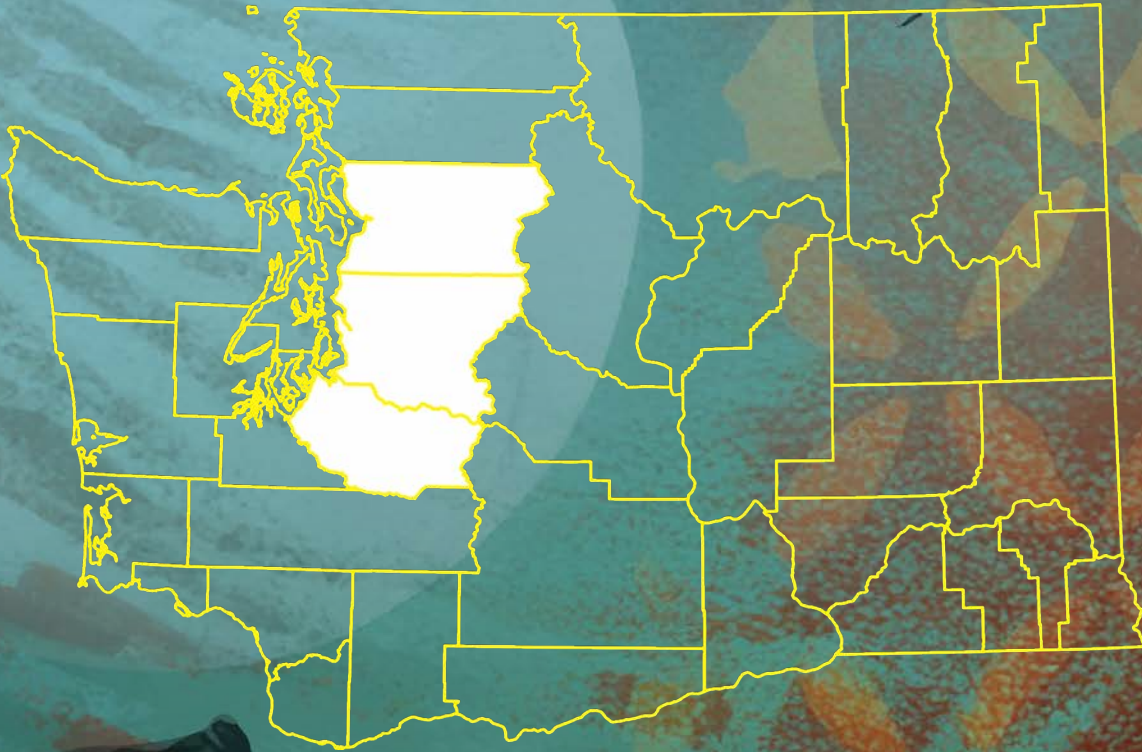


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2026 Seattle Metro Area

AANHPI

FUNDING SNAPSHOT

U.S. Institutional Giving for Asian American,
Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities



About AAPIP

Established in 1990, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is a justice-minded national philanthropic affinity organization that provides unique community spaces for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs), and allies in philanthropy. We are a membership-based organization that centers equity and justice in philanthropy to move money and build power of AANHPI communities for an inclusive democracy.

AAPIP serves as the progressive home to AANHPIs in philanthropy at all leadership levels across the sector. Anchored by national staff, AAPIP works across the country through a chapter network as sites of regional activism serving as a bridge between philanthropy and local non-profit organizations. These chapters are centers for place-based advocacy, information sharing, leadership development and network building around AANHPI issues and philanthropy.

Introduction

This Seattle Regional Funding Snapshot builds from AAPIP's 2025 National AANHPI Funding Snapshot, diving deeper into one of the ten metropolitan areas where AAPIP Regional Chapters are situated. In addition to Seattle, AAPIP is producing snapshots for Boston, Chicago, Denver, District of Columbia, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco/Oakland, and the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-Saint Paul).

Methodology

The analyses presented in this Regional Funding Snapshot are drawn from Candid's transactions database, the same dataset as AAPIP's 2025 National Funding Snapshot. This dataset contains grants-level data from foundations and corporations, excluding individual and government giving, pledges, in-kind contributions, and social-impact bonds awarded between 2019 and 2023, using data accessed on August 2, 2024 (for data on grants awarded in calendar years 2019–2022) and May 19, 2025 (for data on grants awarded in calendar year 2023). Discretionary and donor-advised grants from U.S. community foundations are also included. AAPIP also accessed Candid's Foundation Maps database on February 1, 2026 for this region's funding data.

Candid classifies grants using its Philanthropy Classification System, which codes by issue area, population, strategy, and geography; most grants carry multiple codes. AAPIP conducted intensive quality control, specifically focused on population, to offer a more accurate representation of institutional funding designated to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Due to limitations with the raw data provided, there may be an undercounting of the total grant awards (both in terms of total dollars awarded and total number of grants awarded). For a more detailed description of the methodology, please see the Methodology section of AAPIP's 2025 National Funding Snapshot.

This funding snapshot focuses on the Seattle metro area, aligned with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Seattle–Tacoma–Bellevue Metropolitan Statistical Area comprised of three counties: Snohomish County, King County, and Pierce County.

Seattle AANHPI Population

Please update to: The Seattle metro area is home to more than 760,000 Asian Americans, which make up nearly 19% of the metro area's population and equivalent to 3.2% of all Asian Americans in the US. The area is home to over 62,000 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, which make up nearly 1.6% of the metro area's population and equivalent to 3.8% of the NHPI population in the US.



Seattle Metro Area AANHPI Population

	REGIONAL POPULATION (TOTAL)	SHARE OF TOTAL REGIONAL POPULATION	SHARE OF NATIONAL POPULATION OF SPECIFIED RACIAL GROUP
Asian American	763,124	18.98%	3.23%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	62,499	1.55%	3.83%

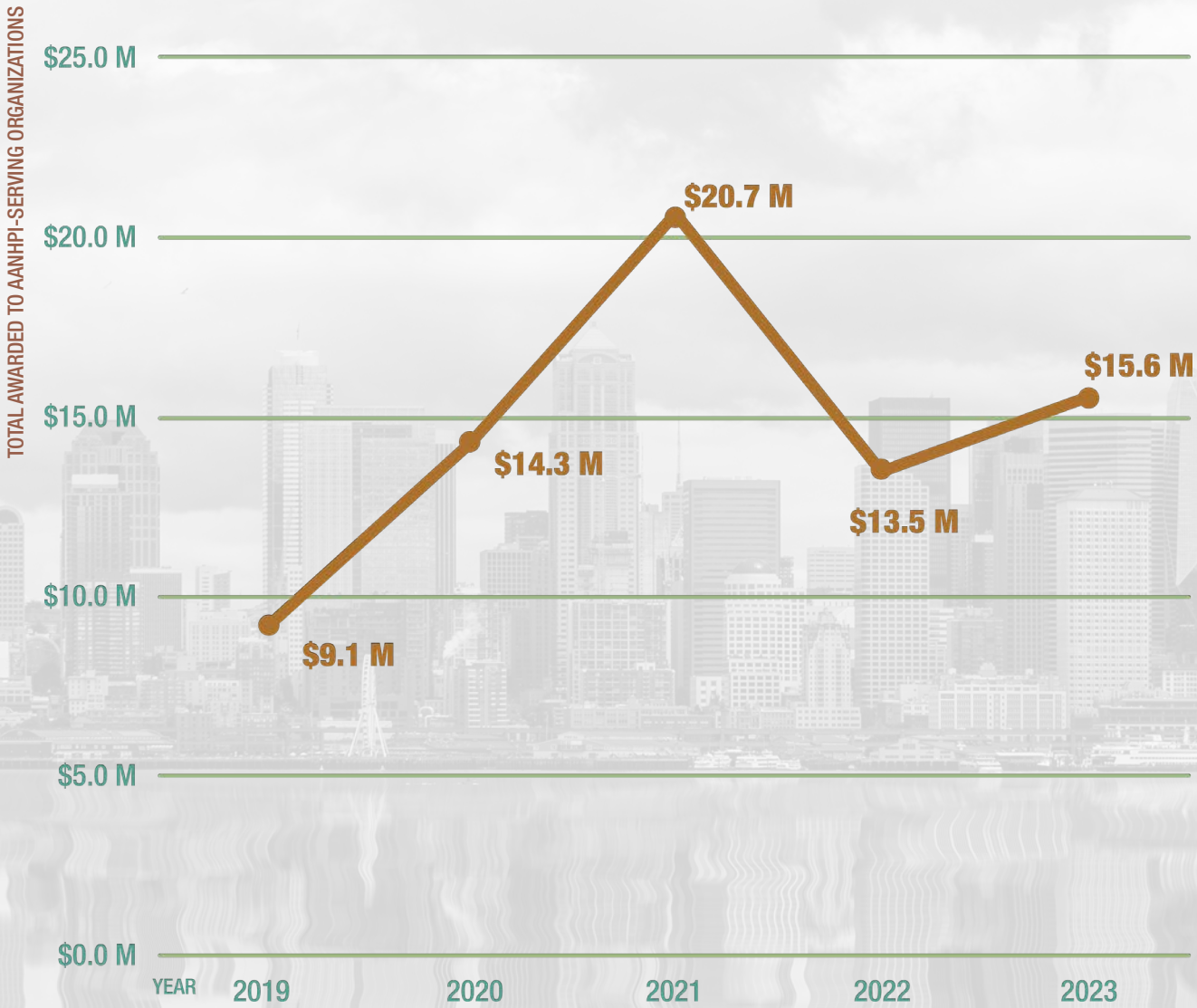
Funding Landscape

Between 2019 and 2023, Seattle's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities received \$73.1 million of the \$49 billion dollars granted to communities across the Seattle Metro Area. This equates to 15 cents for every \$100 awarded by philanthropy, or 0.15% of regional philanthropic funding.

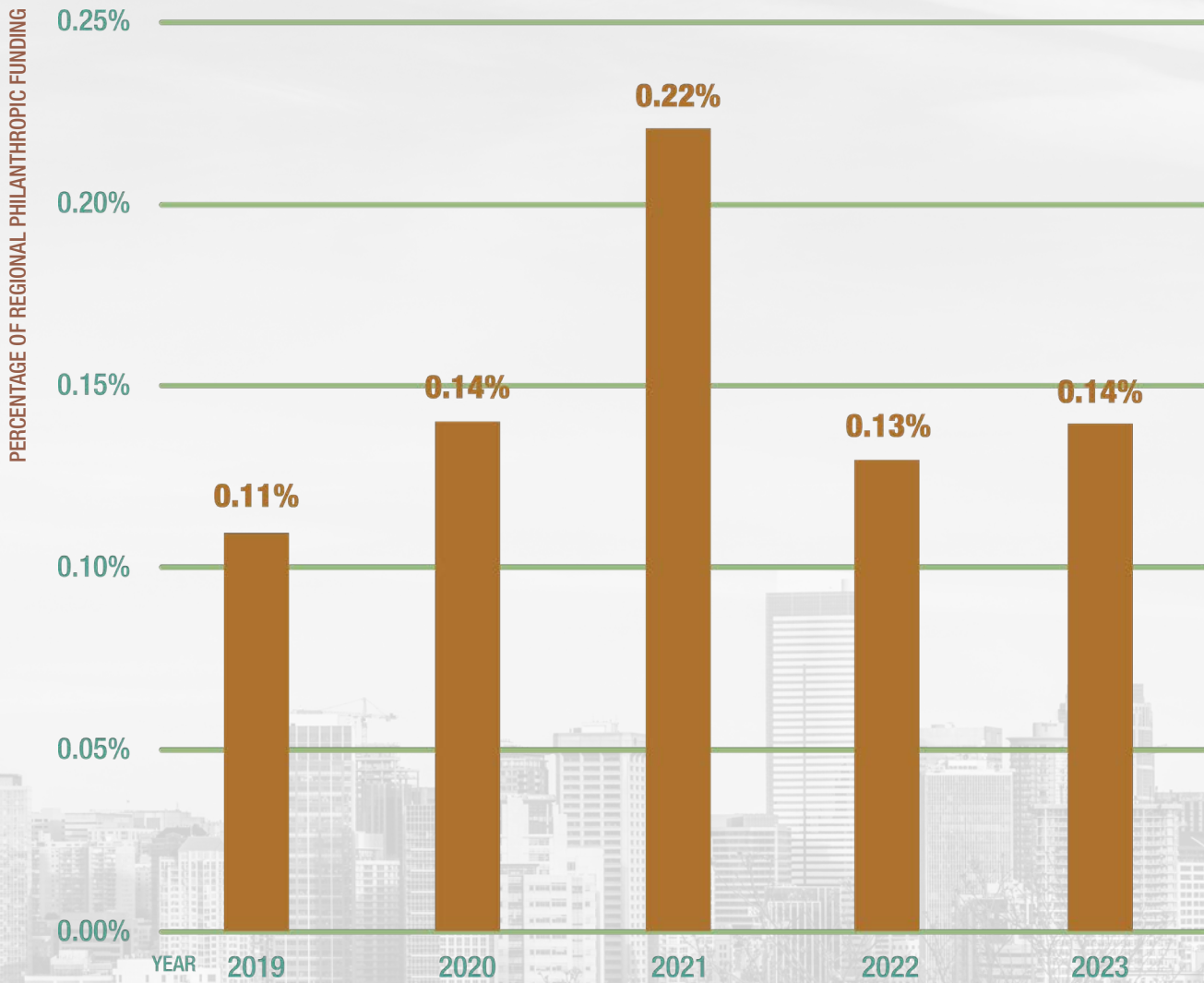


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Institutional Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Seattle Metro Area by Year, 2019-2023



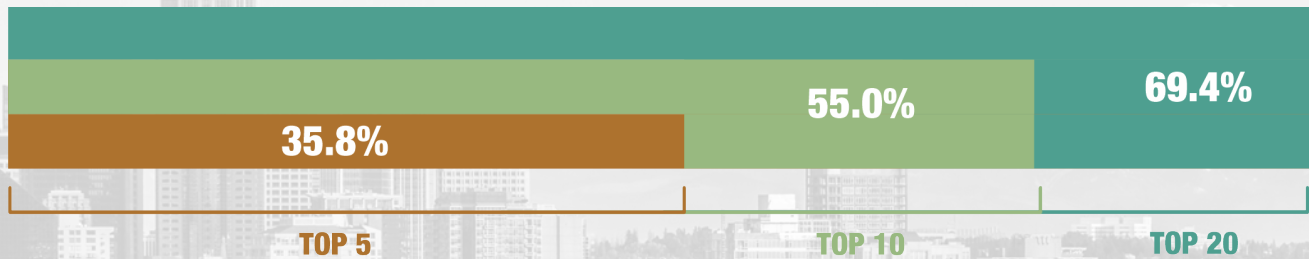
Percentage of Regional Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Seattle Metro, 2019-2023



Regional Versus National Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations by Year (2019-2023)

FUNDING YEAR	FUNDING TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS IN SEATTLE	NUMBER OF GRANTS	INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING ACROSS SEATTLE	PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS	NATIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS	PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS
2019	\$9.1 M	233	\$8.2 B	0.11%	\$195.3 M	0.20%
2020	\$14.3 M	337	\$10.1 B	0.14%	\$288.8 M	0.27%
2021	\$20.7 M	387	\$9.4 B	0.22%	\$494.9 M	0.44%
2022	\$13.5 M	339	\$10.3 B	0.13%	\$393.4 M	0.29%
2023	\$15.6 M	279	\$11.0 B	0.14%	\$481.1 M	0.34%
TOTAL	\$73.1 M	1,575	\$49.0 B	0.15%	\$1.85 B	0.31%

Distribution of Funding to AANHPI Communities in Seattle Metro Area

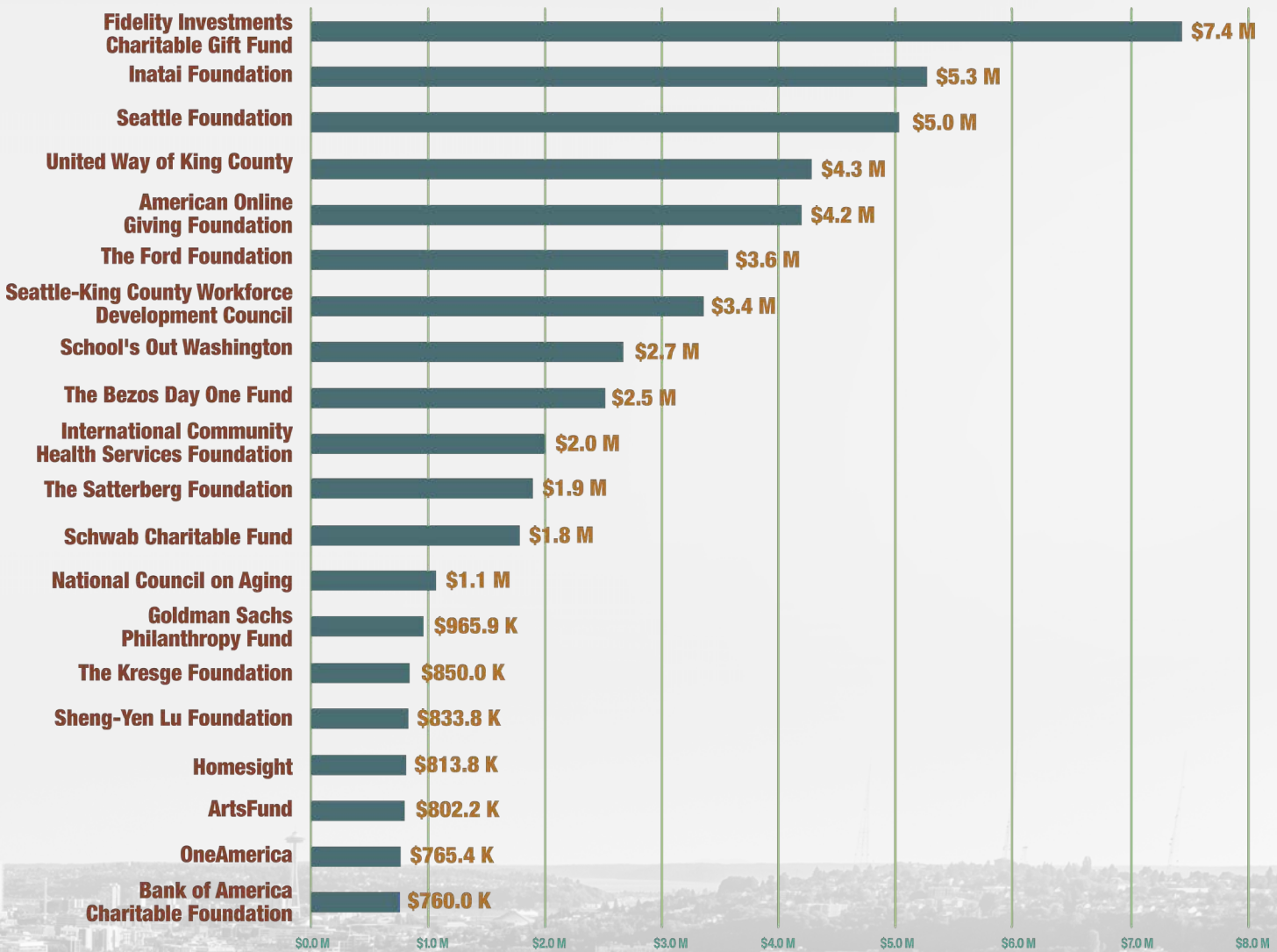


FUNDER	TOTAL GRANTMAKING (DOLLARS)	PERCENTAGE
TOP 5	\$26.2 M	35.8%
TOP 10	\$40.2 M	55.0%
TOP 20	\$50.8 M	69.4%

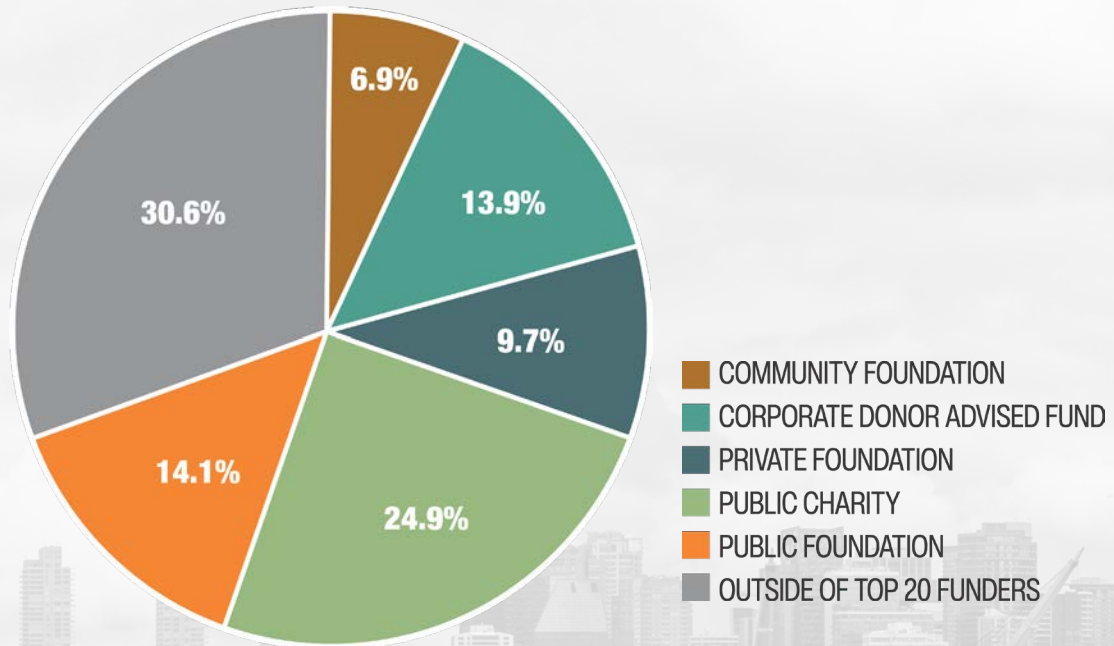
Top Funders of AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Seattle Metro Area (2019-2023)

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL FUNDING (DOLLARS)	NUMBER OF GRANTS
Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Fund	\$7.4 M	55
Inatai Foundation	\$5.3 M	35
Seattle Foundation	\$5.0 M	241
United Way of King County	\$4.3 M	28
American Online Giving Foundation	\$4.2 M	87
The Ford Foundation	\$3.6 M	3
Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council	\$3.4 M	6
School's Out Washington	\$2.7 M	35
The Bezos Day One Fund	\$2.5 M	1
International Community Health Services Foundation	\$2.0 M	4
The Satterberg Foundation	\$1.9 M	30
Schwab Charitable Fund	\$1.8 M	43
National Council on Aging	\$1.1 M	9
Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund	\$965.9 K	12
The Kresge Foundation	\$850.0 K	3
Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation	\$833.8 K	38
Homesight	\$813.8 K	5
Artsfund	\$802.2 K	31
Oneamerica	\$765.4 K	15
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	\$760.0 K	14

Top 20 Funders in Seattle Metro Area



Types of Institutions of Top 20 Funders in the Seattle Metro Area



Type of Institution	TOTAL GRANTMAKING	PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL FUNDING
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$5.0 M	6.9%
CORPORATE DONOR ADVISED FUND	\$10.2 M	13.9%
PRIVATE FOUNDATION	\$7.1 M	9.7%
PUBLIC CHARITY	\$18.2 M	24.9%
PUBLIC FOUNDATION	\$10.3 M	14.1%
OUTSIDE OF TOP 20 FUNDERS	\$22.3 M	30.6%

Grant dollars awarded by Top 20 Funders to the Seattle Metro Area totaled \$50.8 million, or 69.4% of the region’s funding between 2019 and 2023. Of these Top 20 funders, public charities accounted for 24.9% of the region’s funding, public foundations accounted for 14.1%, corporate donor advised funds accounted for 13.9%, private foundations accounted for 9.7%, and community foundations accounted for 6.9%. Funders outside of the Top 20 accounted for 30.6% of the region’s funding, but were not categorized by funder type.

Funding by Issue Area in Seattle Metro Area (2019-2023)

Nationally, philanthropic resources granted to AANHPI-serving organizations focused primarily on Human Rights, Human Services, and Community & Economic Development. In the Seattle Metro Area, the top three issue areas were Human Services, Arts & Culture, and Health.

ISSUE AREA	Regional Funding Granted to AANHPI-serving Organizations	Percentage of Regional Funding	National Funding Granted to AANHPI-serving Organizations	Percentage of National Funding Granted to AANHPI-Serving Organizations
Human Services	\$30.4 M	41.6%	\$471.1 M	25.4%
Arts & Culture	\$21.0 M	28.7%	\$279.1 M	15.1%
Health	\$16.9 M	23.1%	\$272.9 M	14.7%
Human Rights	\$10.6 M	14.5%	\$544.6 M	29.4%
Education	\$6.9 M	9.4%	\$191.7 M	10.3%
Community & Economic Development	\$5.0 M	6.9%	\$363.6 M	19.6%
Religion	\$4.2 M	5.7%	\$61.0 M	3.3%
Public Safety	\$3.8 M	5.3%	\$202.8 M	10.9%
Information & Communications	\$3.2 M	4.4%	\$90.2 M	4.9%
Public Affairs	\$2.7 M	3.6%	\$225.8 M	12.2%
Philanthropy	\$805.9 K	1.1%	\$42.5 M	2.3%
Social Sciences	\$750.1 K	1.0%	\$38.3 M	2.1%



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