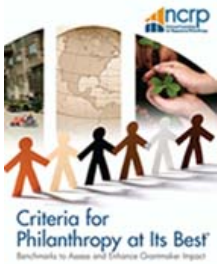


Rural communities are among several groups that are underserved by institutional philanthropy. Current grantmaking trends show that philanthropy favors urban-based or urban-focus nonprofits over groups that serve or are located in rural communities. [Rural Philanthropy: Building Dialogue From Within](#), identifies perceived and real barriers between rural nonprofits and foundation based in urban areas and suggests ways to overcome these obstacles.

Findings and recommendations in this report are based on focus groups conveyed in eastern Kentucky, southern Miami-Dade county in Florida, western Texas' border with Mexico, Montana and northern California in February, March and April 2007 to discuss various strategies that both rural nonprofits and foundations can promote to increase philanthropy that benefit rural communities.

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