

Delaware Valley Grantmakers Education Funders Survey:

How are you funding public education in Philadelphia?

KEY FINDINGS

Earlier this year, DVG staff was asked to survey members to determine the types and amounts of private philanthropic support provided to public education/public school students in Philadelphia. A survey was administered in March, which yielded usable responses from 16 grantmaking organizations. The data collected surely understate the amount of support currently provided by the wide range of foundations and other philanthropies active on this issue in our region. Nevertheless, the data do illustrate the breadth and significant commitment of local funders to improve conditions and create more opportunities for Philadelphia public school students. Survey findings are helpful in informing individual funders about work being supported by their colleagues while providing a basis for discussions about educational improvement with School District representatives and other stakeholders. Future surveys also may grow out of these findings. In the meantime, your ideas and feedback will be appreciated. Many thanks to the DVG members who participated in the survey.

16 survey responders were comprised of:

>> 9 Corporate foundations/giving programs >> 5 Private foundations >> 2 Grantmaking public charities

Ways that funders support public education/public school students

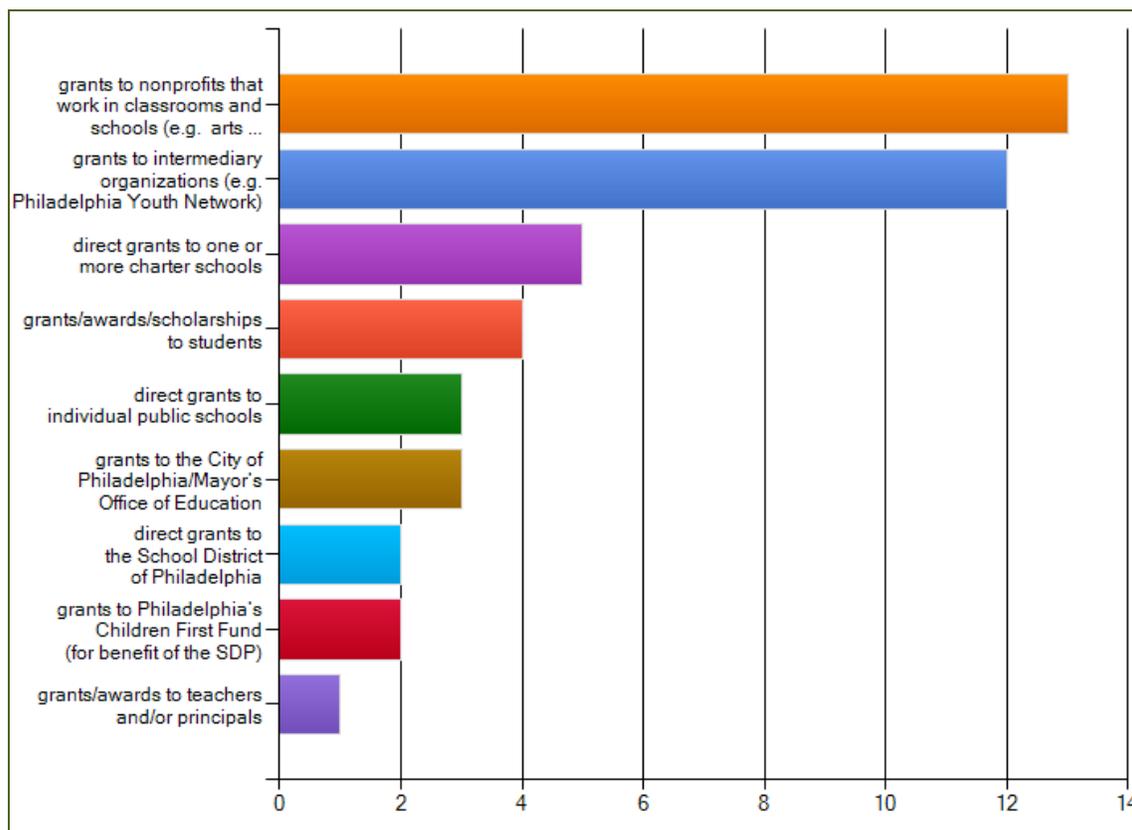
TOP three:

- Grants to nonprofits that work in classrooms and schools (13)
- Grants to intermediary organizations (12)
- Grants to one or more charter schools (5)

LEAST supported:

- Mayor’s Office of Education or individual schools (3)
- The School District (2)
- Teachers and/or principals (1)

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Purposes for which funding is provided

Most frequently cited purposes were:

- Arts and culture education (8)
- Career guidance/opportunities (6)
- Literacy instruction (6)
- After-school programs (5)

Grade allocation of grants

Responders provide support across all grade levels, with a wide range of allocations reported:

PreK	Elementary	Middle	High
5% - 20%	5% - 75%	20% - 40%	5% - 100%

Grant dollars

Responders reported a **total of \$19 million** granted in 2010 (or their last completed fiscal year).

Combined grant dollars for selected purposes:

\$3.4 million	Major systems interventions (e.g. drop-outs, safety)
\$3.4 million	Advocacy
\$2.2 million	Professional development for teachers and/or principals*
\$2.0 million	Career guidance/opportunities
\$1.5 million	After-school programming
\$1.2 million	Arts and culture education
\$ 942,000	Nutrition, health and/or fitness
\$ 854,000	Literacy instruction

** includes Teach for America*

Recipient organizations

In total, responders listed **25 different nonprofit organizations** as among their top three grantee organizations. Among these, the **most frequently listed** nonprofits were:

- Philadelphia Academies (8)
- Teach for America (4)
- City Year (3)
- Philadelphia Youth Network (3)

