

Dueling Research on the True Beneficiaries of Foundation Grants

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Who benefits from grant making?

A seemingly simple question, but a recent study on the subject has triggered a variety of responses, with vastly different conclusions.

This month the Philanthropic Collaborative, a Washington nonprofit coalition, released a report that estimated that two out of every three grant dollars to health causes helps the poor and disadvantaged populations.

The report sought in part to repudiate the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, a foundation watchdog that is pushing grant makers to give more to marginalized people. The committee, in Washington, has said that one out of three grant dollars to all causes helps under-served populations.

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