilitating strategic partnerships and developing special initiatives. For example, we offer members

- Facilitated meetings to assist in networking among peers
- Board Chair retreats
- Newsletters to update members on important issues and to share tips
- Queries to members on topical issues such as granting processes, fees and gifts
- Opportunities to participate in local, regional and statewide initiatives and re-granting opportunities
- Hosted site visits and other knowledge sharing and peer learning opportunities
- New CEO assistance
- Sample polices and other essential documents
- Support for compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

The League also represents community foundations and advocates for community-based philanthropy at the state level, ensuring that legislators, policymakers and regulators understand the unique and vital role community foundations play in the lives of a growing number of California citizens.

The League often works in partnership with major private foundations in the state and across the country, including The California Endowment, The James Irvine Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the C.S. Mott Foundation.

BACKGROUND

The League of California Community Foundations was created in 1994 as a statewide partnership of community foundations. We have 28 member foundations, who together have investments exceeding \$7.8 billion. In 2007, League members and their contributors gave more than \$860 million to local nonprofit organizations doing important work in health and human services, education, the environment, economic development, the arts and much more.

When the League was created one of every five Californians lived in an area with no community foundation. Today, more than 97 percent of the state's population has access to the benefits of community foundations.

Recognized as a leader within the field, the League was asked to help develop and oversee several major national initiatives, including one to build public awareness of community foundations and another to advance the field's standards of excellence and accountability.

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