



GET on the MAP PROJECT FACT SHEET

WHAT:

Get on the Map (GOTM) is a new data-sharing partnership of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers and the Foundation Center.





PURPOSE:

To boost the quality and availability of fresh, detailed grantmaking data across the Forum Network.

WHO IS INVOLVED:

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA) is one of 20 participating regional association partners around the country, who collectively represent more than 2700 grantmaking members.

OUR ROLE:

To actively encourage members to "get on the map" by electronically reporting their giving data to the Foundation Center.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

Any funder in our region, including independent, family, community, corporate, governmental agencies, or United Ways.

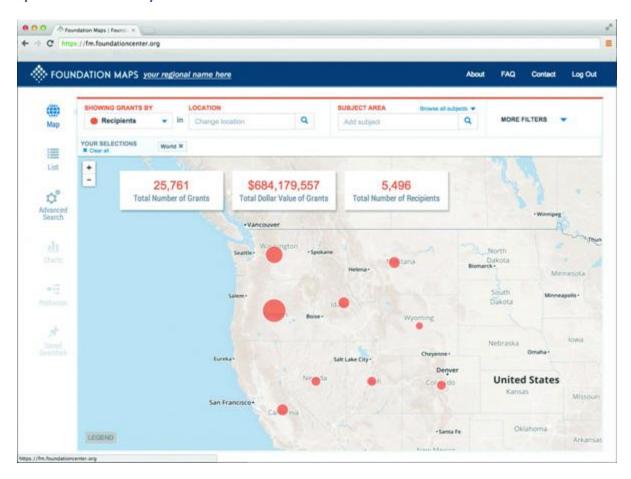
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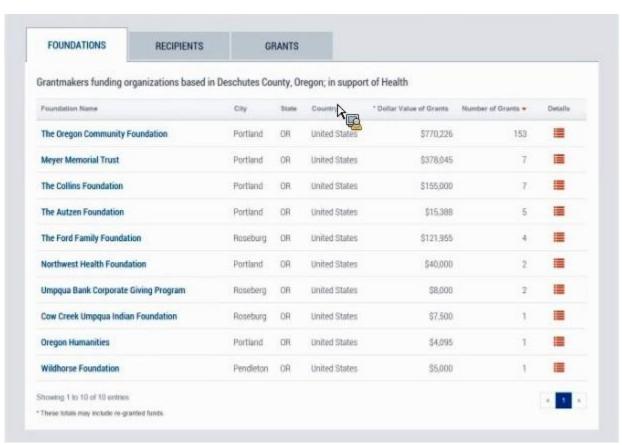
As a GOTM partner, IPA will receive a custom, regional version of *Foundation Maps*, the Foundation Center's interactive, searchable mapping platform, which will be available to all IPA members. In addition, participating e-reporters can request a free map of their own organization's grants information.

TIMELINE:

Officially launched in February 2015, the initial data collection period will be ongoing. Beta versions of the regional maps were released in July 2015, with a final version available at a later date (specific dates to be determined by each individual regional association).

Sample Foundation Maps screenshots





Get on the Map FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Is there a cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate.

How do I submit my data?

Simply EXPORT your data and EMAIL it to the Foundation Center. Most of the popular grants management software platforms (including CyberGrants, Foundant, MicroEdge and others) offer a preformatted export function that pulls the necessary data into an Excel file automatically. If you don't use grants management software, you can export a complete list of your most recently-awarded grants and format the data using the <u>eReporting Template</u>.

» Visit the Foundation Center's website for further information

What if my organization already eReports?

If you are already submitting grants data through the <u>eReporting program</u>, then you are all set and your information will be reflected in the regional map. You need not do anything else.

How do I find out if my organization already eReports?

To see if your organization is up to date with your reporting, e-mail egrants@foundationcenter.org.

What grants information is required?

There are only **five basic fields** required to Get on the Map -- Unique Transaction ID; Recipient Name; Recipient Address; Amount; and Fiscal Year – though you are encouraged to share as much detailed information as you have available. This <u>heat map</u> outlines all of the preferred fields.

How long does it take to eReport?

Depending on your <u>software</u> it can take as little as five minutes. If you're not using one of the systems with a preformatted export, you're likely tracking the most basic fields as part of your annual reporting to the IRS, so it's simply a matter of organizing the information into the template.

Is there a minimum grant size that will be counted?

There is no minimum. The Foundation Center encourages you to provide a full grant list.

Is there a deadline?

There is no deadline, but we encourage funders to submit their grants data as soon as possible to be included in the map. The Foundation Center will continually accept all information supplied and update the maps as soon as the data has been processed.

What happens to my data?

The Foundation Center cleans, codes, and normalizes that data to make it interactive and searchable across several platforms including Foundation Maps and Foundation Directory Online. Each funder that participates in the Get on the Map campaign maintains rights over the grants information originally shared with Foundation Center.

Will I need to submit more data in the future?

In order to keep the maps up-to-date, we encourage funders to regularly update their grants information. Data can be supplied as often as monthly and at a minimum annually.

How soon will the maps be available?

The **regional maps** launced in "beta" version in July 2015, with a final version available at a later date. Specific release dates will be determined individually by each regional association. **Individual maps** will be available upon request about two weeks after grants data is submitted. Be sure to indicate that you are interested in this map when you send your grants data to the Foundation Center so they will know to create it.

How is "region" being defined?

Because this is a partnership with the Forum for Regional Associations of Grantmakers, "region" will mirror the geographic composition of the corresponding association.

Will I have access to a national map?

If you would like to explore a version of Foundation Maps that includes a global and national data set and additional functionality, please click here to learn more about subscription options.

How can I learn more?

Watch a recording of a "how-to" webinar, which includes a demo of the mapping software.

Who can I contact for help or more information?

Please e-mail all your questions to egrants@foundationcenter.org