

Giving to Underserved Groups, for Social Justice on the Rise, Reports Find

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Giving to address the needs of underserved communities has increased modestly in recent years, new reports from the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy find.

According to the *Philanthropic Landscape: The State of Giving to Underserved Communities*, giving by U.S. foundations to benefit economically disadvantaged people, the elderly, women and girls, and other marginalized groups increased by 7 percent over the past several years, from 33 percent between 2004 and 2006 to 40 percent between 2008 and 2010. The second report, the

State of Social Justice Philanthropy

, found that since 2004 more grant dollars are being classified as social justice grants, while the number of foundations providing social justice funding at a substantial level has increased. For example, 8 percent of the foundations included in NCRP's latest sample of more than nine hundred large grantmakers awarded at least 25 percent of their funding for social justice purposes from 2008 to 2010.

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