# FOUNDATION FUNDING IN MARYLAND

The Governor’s Grants Office (GGO) works closelywith foundations, non-profits, and local governments. All three constituencies use GGO’s website, Annual Report, and participate in our training sessions. On occasion, a State agency will receive a grant directly from a private foundation. A more typical interaction will find a state agency and a foundation working together around a shared goal, with the foundation funding a non-profit organization that is trying to achieve that goal. Many small and medium-size foundations benefit from the technical and performance-based expertise that state agencies can provide. This kind of assistance can help foundations make targeted decisions related to their grant-making goals.

A foundation is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to support religious, charitable, and/or educational activities. Some foundations are created by individuals or by families, thus they are private organizations. Community foundations are public charities established to serve the needs of a particular geographic area. They provide a framework for individual donors to support charitable causes without having to create their own foundations. Private foundations must distribute at least 5% of their assets each year. Community foundations do not have this same requirement. Some corporations also have their own foundations.

* In Maryland there are 1,409 foundations (2010) according to the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers (ABAG).
* Maryland foundation total assets (2010): $11.8 billion.
* In 2009, Maryland foundations gave away a total of $831.6 million, a decrease from $879.5 million in 2008.
* In Maryland, 40% of assets are held by just 2 Maryland foundations - The Annie E. Casey Foundation and TheHarry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

There are thirteen community foundations in Maryland ($399 million in assets) making $46 million in contributions in 2007 (most recent data available). For more information, visit [Maryland Community Foundations Association online](http://www.mdcommunityfoundations.org).

**Number of Maryland-Based Foundations By County**

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| Montgomery 620 | Frederick 34 | Worcester 15 | Queen Anne’s 9 |
| Balt City 348 | Harford 30  | Carroll 14 | Garrett 8 |
| Balt County 335 | Talbot 26 | St. Mary’s 13 | Cecil 8  |
| Anne Arund 129 | Washington 22 | Calvert 12  | Dorchester 7 |
| Howard 83 | Charles 17 | Wicomico 10  | Caroline 1 |
| Pr. George’s 80 | Kent 17 | Allegany 10 | Somerset 0 |

*NOTE:*

*The foundations based in each County (total of1,848)were compiled using current data from the* [*Urban Institute’s Center on Charitable Statistic*](http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/geoCounties.php?q=MD)*. The figure in the above table totals more than the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers’ (ABAG) latest (2010) figure of 1,438total foundations, due to inactive foundations still filing tax forms.*