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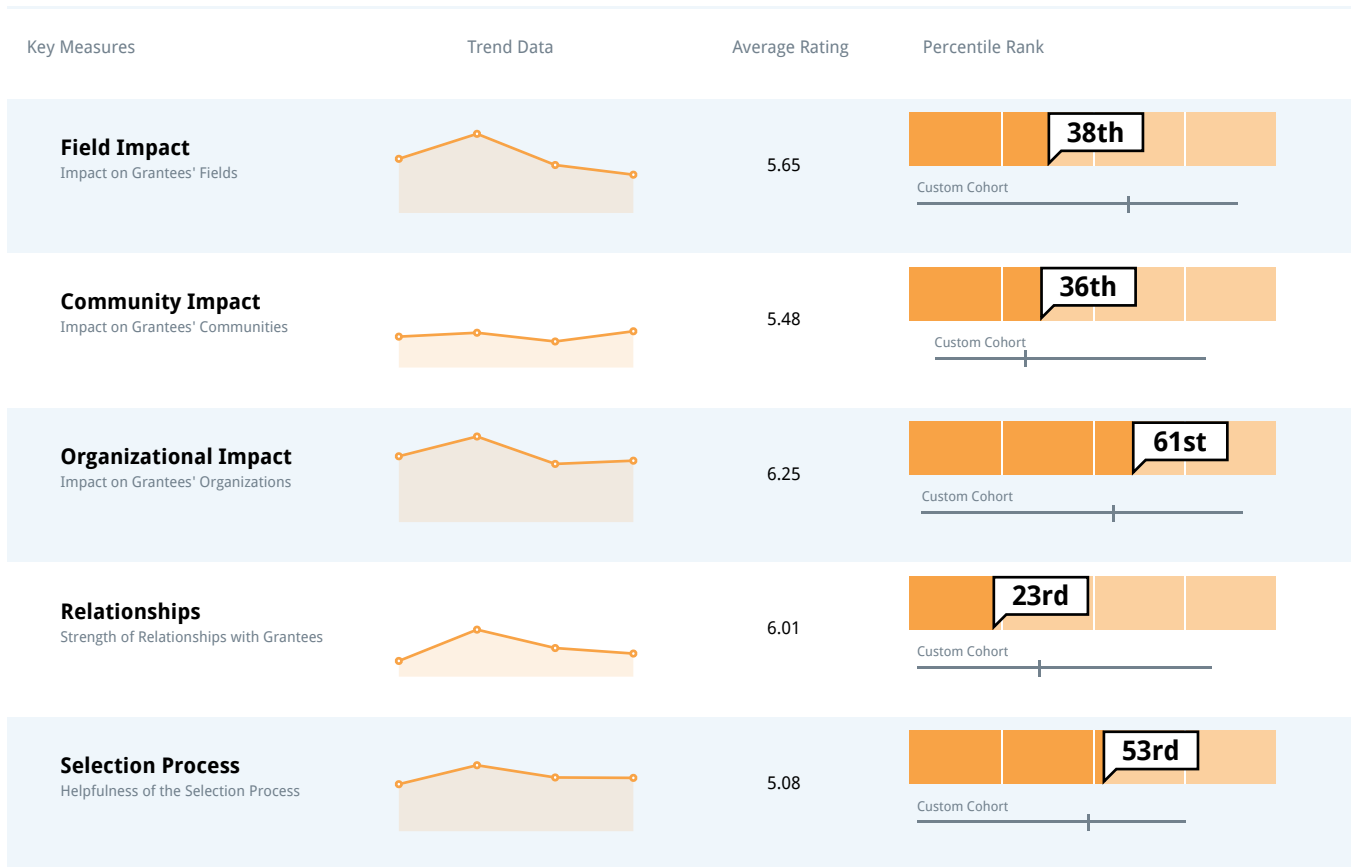
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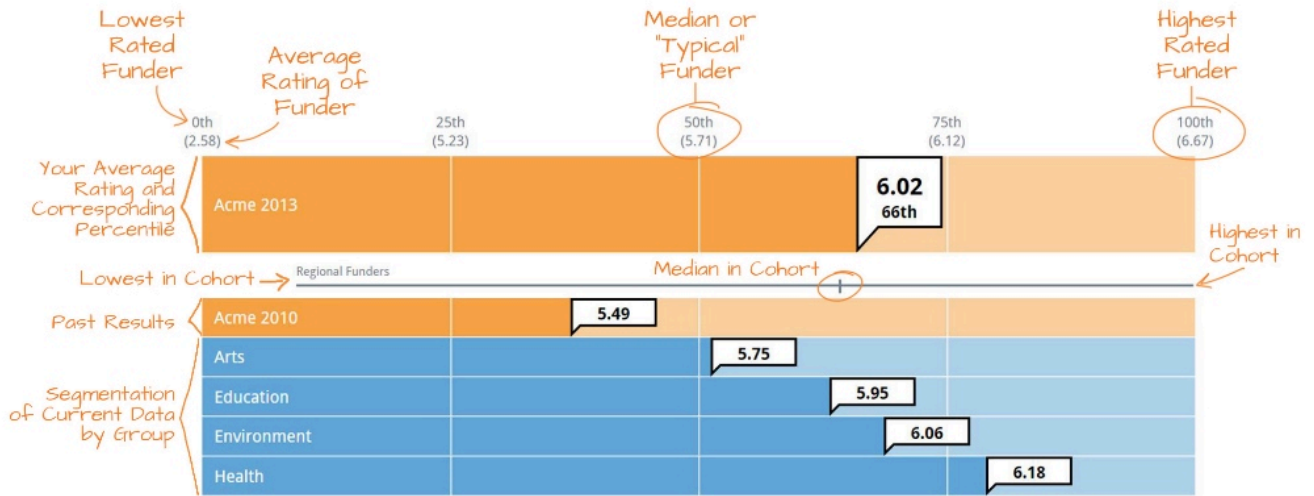
Key Ratings Summary

The following chart highlights a selection of your key results. Each of these data points corresponds to an individual survey measure that is displayed with additional detail in the subsequent pages of this report.



Interpreting Your Charts

Many of the charts in this report are shown in this format. See below for an explanation of the chart elements.



Missing data: Selected grantee ratings are not displayed in this report due to changes in the survey instrument, or when a question received fewer than 5 responses.

STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CHANGES OVER TIME

CEP compares your past ratings to your current ratings, testing for statistically significant differences. An asterisk in your current results denotes a statistically significant difference between your current rating and the previous rating.



Survey Population

| Survey | Survey Fielded | Survey Population | Number of Responses Received | Survey Response Rate |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Irvine 2020 | August and September 2020 | 317 | 201 | 63% |
| Irvine 2014 | September and October 2014 | 340 | 235 | 69% |
| Irvine 2010 | May and June 2010 | 411 | 305 | 74% |
| Irvine 2006 | September and October 2006 | 237 | 171 | 72% |

| Survey Year | Year of Active Grants |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Irvine 2020 | June 2019 through May 2020 |
| Irvine 2014 | 2013 |
| Irvine 2010 | 2009 |
| Irvine 2006 | 2005 |

Throughout this report, The James Irvine Foundation's survey results are compared to CEP's broader dataset of more than 40,000 grantees built up over more than a decade of grantee surveys of more than 300 funders. The full list of participating funders can be found at <https://cep.org/gpr-participants/>.

In order to protect the confidentiality of respondents results are not shown when CEP received fewer than five responses to a specific question.

Subgroups

In addition to showing Irvine's overall ratings, this report shows ratings segmented by Portfolio. The online version of this report also shows ratings segmented by Geographic Area Served, Support Type, Gender Identity, and Gender Identity/Race strata.

| Portfolio | Number of Responses |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Current Work and Strategy | 123 |
| Leadership Awards | 14 |
| Culminating Grants | 64 |

| Geographic Area Served | Number of Responses |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bay Area | 23 |
| CA Statewide | 96 |
| Central Coast | 7 |
| LA Metro | 22 |
| Orange County | 6 |
| Riverside and San Bernardino | 12 |
| San Diego and Imperial | 10 |
| San Joaquin Valley | 24 |

| Support Type | Number of Responses |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Flexible Project Support | 84 |

| Support Type | Number of Responses |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| General Operating Support | 27 |
| Project Support | 90 |

| Grantee-reported Gender Identity | Number of Responses |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Exclusively selected 'Man' | 76 |
| Exclusively selected 'Woman' | 110 |

| Gender Identity/Race Strata | Number of Responses |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Non-POC-Man | 42 |
| Non-POC-Woman | 61 |
| POC-Man | 34 |
| POC-Woman | 47 |

Subgroup Methodology and Summary of Differences

The following page summarizes the methodology behind each subgroup displayed in the report, as well as any differences in grantee perceptions. Differences should be interpreted in light of Irvine's goals and strategy.

Subgroup Methodology

Portfolio: In the Foundation's grantee list, each individual was tagged by Initiative. CEP then created three overarching categories to group specific initiatives together, with input from Irvine. Specifically:

- **Current Work and Strategy** includes Better Careers, Fair Work, Priority Communities, Program Development (Strategic Partnerships, New Initiatives in Development, and Research and Development), and Other Ongoing work (Impact Assessment & Learning, Media, and Additional Grantmaking).
- **Leadership Awards** consists only of grantees tagged to Leadership Awards.
- **Culminating Grants** consists of grantees tagged to Protecting Immigrant Rights, Immigrant Integration, Voter and Civic Engagement, Postsecondary Success, Linked Learning, Arts Engagement, Election Policies and Practices, and Special Initiatives.

Geographic Area Served: Grantees were tagged to the geographic area they serve in the Foundation's list.

Support Type: Grantees were tagged to the type of support they received in the Foundation's list. For grantees who received two different types of support across multiple grants, Irvine selected the most appropriate tag.

Gender Identity: In the survey, grantees were asked to select all options that applied to the question, "Please select the option that represents how you describe yourself:".

Gender Identity/Race Strata: With input from the Foundation, CEP created four categories to represent the intersection of gender identity and person of color status. The data for gender identity was self-reported by grantees to the question, "Please select the option that represents how you describe yourself:". The data for person of color status was self-reported by grantees to the question, "Do you identify as a person of color?".

Summary of Subgroup Differences

Per CEP's standard methodology, groups with fewer than 10 respondents are excluded from statistical analysis. Where possible, CEP does run trend analysis among groups to understand if ratings differ from the overall rating by more than 0.3 across survey measures.

Portfolio: Grantees in Irvine's current work and strategy portfolio rate significantly higher than grantees in the Foundation's culminating portfolio on nearly all measures related to relationships and understanding, such as:

- Irvine's understanding of the contexts in which they work and awareness of their organizational challenges
- How fairly they feel treated, how comfortable they feel approaching Irvine when a problem arises, and staff responsiveness
- The clarity and consistency of the Foundation's communications about its goals and strategy.

Geographic Area Served: Central Coast and Orange County grantees each had fewer than 10 grantees, so were excluded from statistical analysis. However, in observing trends for these groups (defined as differing from the overall rating by 0.3), Central Coast grantee ratings trend higher on nearly every survey measure, and Orange County grantee ratings trend higher on the majority of survey measures.

For the six other geographic areas, there are no significant differences in grantee ratings.

Support Type: There are no significant differences in grantee ratings when segmented by support type.

Gender Identity: Irvine grantees who identify exclusively as a woman (57% of respondents) rate the Foundation significantly lower than those who identify exclusively as a man (40% of respondents) across multiple survey measures including Irvine's:

- Understanding of grantees' goals, strategies, and contexts,
- Strength of relationships, including how fairly grantees feel treated, their comfort approaching the Foundation if a problem arises, and staff responsiveness,
- Overall transparency and the extent to which the Foundation exhibits candor about its perspectives on grantees work,
- Commitment to and communications about DEI and clarity of communications about Irvine's goals and strategies.

Analyses show ratings from women grantees did not differ from ratings of men grantees with regards to grantmaking characteristics, organizational characteristics, and most interactions patterns. There were no significant differences when it came grant length, grant size, grant type (unrestricted vs. restricted), annual organizational budget, or initiation of contact. Women grantees were significantly more likely to interact with Foundation staff less than once a year.

Analyses also show that these differences may be related to the status of the respondent's grant. Grantees who identify exclusively as a woman comprise a much larger portion of Irvine's culminating portfolio compared to those who identify exclusively as a man – 67 percent compared to 33 percent – while Irvine's current work and strategy includes a slightly larger proportion of grantees who exclusively identify as a man – 55 percent compared to 45 percent who exclusively identify as a woman. However, grant status cannot account for all of the differences seen by gender identity: grantees identifying as men rate significantly higher than those identifying as women on 5 measures where no differences by grant status emerged, including measures related specifically to DEI.

Gender Identity/Race: POC-Men rate significantly higher than the other three groups for the Foundation's impact on grantees fields and effect on public policy. Ratings from this group trend higher on about half of the survey measures.

POC-Women comprise a significantly larger portion of Irvine's culminating portfolio, and their ratings trend lower for:

- The overall quality of their relationships with the Foundation, including their comfort approaching the Foundation if a problem arises

- Their understanding of how the funded work fits into the Foundation's broader efforts
- The Foundation's overall transparency
- Irvine's understanding of the contextual factors that affect their work

Similar to gender identity, analyses show ratings from POC-women grantees did not differ from ratings of Non-POC-women grantees with regards to grantmaking characteristics, organizational characteristics, and interactions patterns.

Comparative Cohorts

Customized Cohort

Irvine selected a set of 16 funders to create a smaller comparison group that more closely resembles Irvine in scale and scope.

Custom Cohort

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| Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation |
| Chan Zuckerberg Initiative |
| Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund |
| Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation |
| Ford Foundation |
| Surdna Foundation, Inc. |
| The Annie E. Casey Foundation |
| The California Endowment |
| The California Wellness Foundation |
| The David and Lucile Packard Foundation |
| The James Irvine Foundation |
| The Kresge Foundation |
| The San Francisco Foundation |
| The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation |
| Walton Family Foundation |
| Weingart Foundation |

Standard Cohorts

CEP also included 16 standard cohorts to allow for comparisons to a variety of different types of funders.

Strategy Cohorts

| Cohort Name | Count | Description |
|---|-------|---|
| Small Grant Providers | 40 | Funders with median grant size of \$20K or less |
| Large Grant Providers | 90 | Funders with median grant size of \$200K or more |
| High Touch Funders | 36 | Funders for which a majority of grantees report having contact with their primary contact monthly or more often |
| Intensive Non-Monetary Assistance Providers | 42 | Funders that provide at least 30% of grantees with comprehensive or field-focused assistance as defined by CEP |
| Proactive Grantmakers | 82 | Funders that make at least 90% of grants by invitation only |
| Responsive Grantmakers | 100 | Funders that make at most 10% of grants by invitation only |
| International Funders | 55 | Funders that fund outside of their own country |
| European Funders | 25 | Funders that are headquartered in Europe |

Annual Giving Cohorts

| Cohort Name | Count | Description |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Funders Giving Less Than \$5 Million | 58 | Funders with annual giving of less than \$5 million |
| Funders Giving \$50 Million or More | 70 | Funders with annual giving of \$50 million or more |

Foundation Type Cohorts

| Cohort Name | Count | Description |
|-------------------------------|-------|--|
| Private Foundations | 158 | All private foundations in the GPR dataset |
| Family Foundations | 76 | All family foundations in the GPR dataset |
| Community Foundations | 34 | All community foundations in the GPR dataset |
| Health Conversion Foundations | 29 | All health conversion foundations in the GPR dataset |
| Corporate Foundations | 20 | All corporate foundations in the GPR dataset |

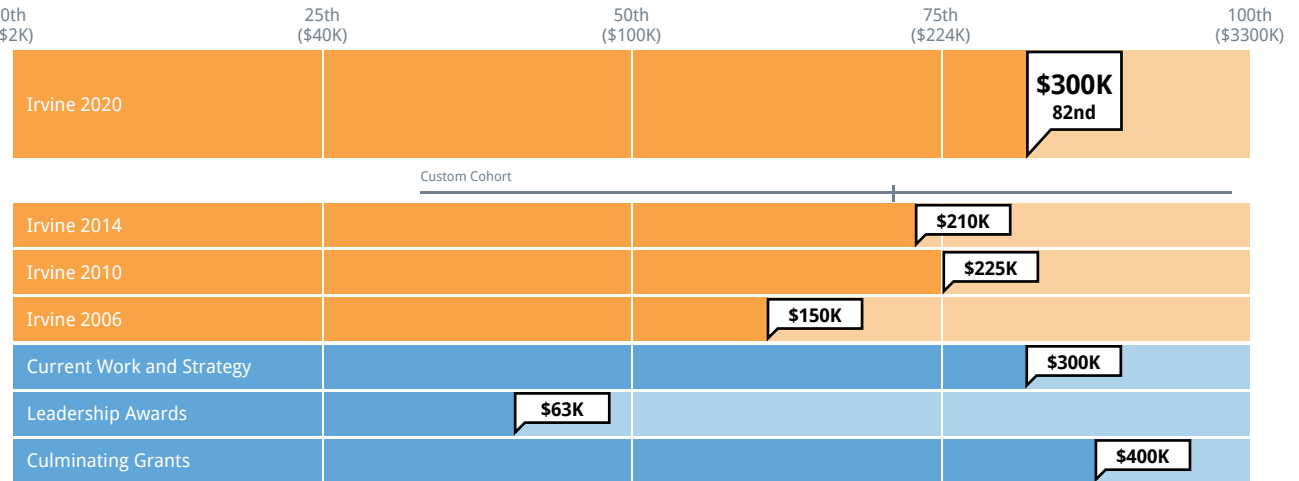
Other Cohorts

| Cohort Name | Count | Description |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Funders Outside the United States | 39 | Funders that are primarily based outside the United States |
| Recently Established Foundations | 78 | Funders that were established in 2000 or later |
| Funders Surveyed During COVID-19 | 29 | Funders who surveyed grantees during COVID-19 (GPR only) |

Grantmaking Characteristics

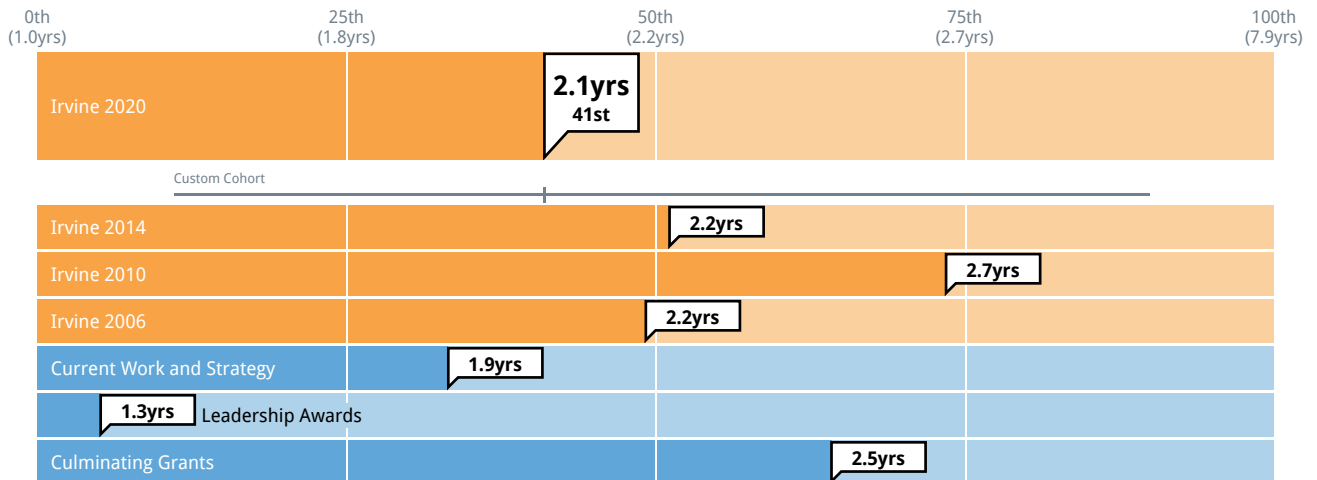
Foundations make different choices about the ways they organize themselves, structure their grants, and the types of grantees they support. The following charts and tables show some of these important characteristics. The information is based on self-reported data from funders and grantees, and further detail is available in the Contextual Data section of this report.

Median Grant Size



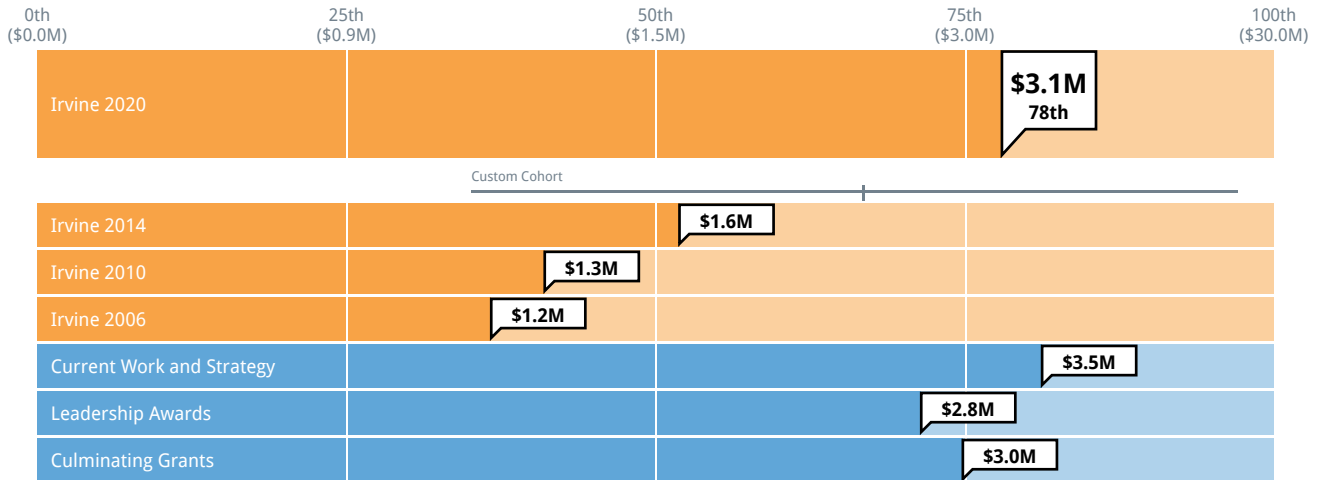
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Average Grant Length



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Median Organizational Budget



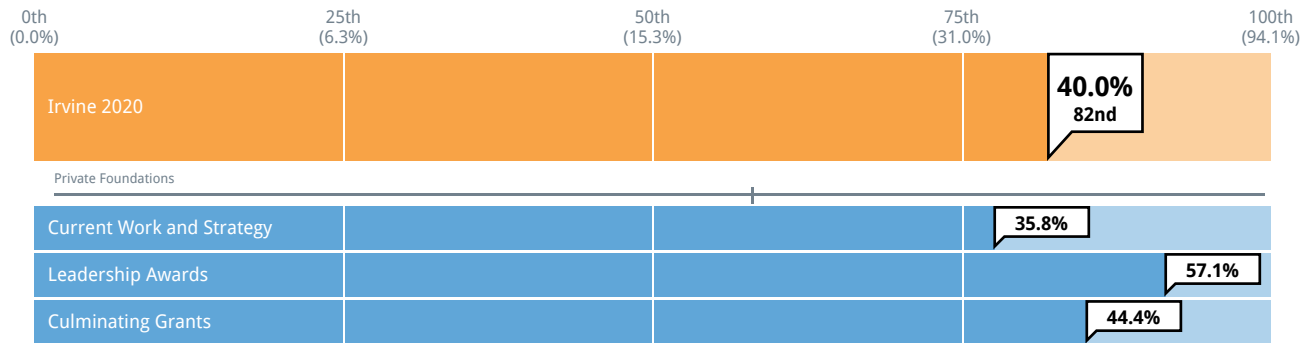
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| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Grant History | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Percentage of first-time grants | 26% | 22% | 33% | 28% | 28% |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Program Staff Load | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Dollars awarded per program staff full-time employee | \$3.9M | \$4.8M | \$4.2M | \$4.6M | \$2.7M | \$3M |
| Applications per program full-time employee | 11 | 30 | 31 | 52 | 27 | 13 |
| Active grants per program full-time employee | 24 | 34 | 39 | 41 | 31 | 26 |

Proportion of Unrestricted Funding

Proportion of grantees responding 'No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (i.e. general operating, core support)'

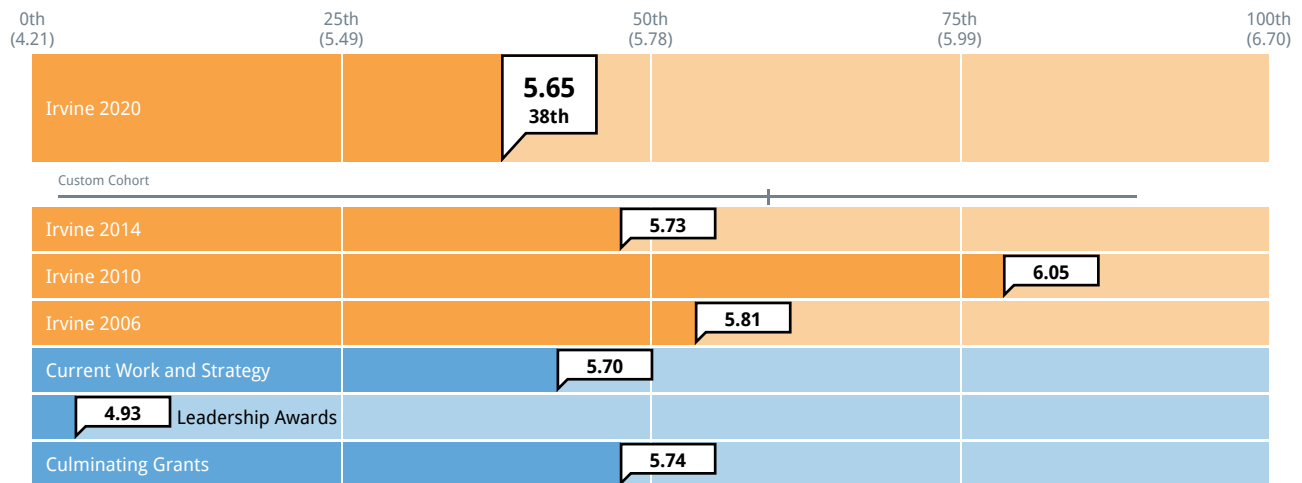


Cohort: Private Foundations Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Fields

Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your field?

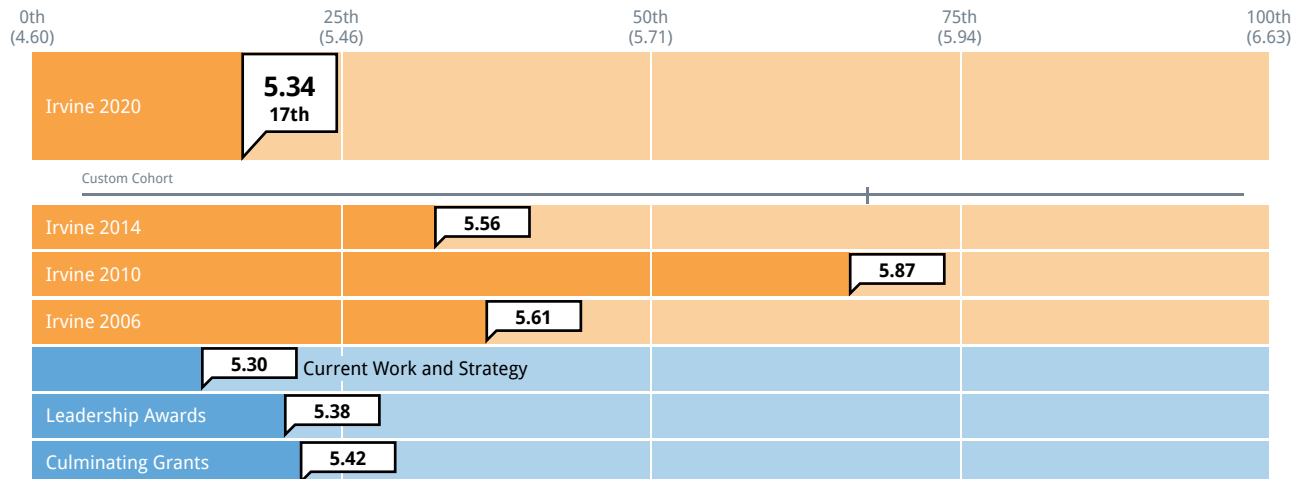
1 = No impact 7 = Significant positive impact



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

How well does the Foundation understand the field in which you work?

1 = Limited understanding of the field 7 = Regarded as an expert in the field

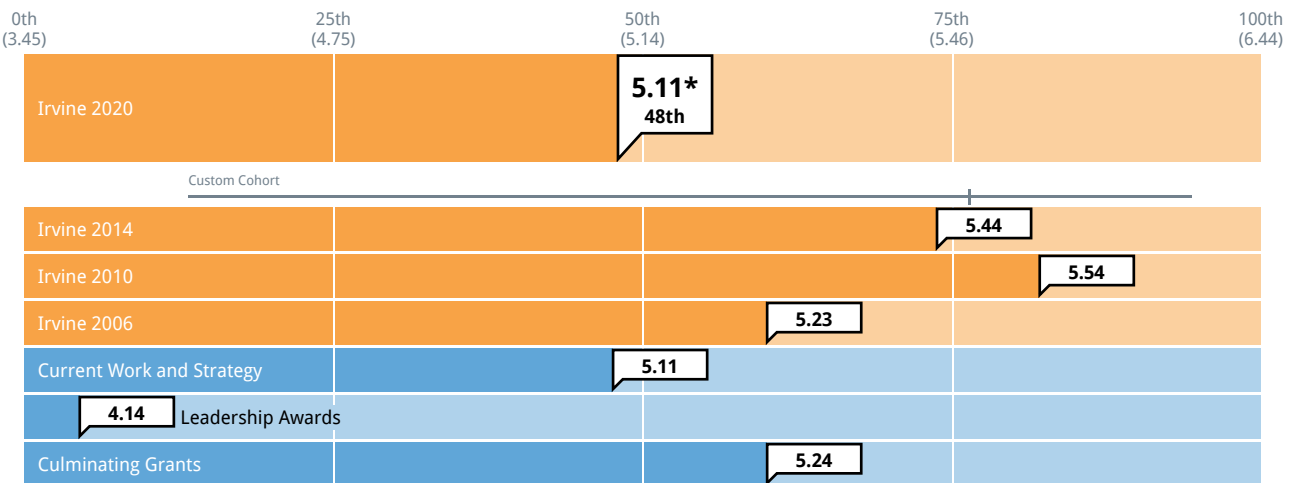


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Advancing Knowledge and Public Policy

To what extent has the Foundation advanced the state of knowledge in your field?

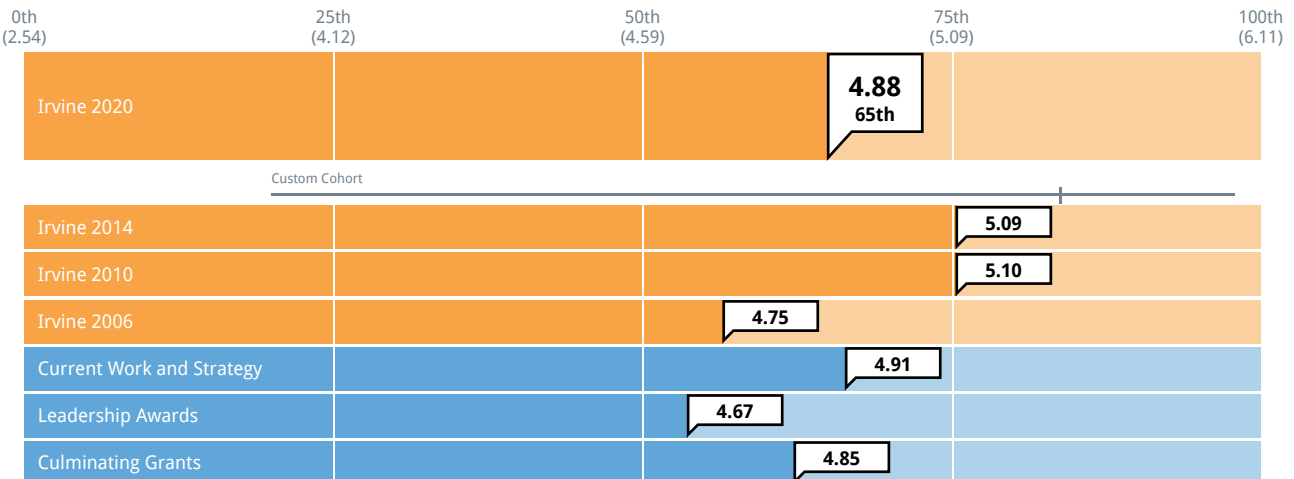
1 = Not at all 7 = Leads the field to new thinking and practice



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent has the Foundation affected public policy in your field?

1 = Not at all 7 = Major influence on shaping public policy

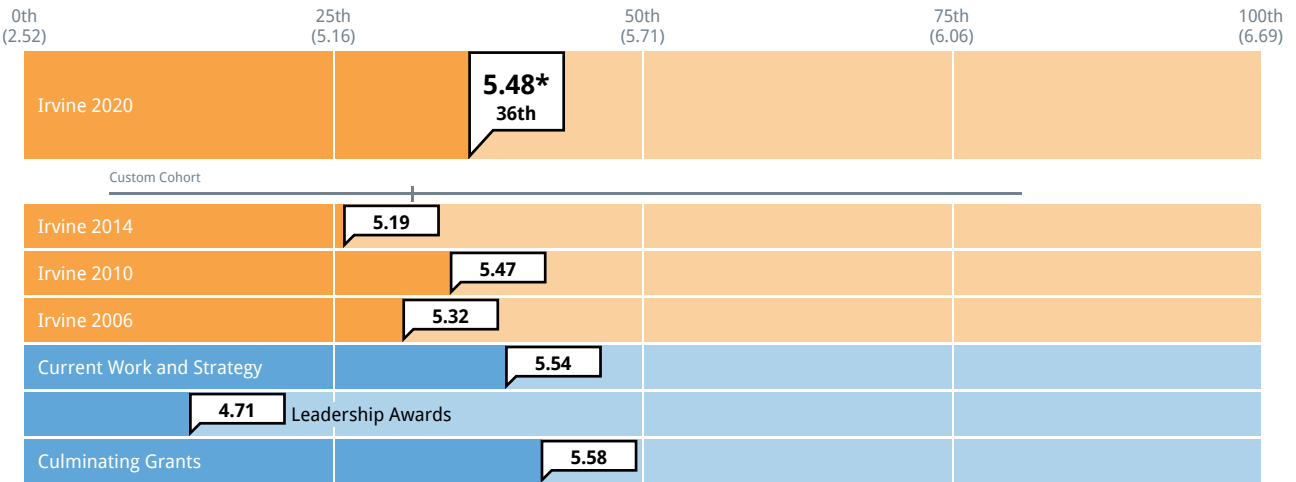


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Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Local Communities

Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your local community?

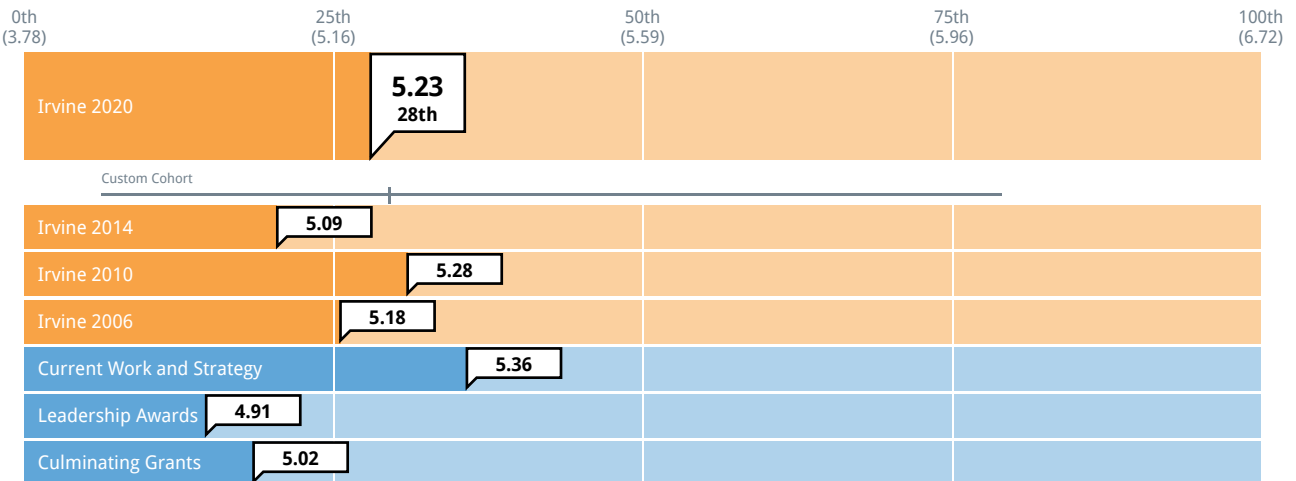
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Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

How well does the Foundation understand the local community in which you work?

1 = Limited understanding of the community 7 = Regarded as an expert on the community

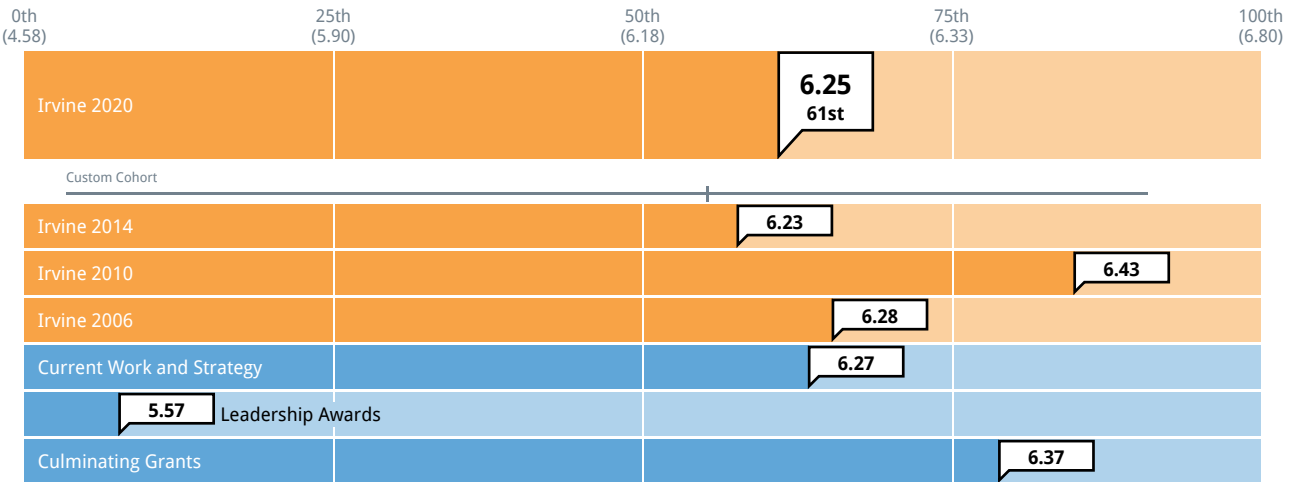


Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Organizations

Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your organization?

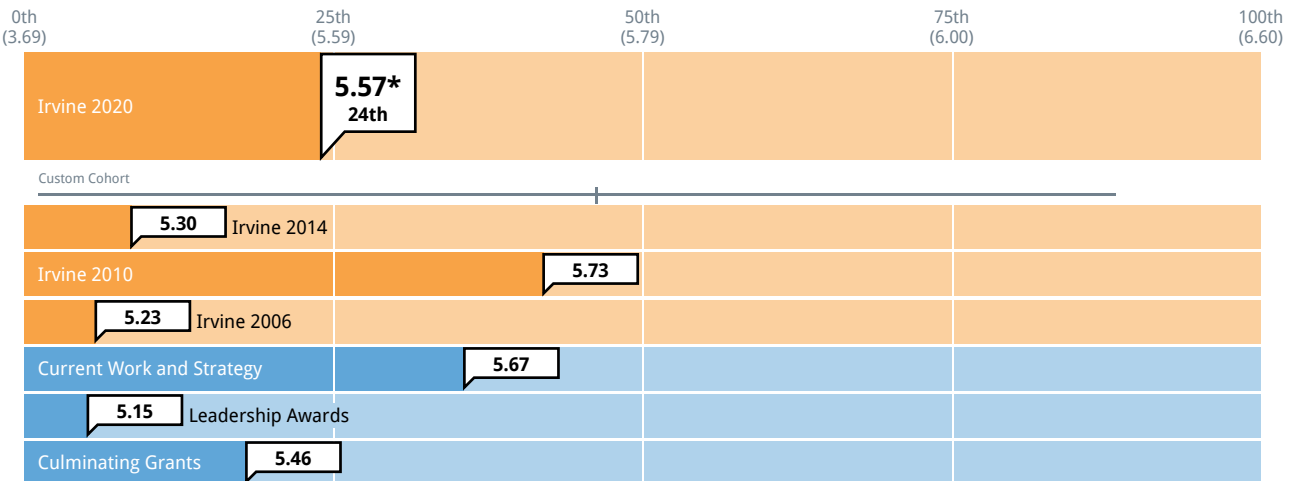
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Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

How well does the Foundation understand your organization's strategy and goals?

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

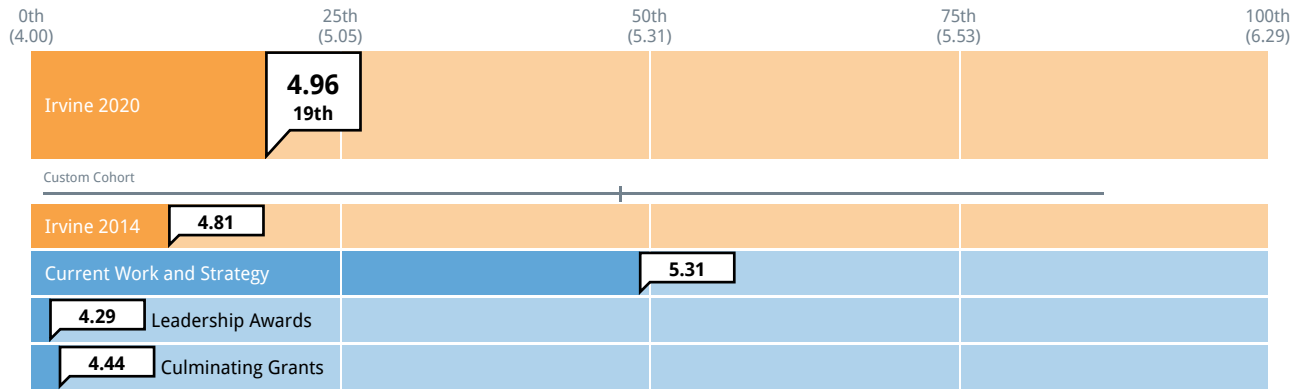


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Grantee Challenges

How aware is the Foundation of the challenges that your organization is facing?

1 = Not at all aware 7 = Extremely aware



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Funder-Grantee Relationships

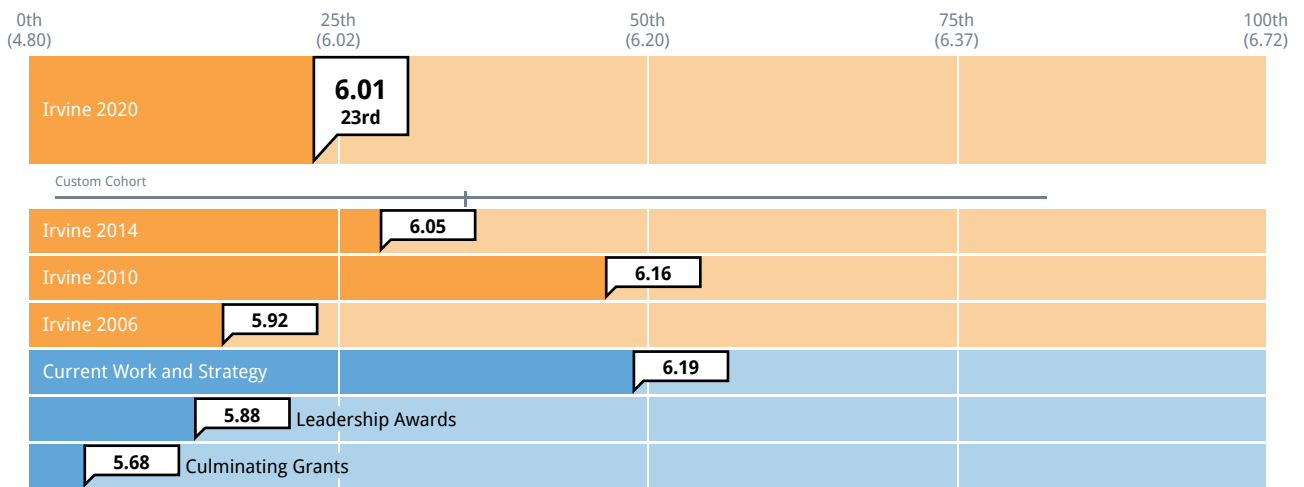
Funder-Grantee Relationships Summary Measure

The quality of interactions and the clarity and consistency of communications together create the larger construct that CEP refers to as “relationships.” The relationships measure below is an average of grantee ratings on the following measures:

1. Fairness of treatment by Irvine
2. Comfort approaching Irvine if a problem arises
3. Responsiveness of Irvine staff
4. Clarity of communication of Irvine’s goals and strategy
5. Consistency of information provided by different communications

Funder-Grantee Relationships Summary Measure

1 = Very negative 7 = Very positive

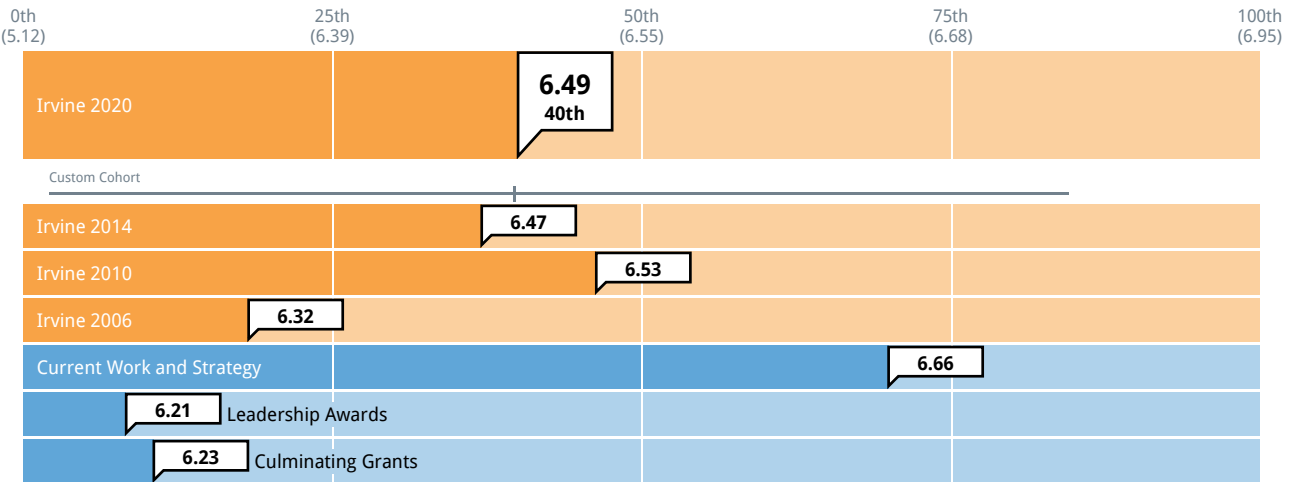


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Quality of Interactions

Overall, how fairly did the Foundation treat you?

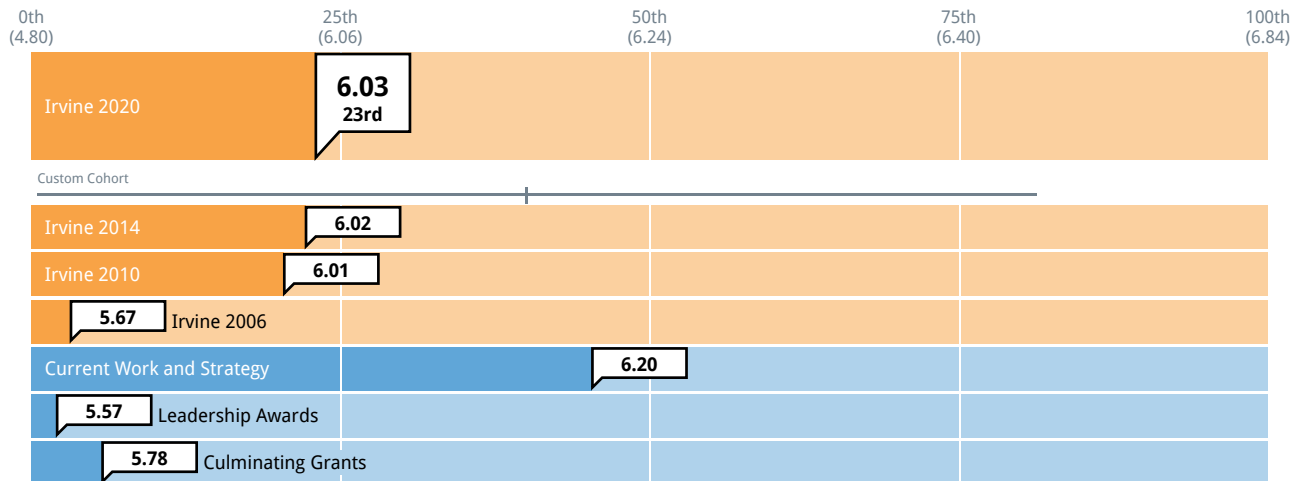
1 = Not at all fairly 7 = Extremely fairly



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

How comfortable do you feel approaching the Foundation if a problem arises?

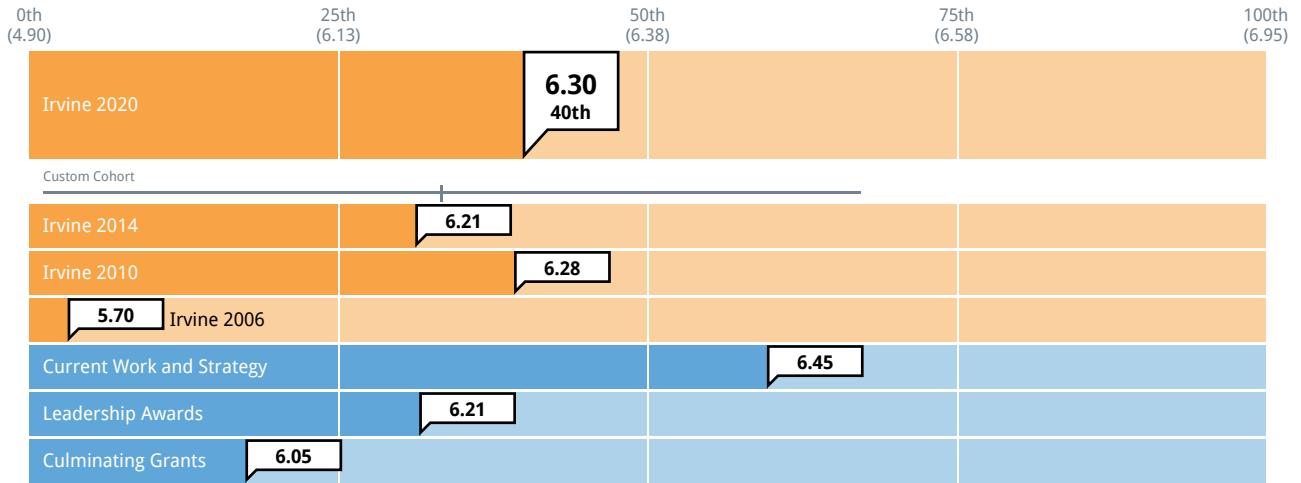
1 = Not at all comfortable 7 = Extremely comfortable



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Overall, how responsive was Foundation staff?

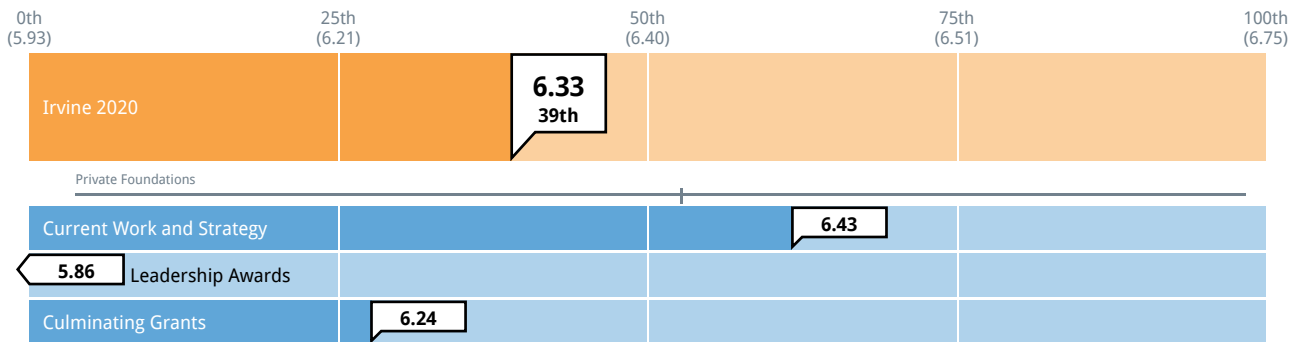
1 = Not at all responsive 7 = Extremely responsive



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the Foundation exhibit trust in your organization's staff during this grant?

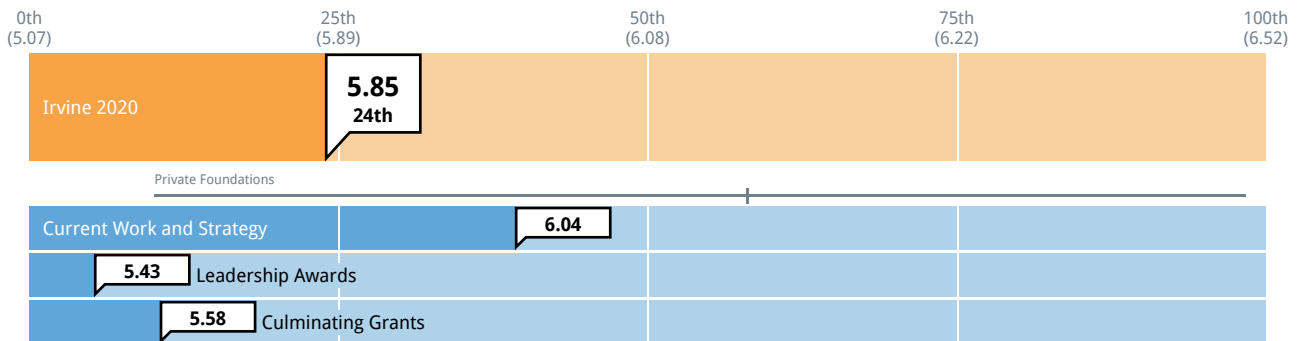
1 = Not at all 4 = Somewhat 7 = To a great extent



Cohort: Private Foundations Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the Foundation exhibit candor about the Foundation's perspectives on your work during this grant?

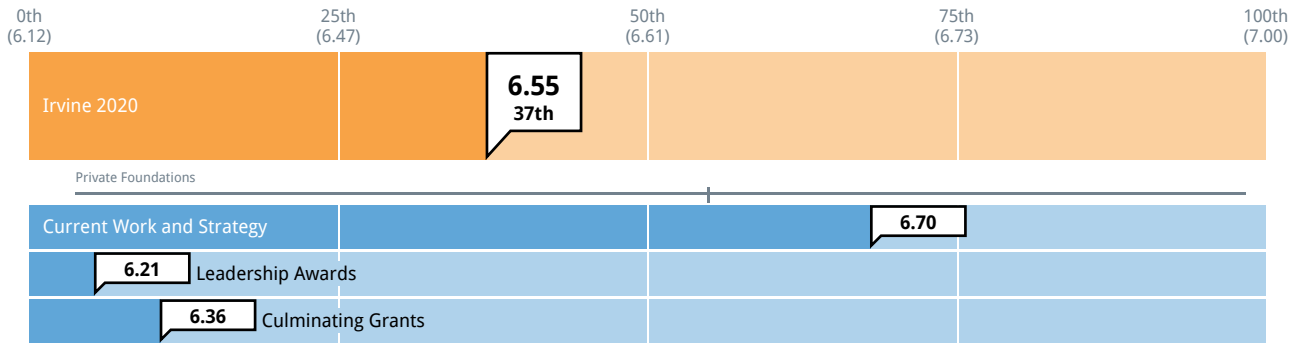
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Cohort: Private Foundations Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the Foundation exhibit respectful interaction during this grant?

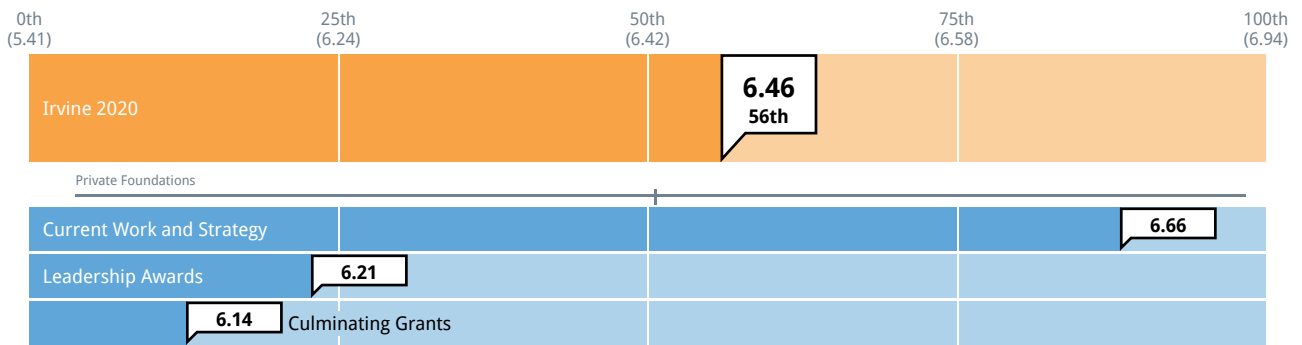
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Cohort: Private Foundations Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the Foundation exhibit compassion for those affected by your work during this grant?

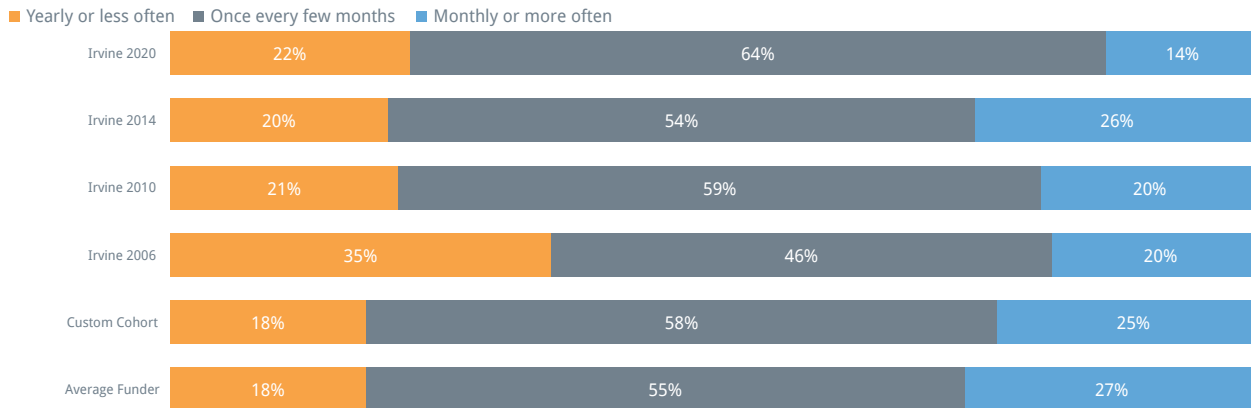
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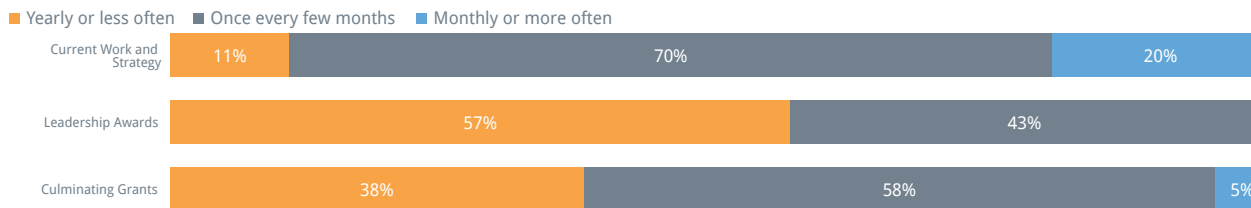
Interaction Patterns

"How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant?"



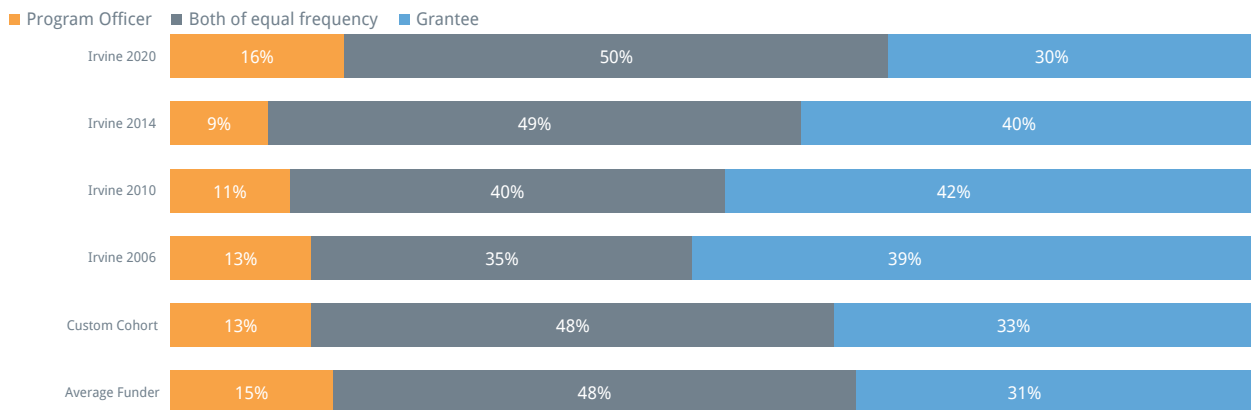
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"How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant?" (By Subgroup)



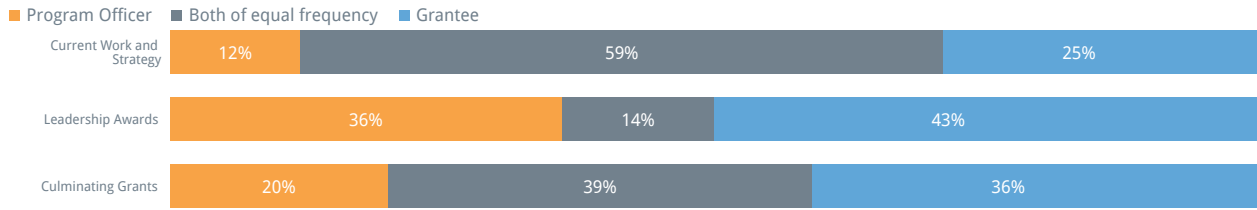
Subgroup: Portfolio

"Who most frequently initiated the contact you had with your program officer?"



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“Who most frequently initiated the contact you had with your program officer?” (By Subgroup)

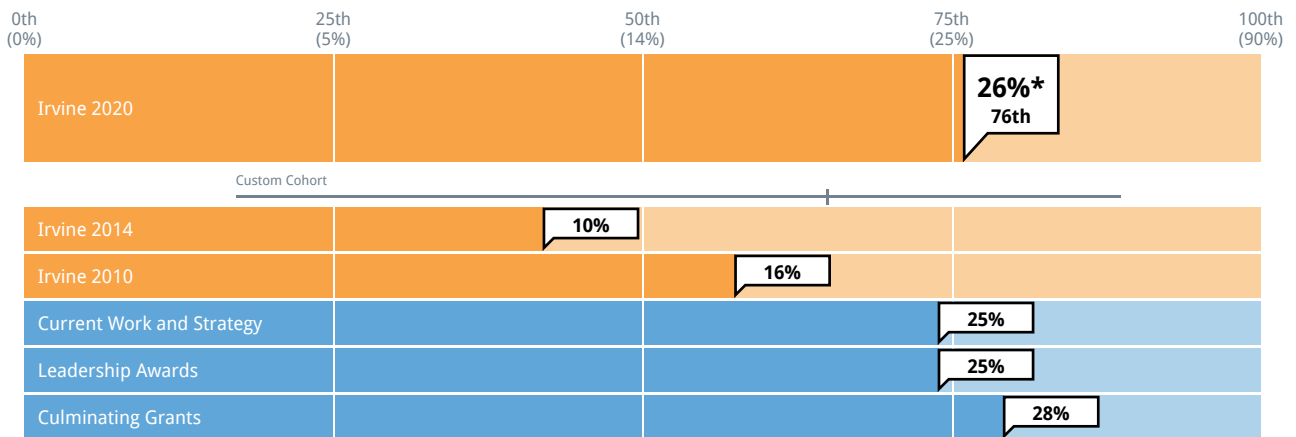


Subgroup: Portfolio

Contact Change and Site Visits

Has your main contact at the Foundation changed in the past six months?

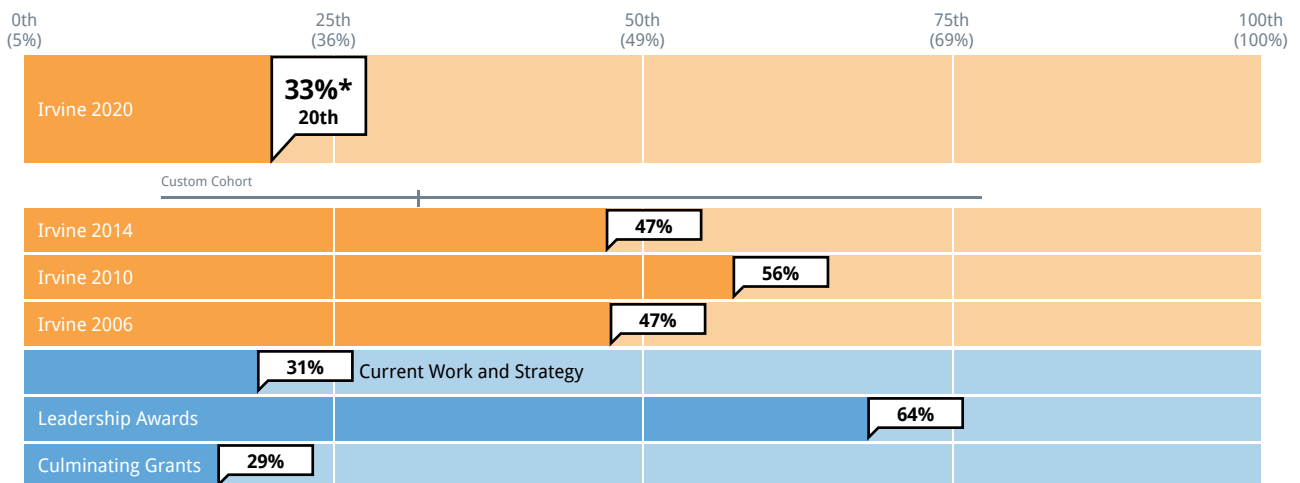
Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Did the Foundation conduct a site visit during the course of this grant?

Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'

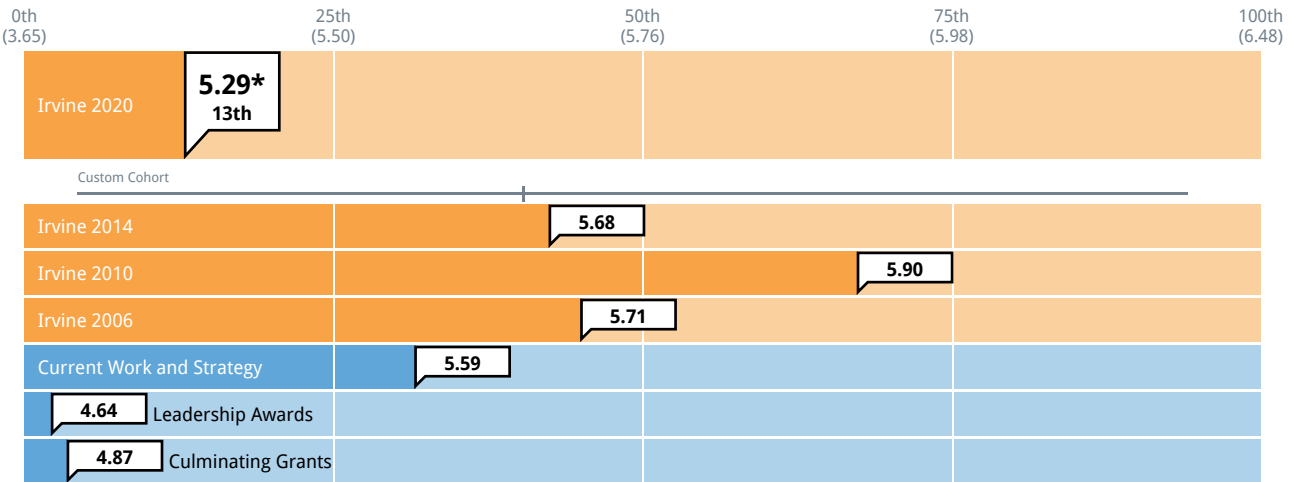


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Communication

How clearly has the Foundation communicated its goals and strategy to you?

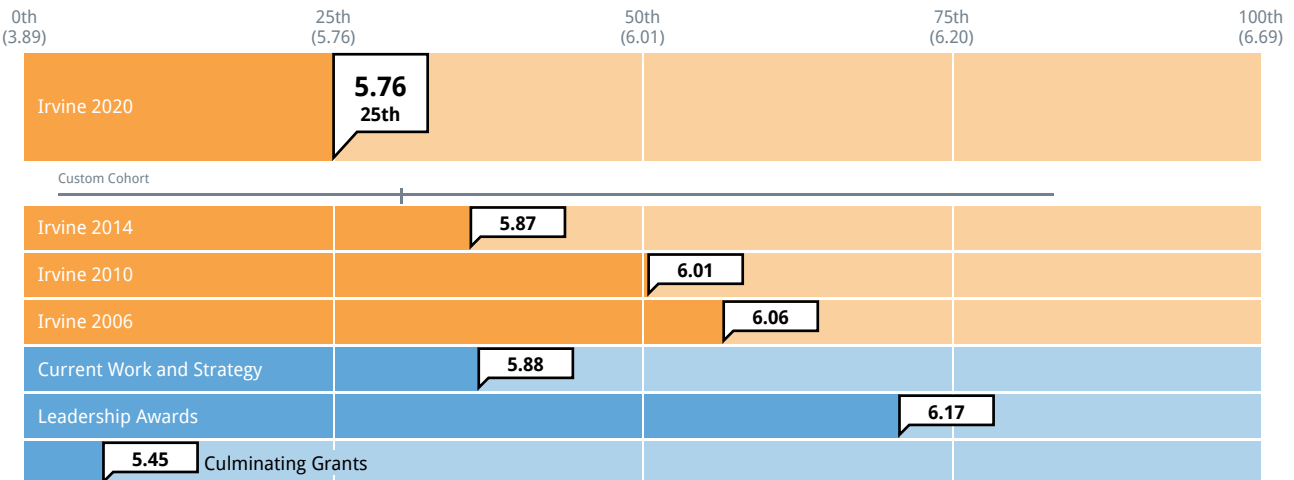
1 = Not at all clearly 7 = Extremely clearly



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about the Foundation?

1 = Not at all consistent 7 = Completely consistent



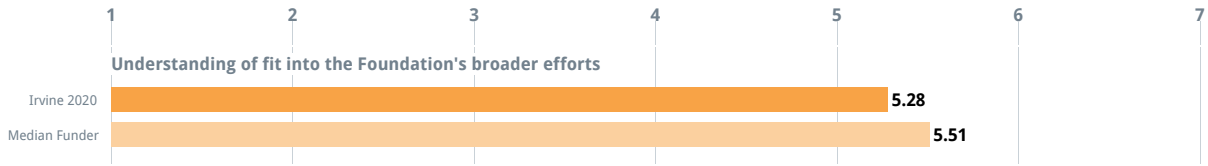
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

The following question was recently added to the grantee survey and depicts comparative data from 30 funders in the grantee dataset.

How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into the Foundation's broader efforts?

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

Irvine 2020 Median Funder

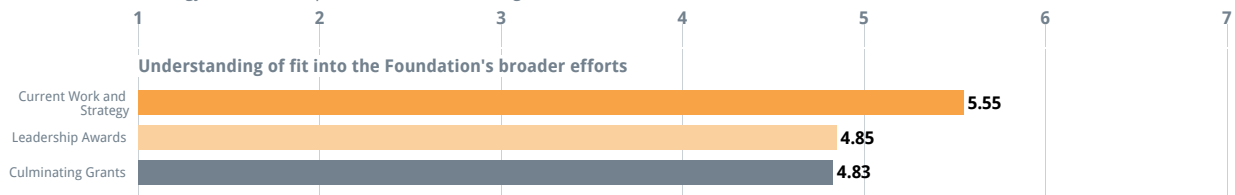


Cohort: None Past results: on

How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into the Foundation's broader efforts? - By Subgroup

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

Current Work and Strategy Leadership Awards Culminating Grants

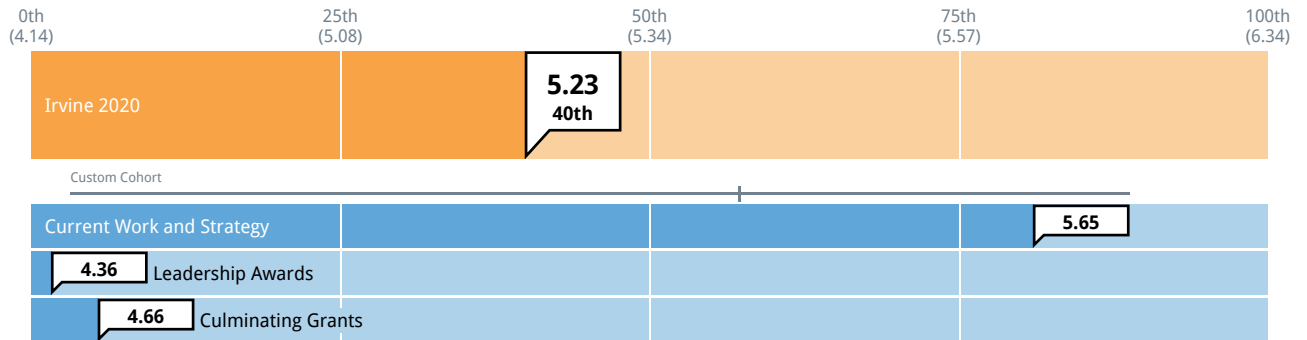


Subgroup: Portfolio

Openness

To what extent is the Foundation open to ideas from grantees about its strategy?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Top Predictors of Relationships

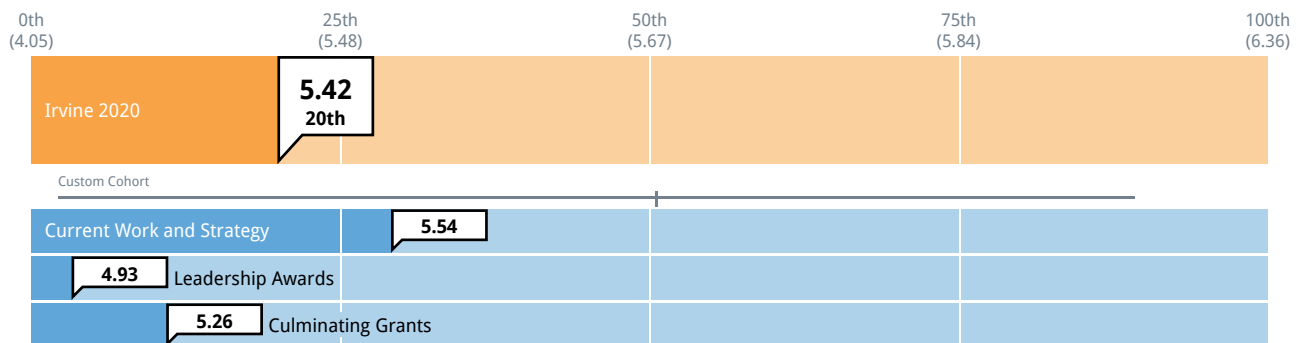
CEP's research has shown that the strongest predictors of the strength of funder-grantee relationships are transparency and understanding.

Seven related measures of understanding, together create the larger construct that CEP refers to as "understanding". The understanding summary measure below is an average of ratings on the following measures:

- Irvine's understanding of partner organizations' **strategy and goals**
- Irvine's awareness of partner **organizations' challenges**
- Irvine's understanding of the **fields** in which partners work
- Irvine's understanding of partners' **local communities**
- Irvine's understanding of the **social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors** that affect partners' work
- Irvine's understanding of intended **beneficiaries' needs**
- Extent to which Irvine's **funding priorities** reflect a deep understanding of partners' intended beneficiaries' needs

Understanding Summary Measure

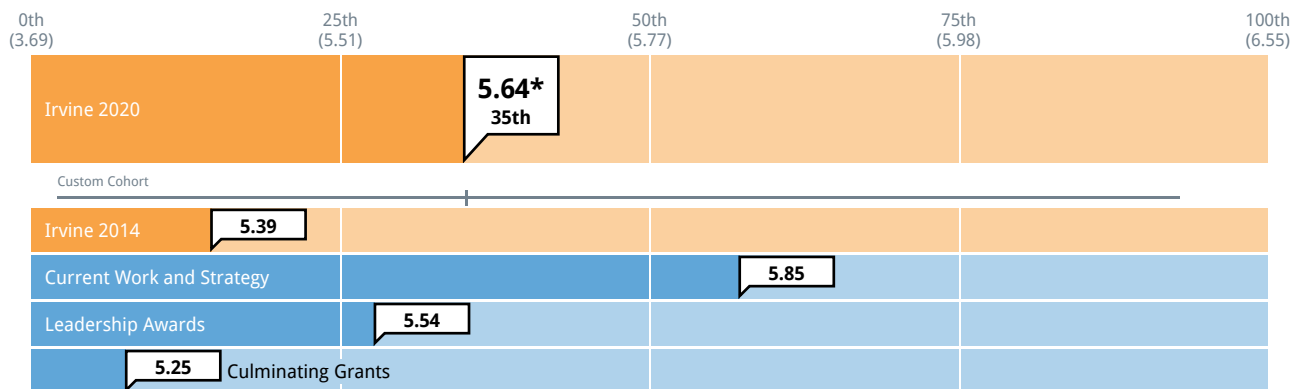
1 = Very negative 7 = Very positive



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Overall, how transparent is the Foundation with your organization?

1 = Not at all transparent 7 = Extremely transparent

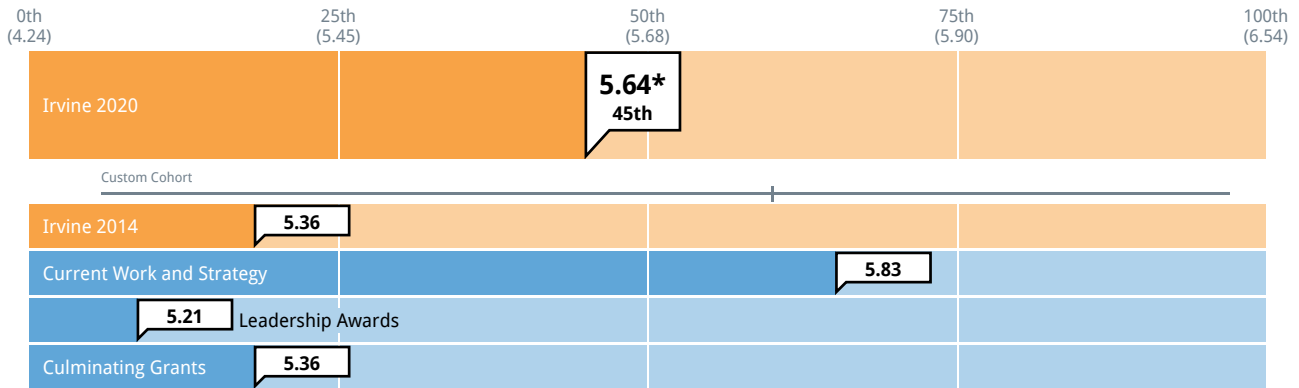


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Beneficiaries and DEI

How well does the Foundation understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?

1 = Limited understanding 7 = Thorough understanding

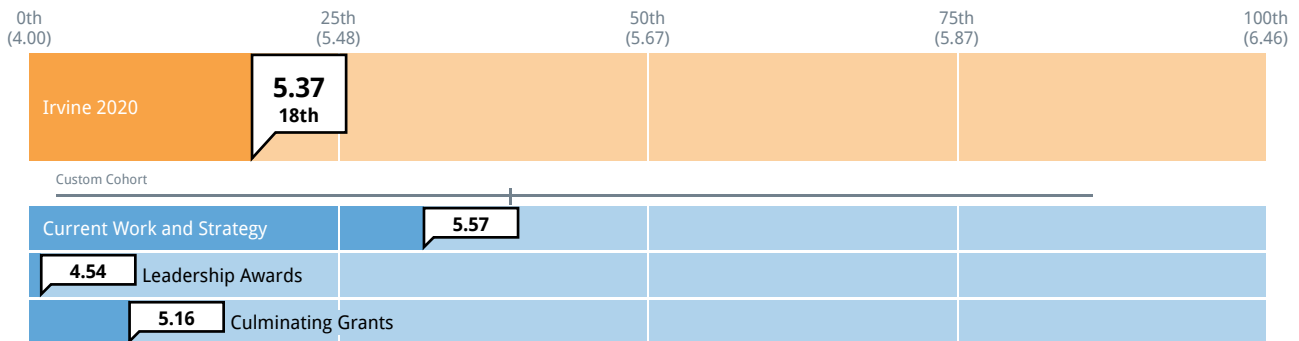


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In the following questions, we use the term "beneficiaries" to refer to those your organization seeks to serve through the services and/or programs it provides. Beneficiaries are often called end users, clients, constituents, or participants.

How well does the Foundation understand your intended beneficiaries' needs?

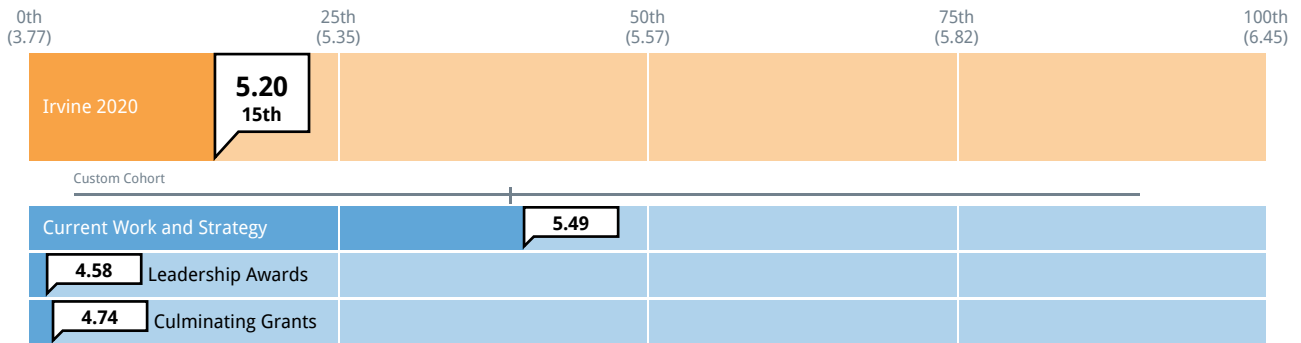
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To what extent do the Foundation's funding priorities reflect a deep understanding of your intended beneficiaries' needs?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent



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The remaining questions in this section were recently added to the grantee survey and do not yet have comparative data.

Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?

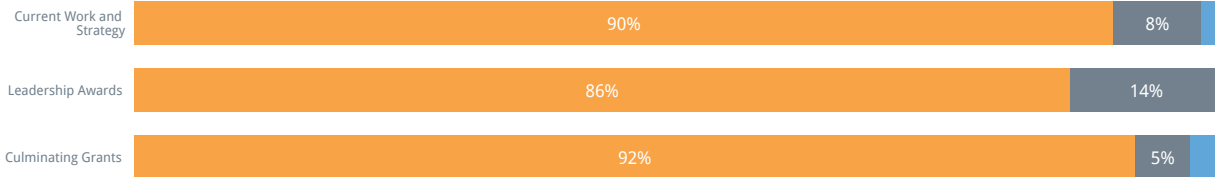
Yes No Don't know



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Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups? - By Subgroup

Yes No Don't know



Subgroup: Portfolio

Only asked of grantees who answered "Yes" to the question above.

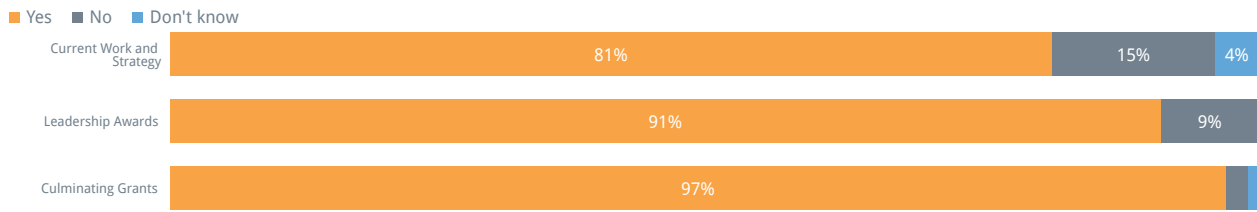
Specifically, are Black, Indigenous and/or people of color (BIPOC) communities or individuals the primary intended beneficiaries of the efforts funded by this grant?

Yes No Don't know



Cohort: None Past results: on

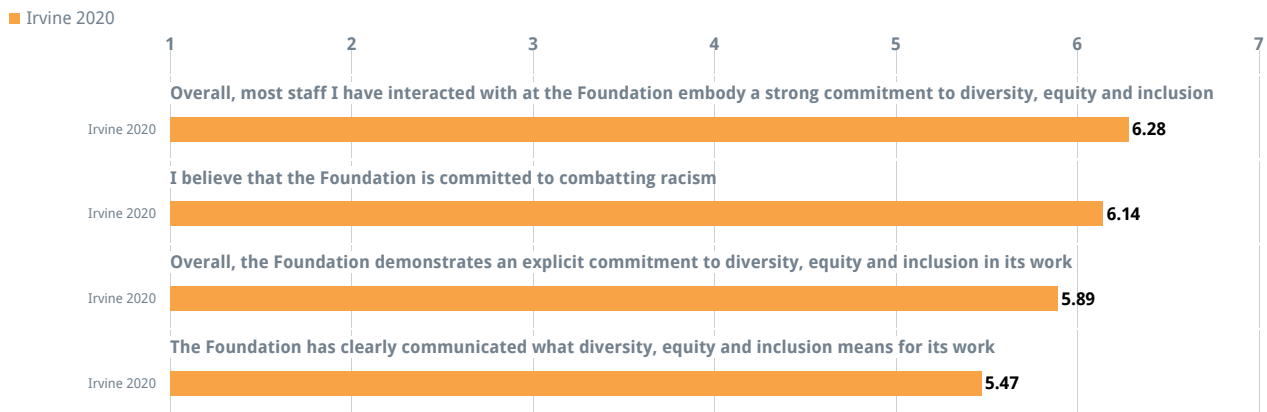
Specifically, are Black, Indigenous and/or people of color (BIPOC) communities or individuals the primary intended beneficiaries of the efforts funded by this grant? - By Subgroup



Subgroup: Portfolio

Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about diversity, equity and inclusion:

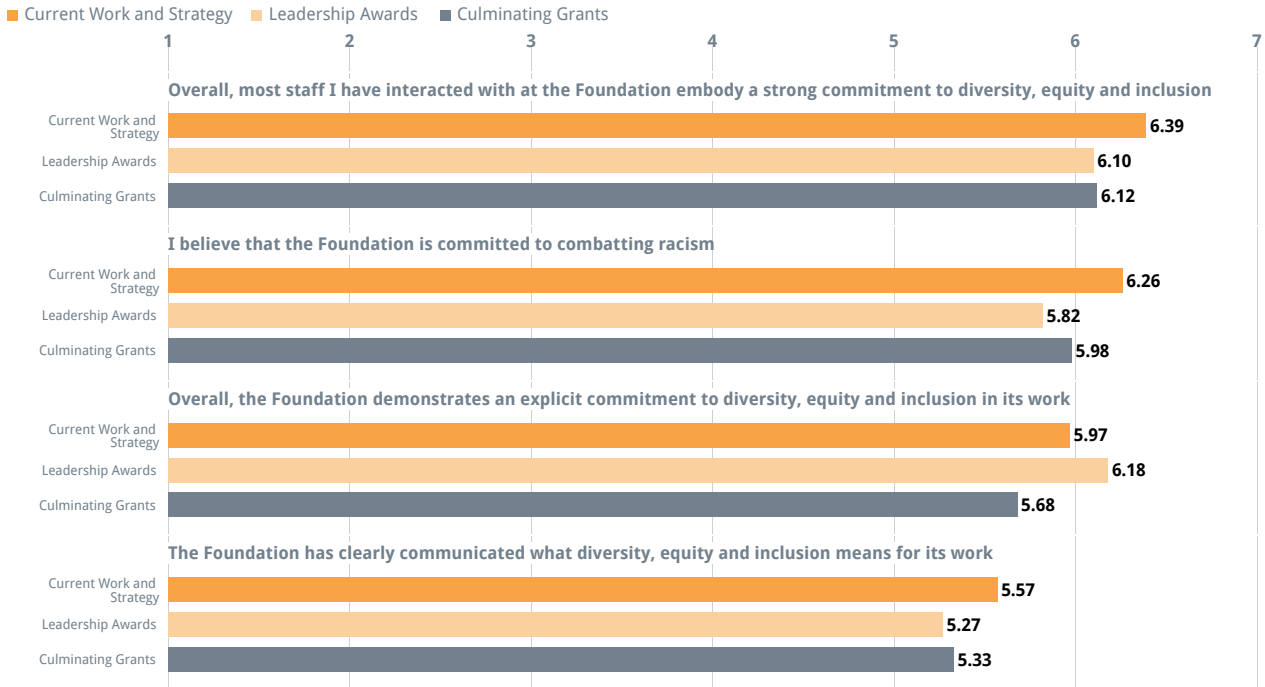
1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree



Cohort: None Past results: on

**Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about diversity, equity and inclusion: -
By Subgroup**

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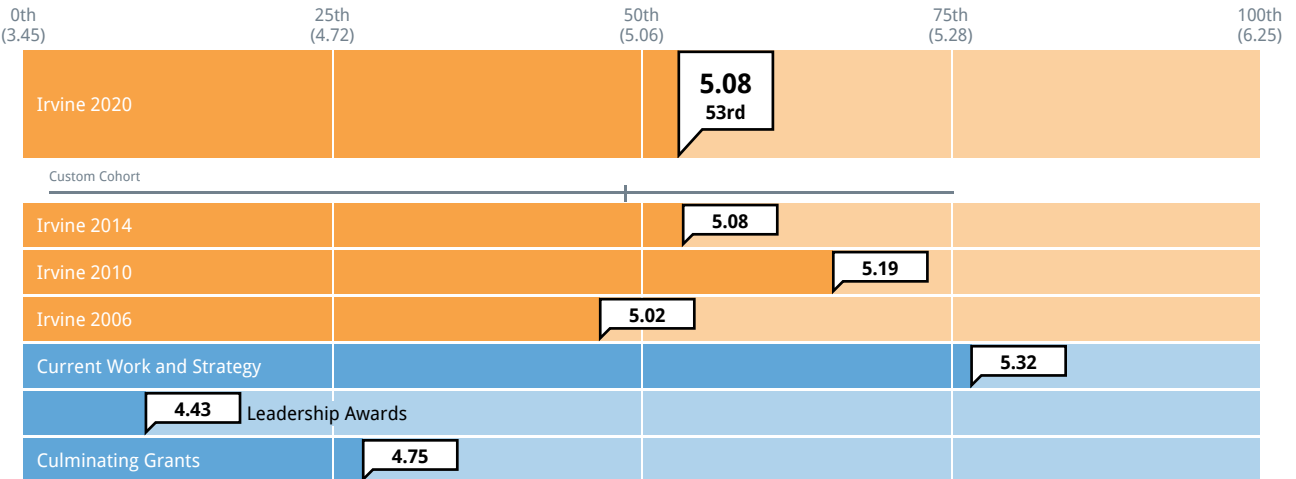


Subgroup: Portfolio

Grant Processes

How helpful was participating in the Foundation's selection process in strengthening the organization/program funded by the grant?

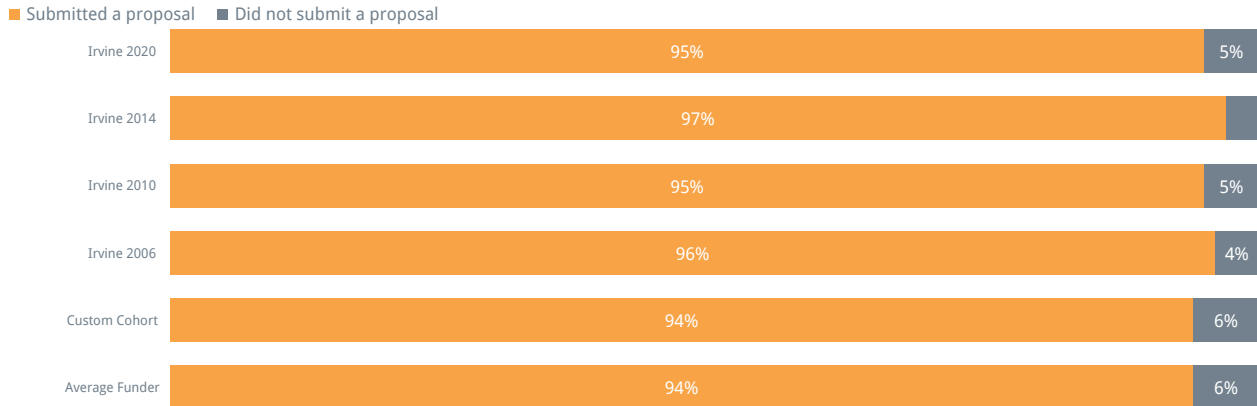
1 = Not at all helpful 7 = Extremely helpful



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Selection Process

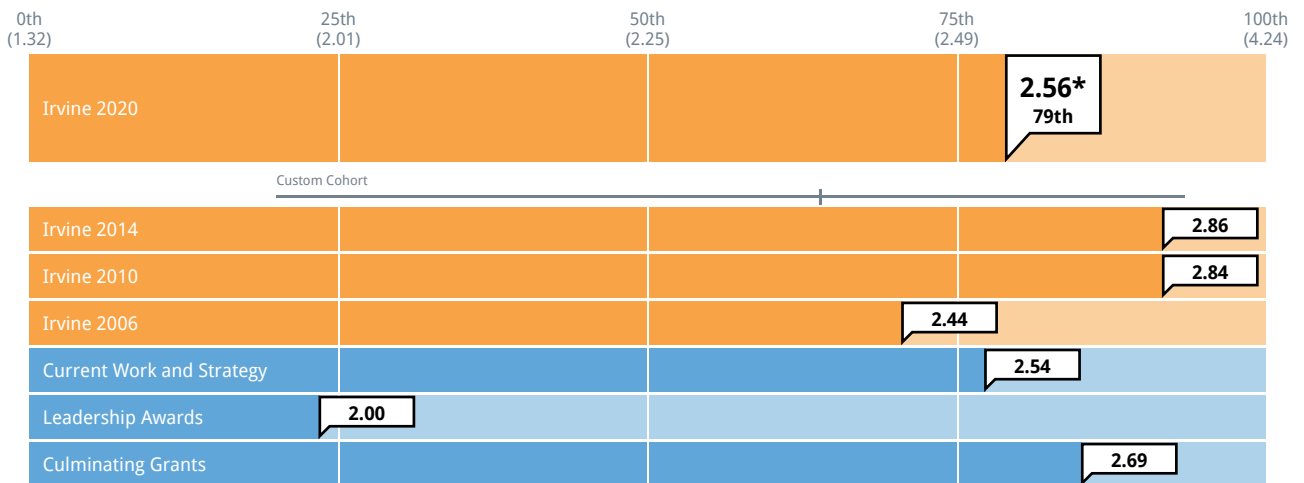
Did you submit a proposal for this grant?



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization's priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding?

1 = No pressure 7 = Significant pressure



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Time Between Submission and Clear Commitment

“How much time elapsed from the submission of the grant proposal to clear commitment of funding?”

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Time Elapsed from Submission of Proposal to Clear Commitment of Funding | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Less than 3 months | 80% | 54% | 50% | 64% | 62% | 68% |
| 4 - 6 months | 18% | 38% | 42% | 31% | 29% | 24% |
| 7 - 12 months | 2% | 8% | 8% | 4% | 7% | 6% |
| More than 12 months | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Time Elapsed from Submission of Proposal to Clear Commitment of Funding (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Less than 3 months | 87% | 56% | 71% |
| 4 - 6 months | 12% | 22% | 29% |
| 7 - 12 months | 2% | 22% | 0% |
| More than 12 months | 0% | 0% | 0% |

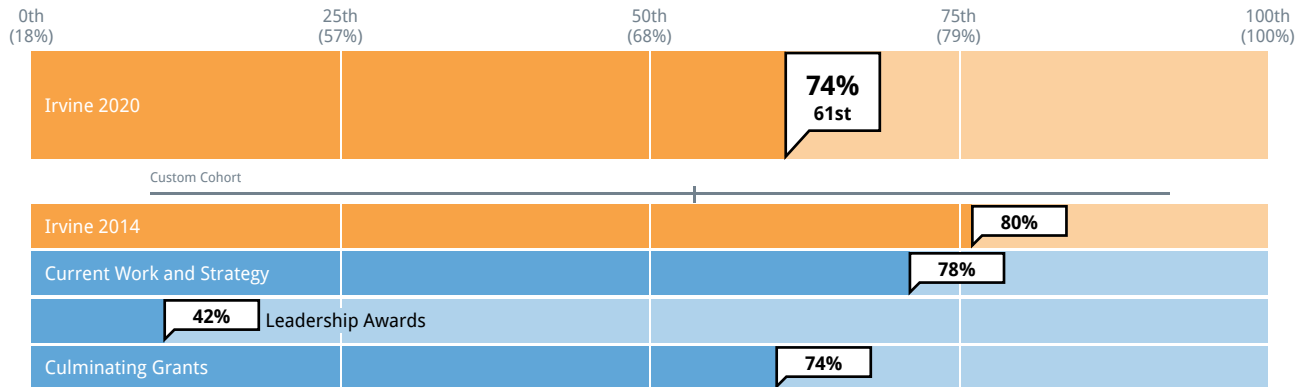
Reporting and Evaluation Process

Definition of Reporting and Evaluation

- "Reporting" - Irvine's standard oversight, monitoring, and grant reporting.
- "Evaluation" - formal activities *beyond reporting* undertaken by Irvine to assess or learn about a grant, a program, or Irvine's efforts.

At any point during the application or the grant period, did the Foundation and your organization exchange ideas regarding how your organization would assess the results of the work funded by this grant?

Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Participation in Reporting and/or Evaluation Processes

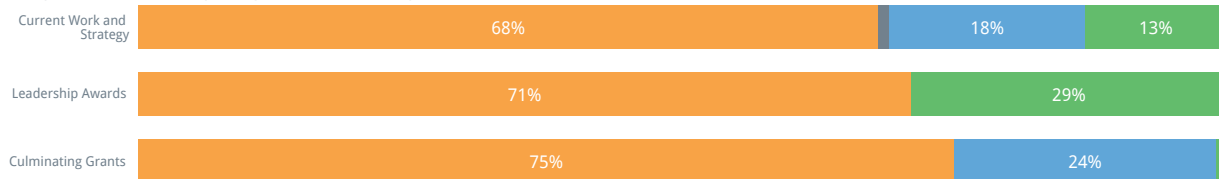
- Participated in a reporting process only
- Participated in an evaluation process only
- Participated in both a reporting and an evaluation process
- Participated in neither a reporting nor an evaluation process



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Participation in Reporting and/or Evaluation Processes (By Subgroup)

- Participated in a reporting process only
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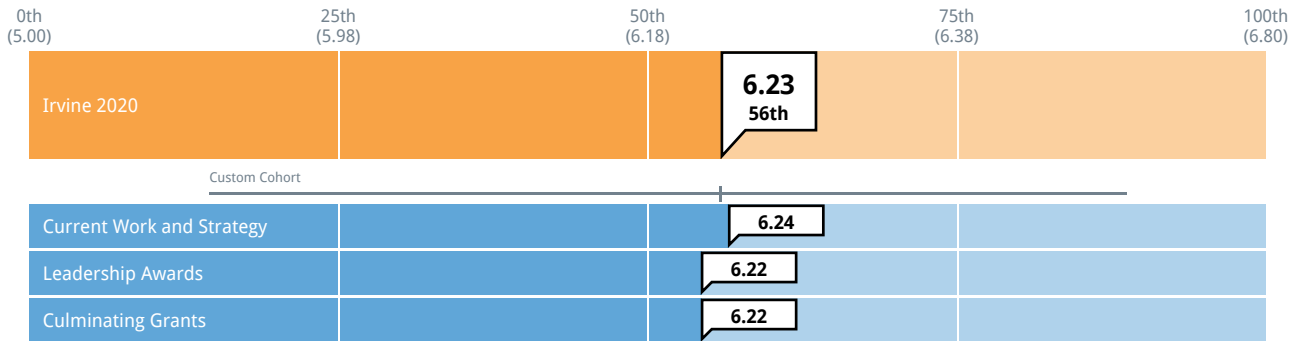
Subgroup: Portfolio

Reporting Process

The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in a reporting process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process straightforward?

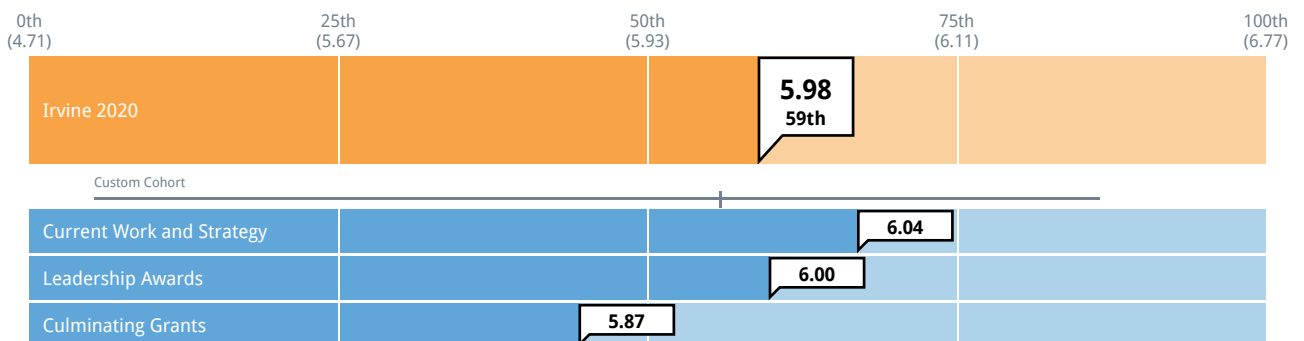
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To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process adaptable, if necessary, to fit your circumstances?

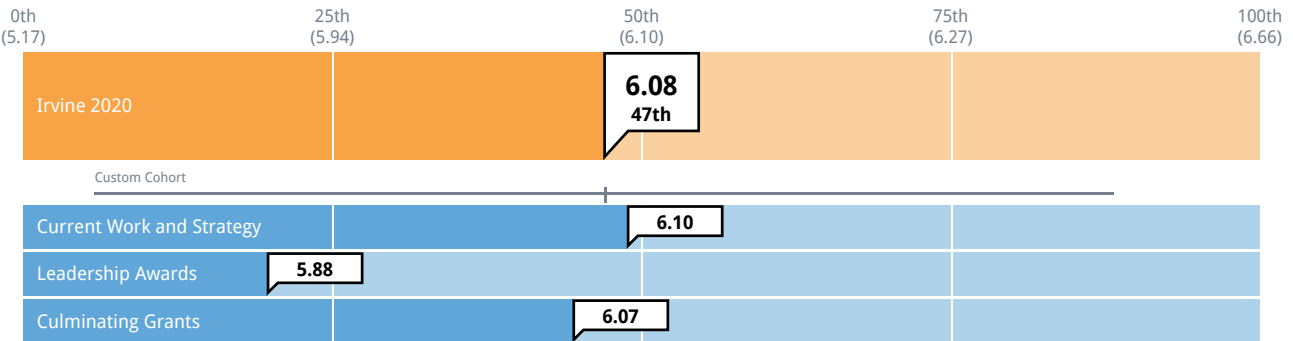
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To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process relevant, with questions and measures pertinent to the work funded by this grant?

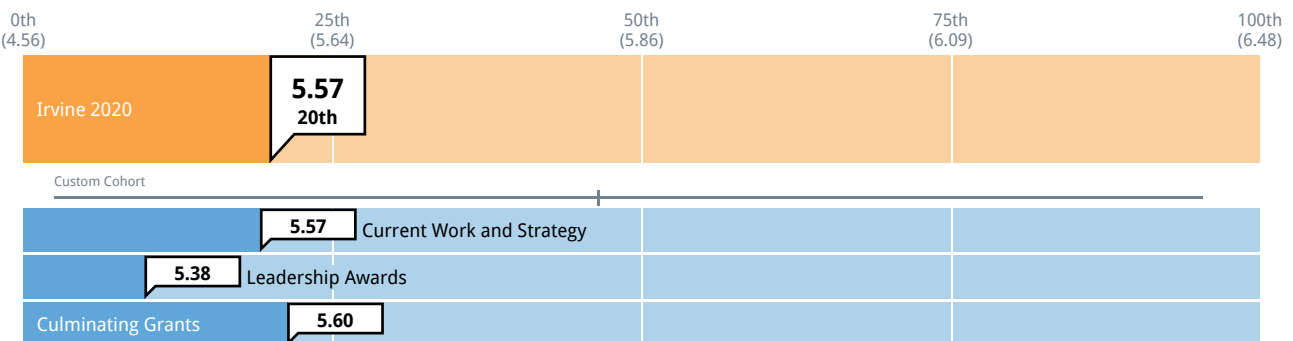
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To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process a helpful opportunity for you to reflect and learn?

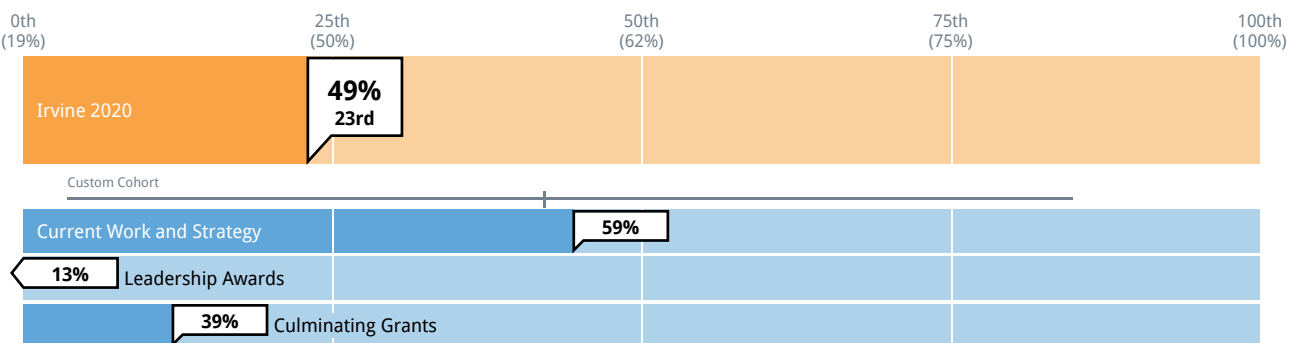
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At any point have you had a substantive discussion with the Foundation about the report(s) you or your colleagues submitted as part of the reporting process?

Proportion of grantees responding 'Yes'



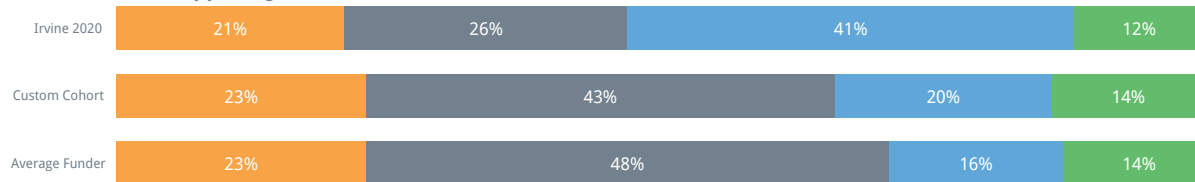
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

Evaluation Process

The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in an evaluation process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

Who was primarily responsible for carrying out the evaluation?

- Evaluation staff at the Foundation
- Evaluation staff at your organization
- External evaluator, chosen by the Foundation
- External evaluator, chosen by your organization



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Who was primarily responsible for carrying out the evaluation? (By Subgroup)

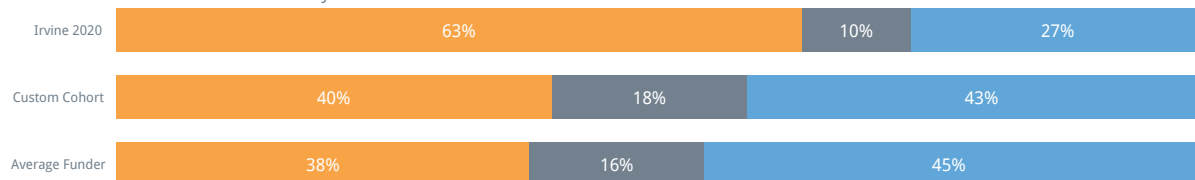
- Evaluation staff at the Foundation
- Evaluation staff at your organization
- External evaluator, chosen by the Foundation
- External evaluator, chosen by your organization



Subgroup: Portfolio

Did the Foundation provide financial support for the evaluation?

- Yes, the evaluation's costs were fully funded by the Foundation
- Yes, the evaluation's costs were partially funded by the Foundation
- No, the evaluation's costs were not funded by the Foundation



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Did the Foundation provide financial support for the evaluation? (By Subgroup)

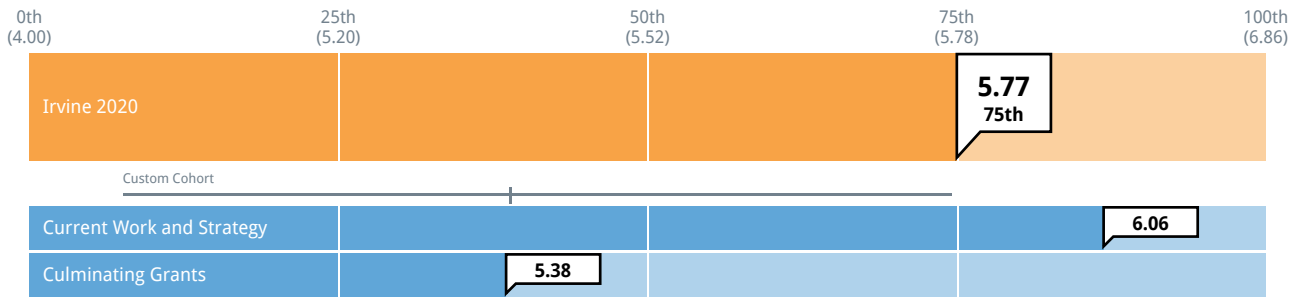
- Yes, the evaluation's costs were fully funded by the Foundation
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Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the evaluation incorporate input from your organization in the design of the evaluation?

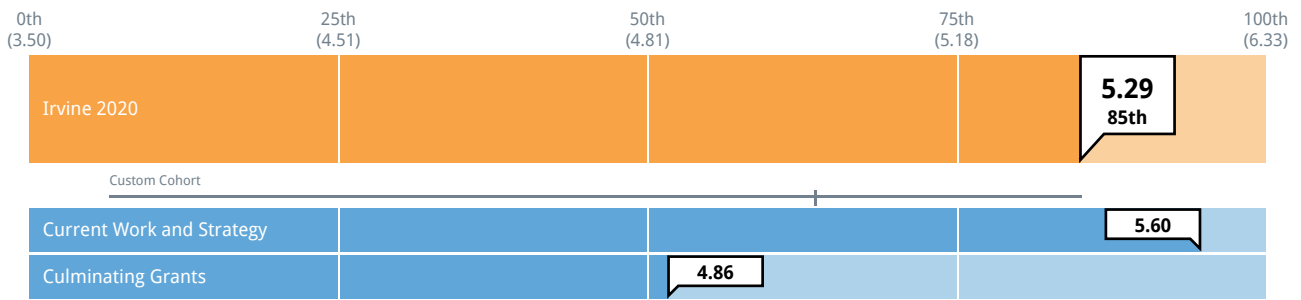
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Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the evaluation result in your organization making changes to the work that was evaluated?

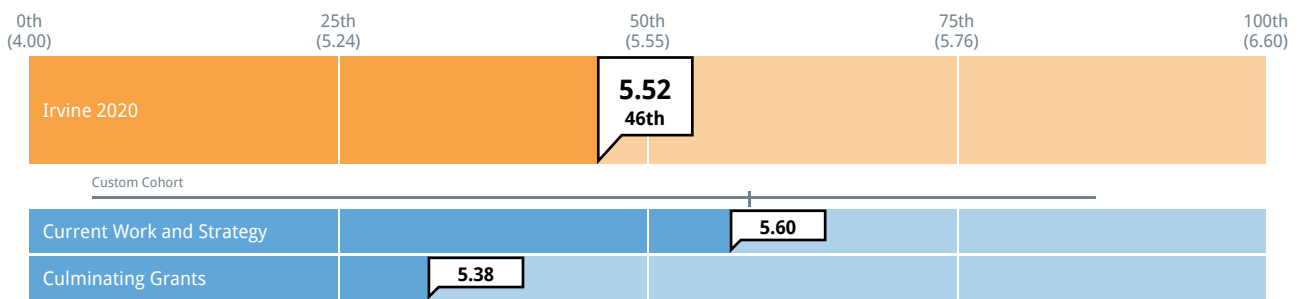
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Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

To what extent did the evaluation generate information that you believe will be useful for other organizations?

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent

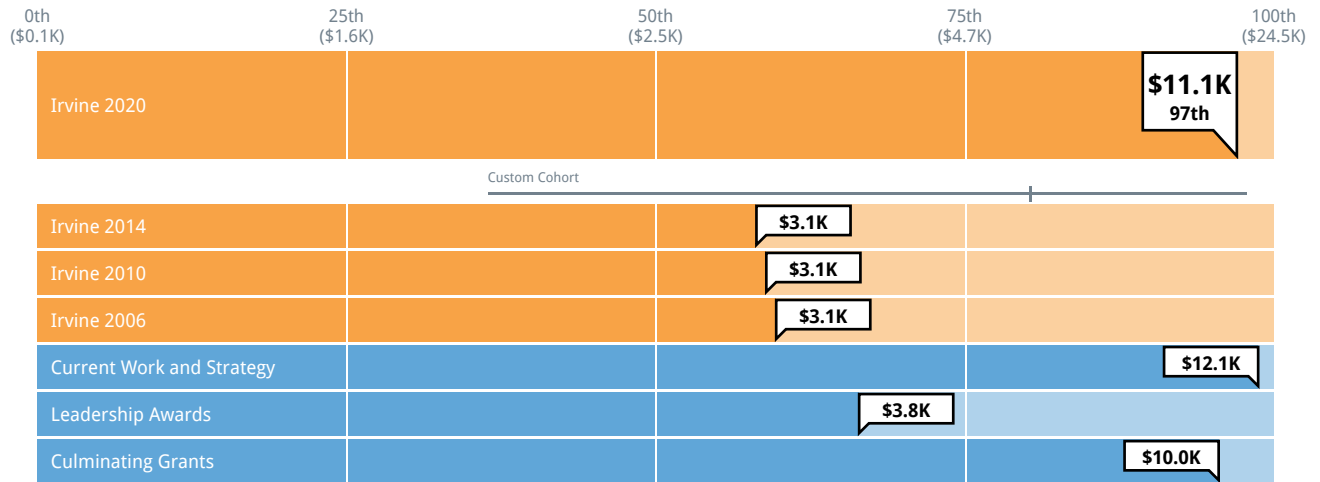


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Dollar Return and Time Spent on Processes

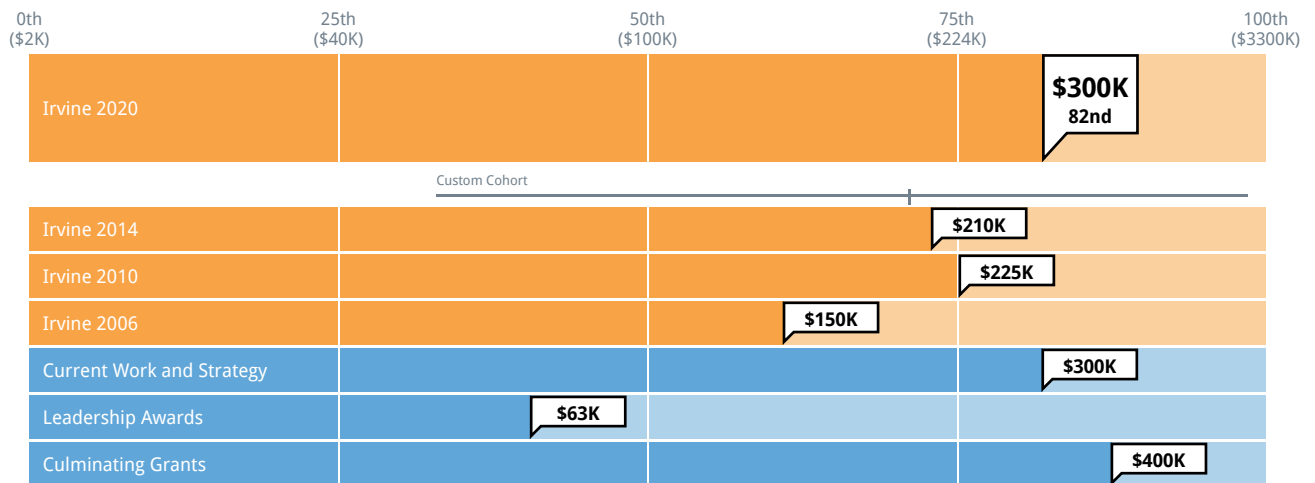
Dollar Return: Median grant dollars awarded per process hour required

Includes total grant dollars awarded and total time necessary to fulfill the requirements over the lifetime of the grant



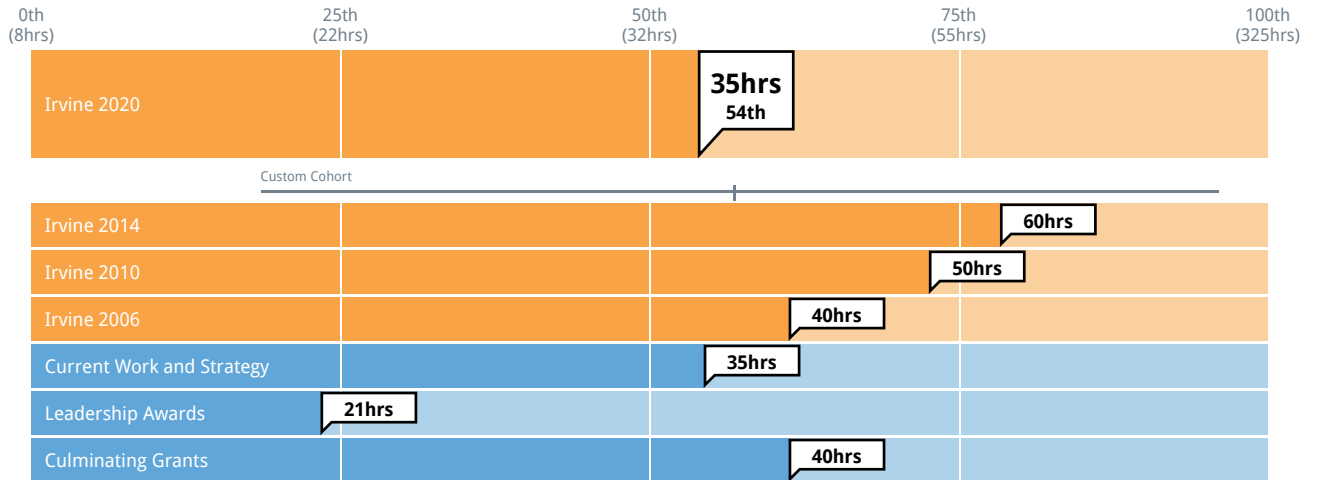
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Median Grant Size



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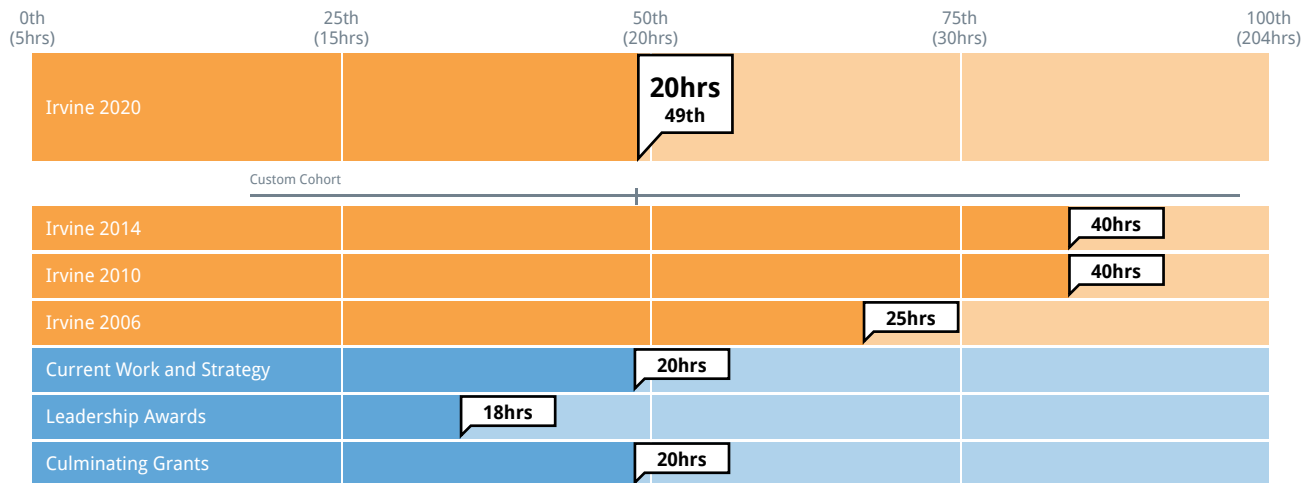
Median hours spent by grantees on funder requirements over grant lifetime



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Time Spent on Selection Process

Median Hours Spent on Proposal and Selection Process



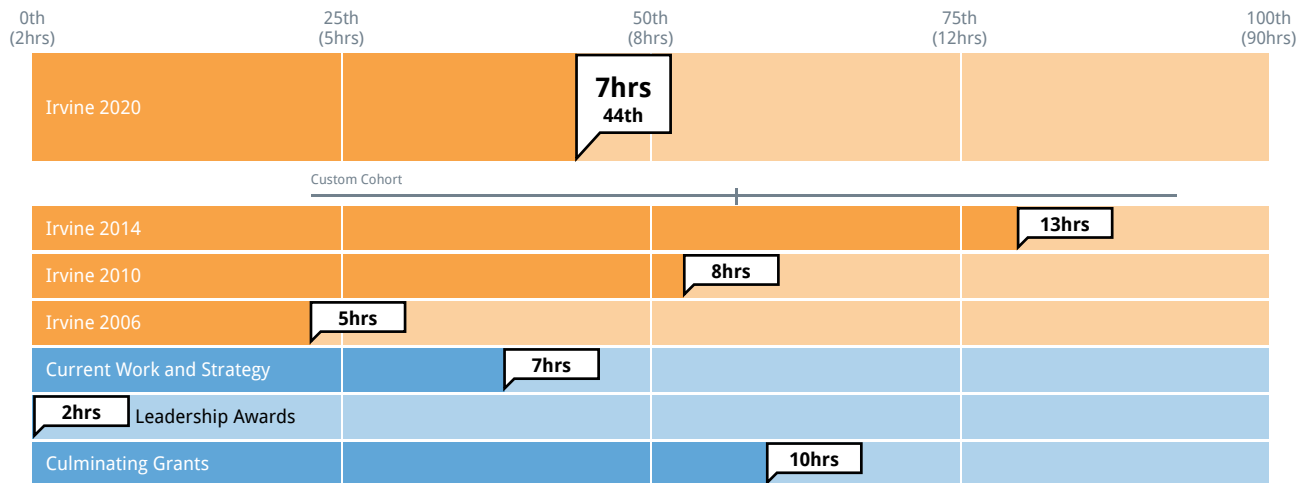
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Time Spent On Proposal And Selection Process | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| 1 to 9 hours | 17% | 5% | 8% | 10% | 21% | 18% |
| 10 to 19 hours | 27% | 13% | 17% | 21% | 21% | 22% |
| 20 to 29 hours | 21% | 22% | 18% | 23% | 18% | 20% |
| 30 to 39 hours | 8% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 8% | 9% |
| 40 to 49 hours | 12% | 20% | 19% | 25% | 12% | 12% |
| 50 to 99 hours | 11% | 18% | 16% | 8% | 11% | 11% |
| 100 to 199 hours | 3% | 8% | 11% | 7% | 6% | 6% |
| 200+ hours | 1% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 3% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Time Spent On Proposal And Selection Process (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| 1 to 9 hours | 16% | 29% | 16% |
| 10 to 19 hours | 29% | 21% | 24% |
| 20 to 29 hours | 16% | 36% | 28% |
| 30 to 39 hours | 8% | 0% | 12% |
| 40 to 49 hours | 15% | 7% | 9% |
| 50 to 99 hours | 13% | 7% | 7% |
| 100 to 199 hours | 3% | 0% | 3% |
| 200+ hours | 1% | 0% | 2% |

Time Spent on Reporting and Evaluation Process

Median Hours Spent on Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Process Per Year



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Time Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation Process (Annualized) | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| 1 to 9 hours | 59% | 37% | 55% | 64% | 53% | 53% |
| 10 to 19 hours | 22% | 29% | 25% | 22% | 20% | 21% |
| 20 to 29 hours | 13% | 14% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 12% |
| 30 to 39 hours | 2% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 3% |
| 40 to 49 hours | 2% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| 50 to 99 hours | 2% | 8% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 4% |
| 100+ hours | 1% | 6% | 2% | 1% | 5% | 3% |

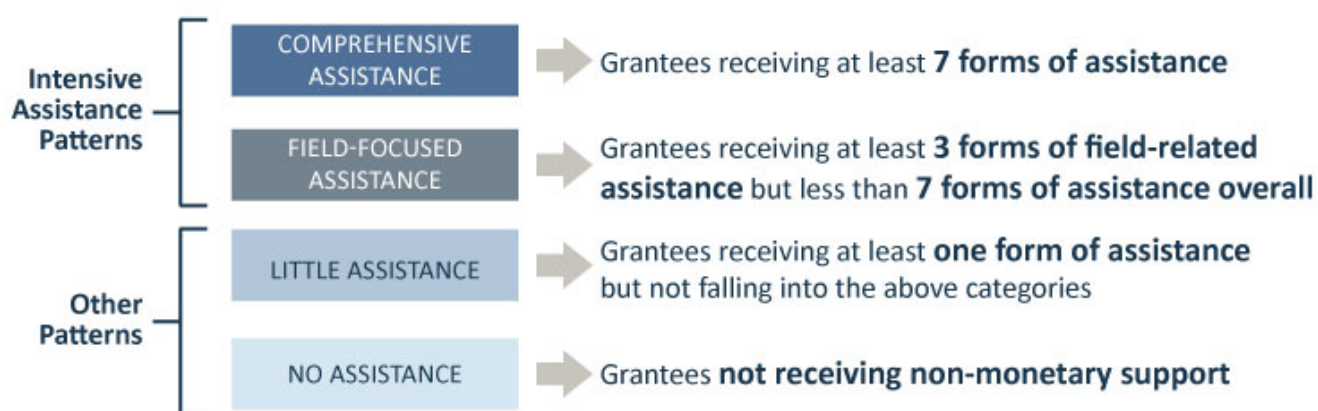
| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Time Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation Process (Annualized) (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| 1 to 9 hours | 60% | 91% | 50% |
| 10 to 19 hours | 23% | 0% | 24% |
| 20 to 29 hours | 13% | 0% | 17% |
| 30 to 39 hours | 0% | 0% | 6% |
| 40 to 49 hours | 1% | 0% | 4% |
| 50 to 99 hours | 3% | 0% | 0% |
| 100+ hours | 0% | 9% | 0% |

Non-Monetary Assistance

Grantees were asked to indicate whether they had received any of the following sixteen types of assistance provided directly or paid for by Irvine.

| Management Assistance | Field-Related Assistance | Other Assistance |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| General management advice | Encouraged/facilitated collaboration | Board development/governance assistance |
| Strategic planning advice | Insight and advice on your field | Information technology assistance |
| Financial planning/accounting | Introductions to leaders in field | Communications/marketing/publicity assistance |
| Development of performance measures | Provided research or best practices | Use of Irvine facilities |
| | Provided seminars/forums/convenings | Staff/management training |
| | | Fundraising support |
| | | Diversity, equity, and inclusion assistance |

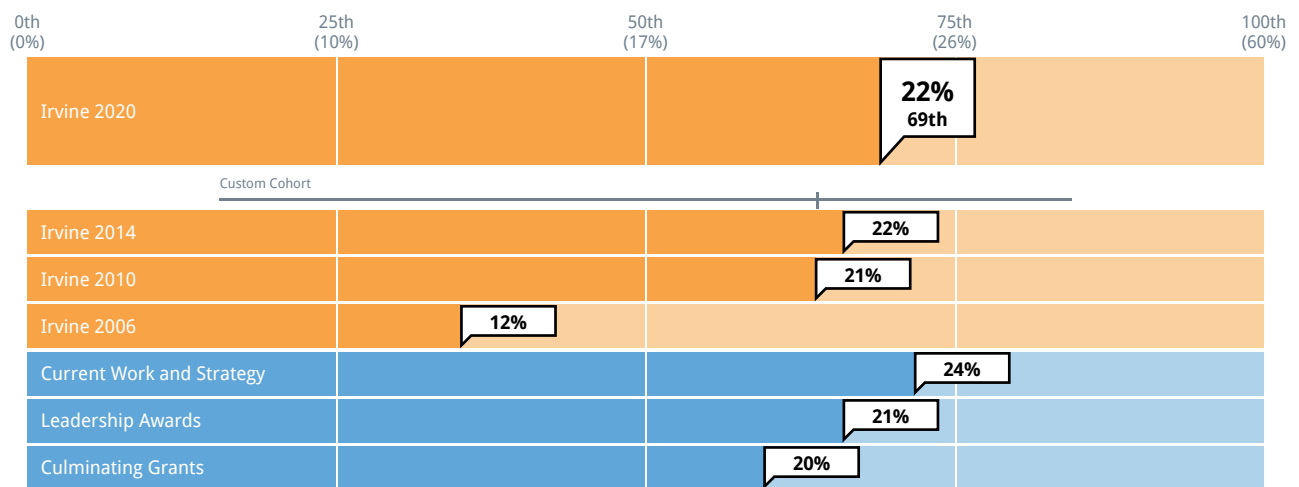
Based on their responses, CEP categorized grantees by the pattern of assistance they received. CEP's analysis shows that providing three or fewer assistance activities is often ineffective; it is only when grantees receive one of the two intensive patterns of assistance described below that they have a substantially more positive experience compared to grantees receiving no assistance.



| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Non-Monetary Assistance Patterns | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Comprehensive | 7% | 8% | 10% | 4% | 7% | 6% |
| Field-focused | 15% | 14% | 11% | 8% | 12% | 15% |
| Little | 33% | 42% | 34% | 31% | 40% | 39% |
| None | 44% | 36% | 45% | 57% | 41% | 40% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Non-Monetary Assistance Patterns (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Comprehensive | 6% | 0% | 11% |
| Field-focused | 18% | 21% | 9% |
| Little | 36% | 21% | 31% |
| None | 41% | 57% | 48% |

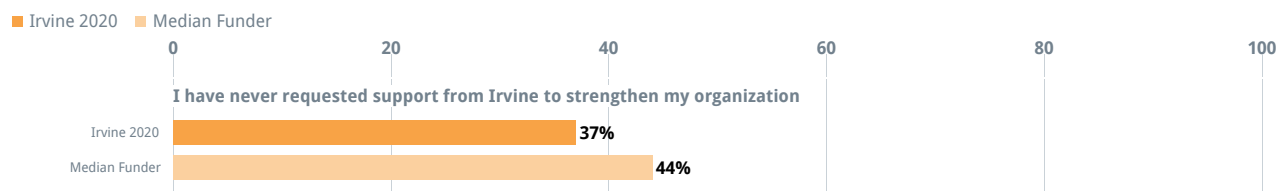
Proportion of grantees that received field-focused or comprehensive assistance



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Portfolio

The following question was recently added to the grantee survey and depicts comparative data from 93 funders in the dataset.

Have you ever requested support from the Foundation to help strengthen your organization?

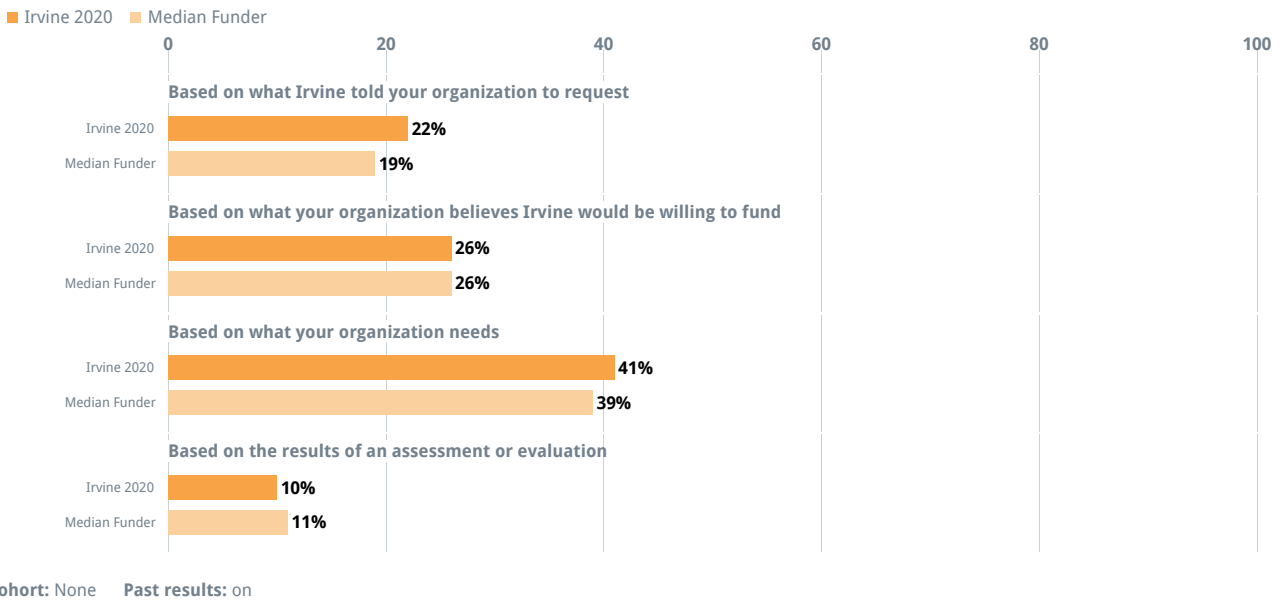


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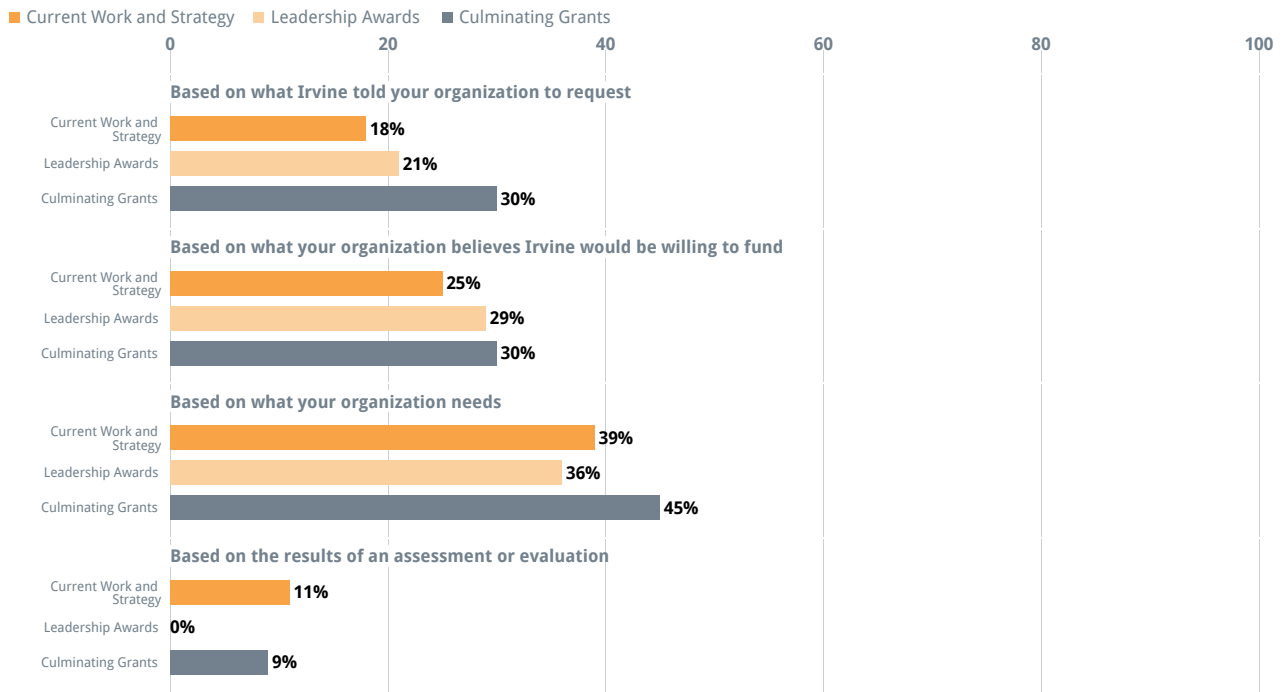
Have you ever requested support from the Foundation to help strengthen your organization? - By Subgroup



If you have ever requested support from the Foundation to help strengthen your organization, how did you determine what specific support to ask for?



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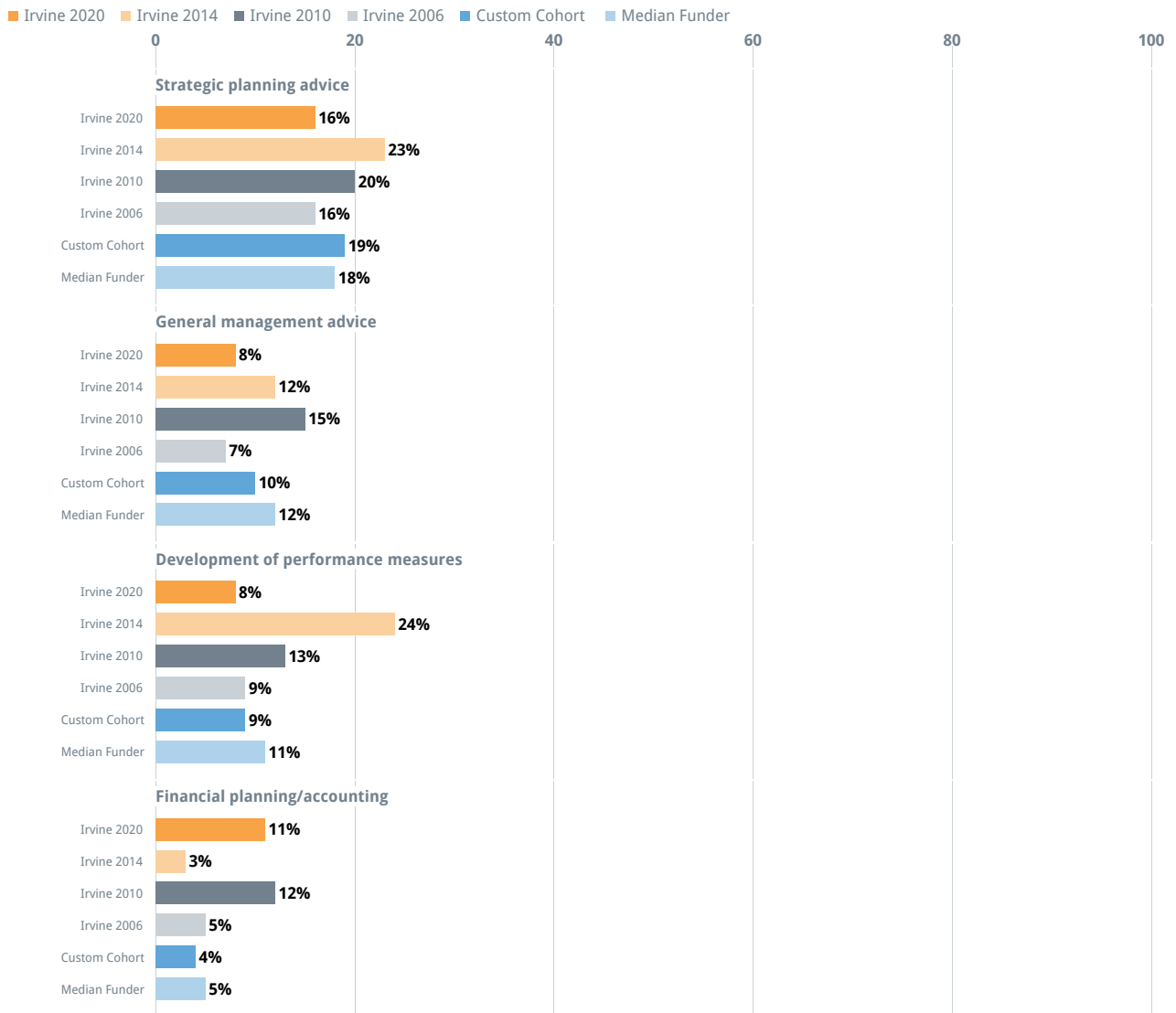


Subgroup: Portfolio

Management Assistance Activities

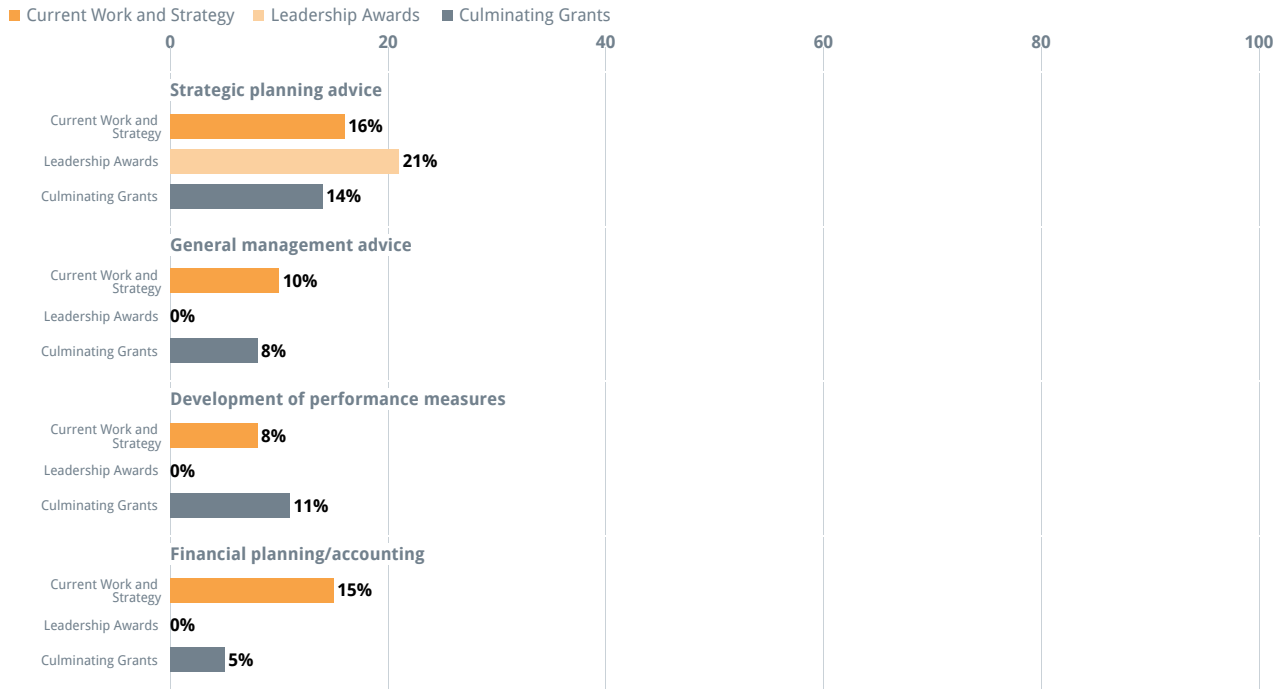
"Please indicate all types of non-monetary assistance, if any, you received (from staff or a third party paid for by Irvine) associated with this funding."

Percentage of Grantees that Received Management Assistance



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Percentage of Grantees that Received Management Assistance - By Subgroup

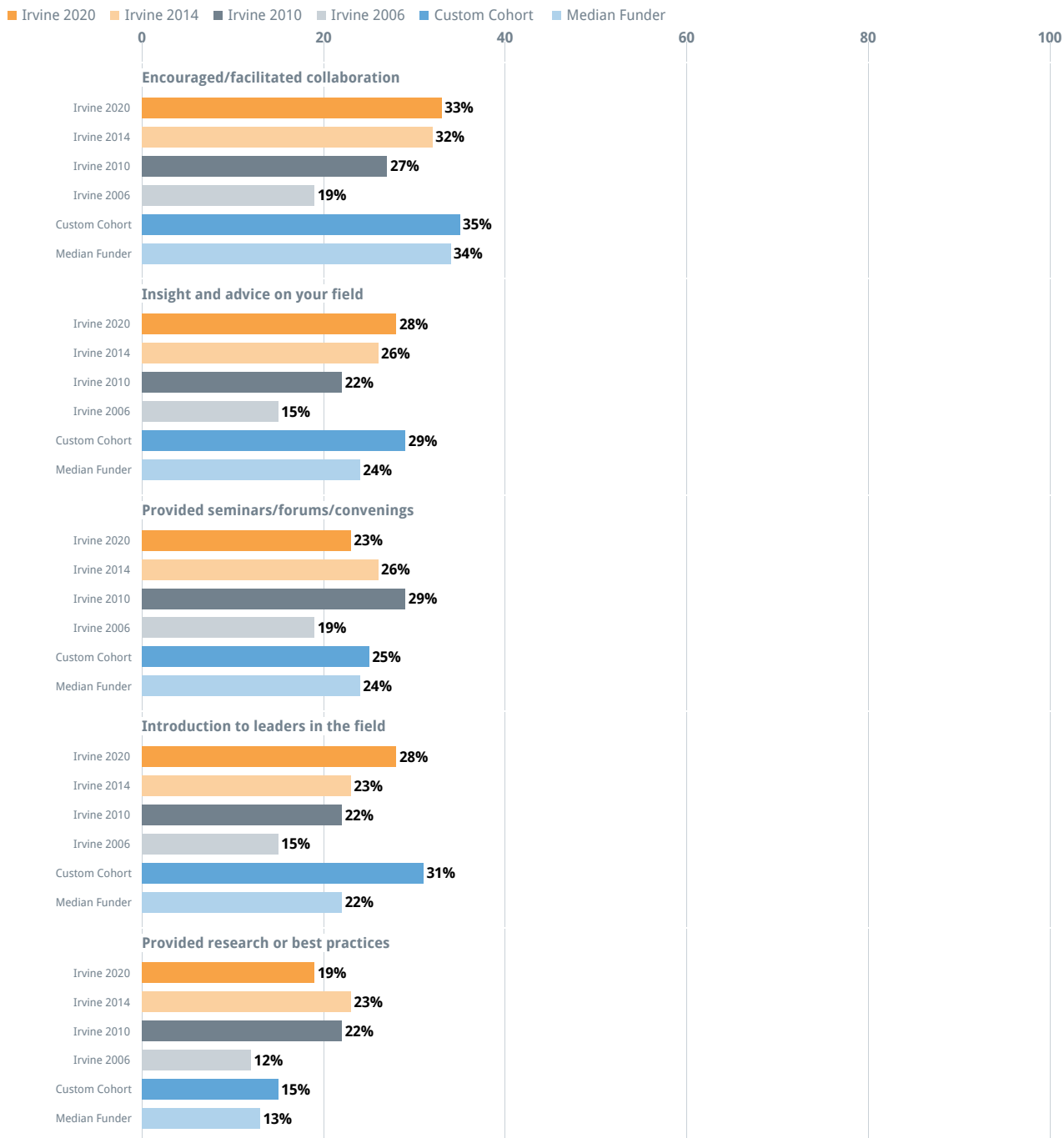


Subgroup: Portfolio

Field-Related Assistance Activities

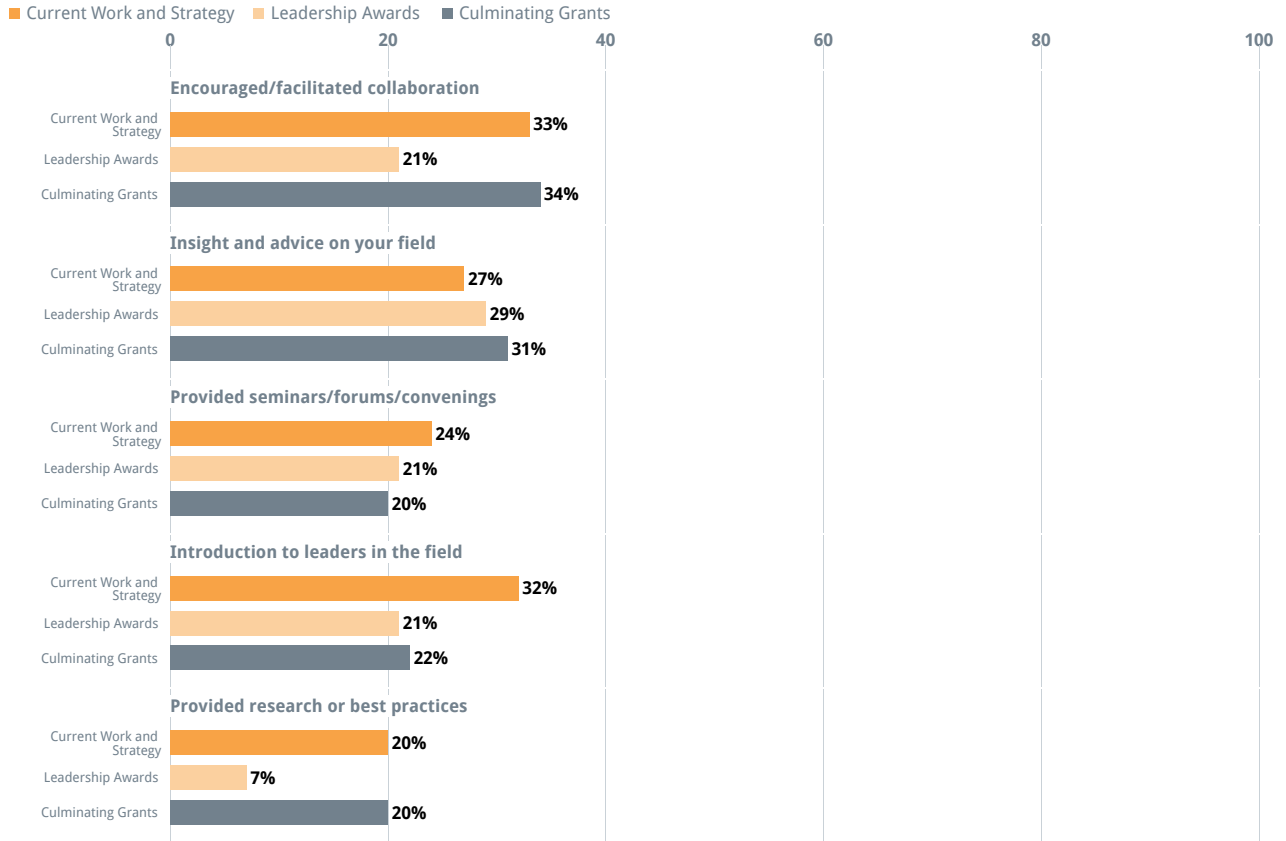
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Percentage of Grantees that Received Field-Related Assistance



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Percentage of Grantees that Received Field-Related Assistance - By Subgroup

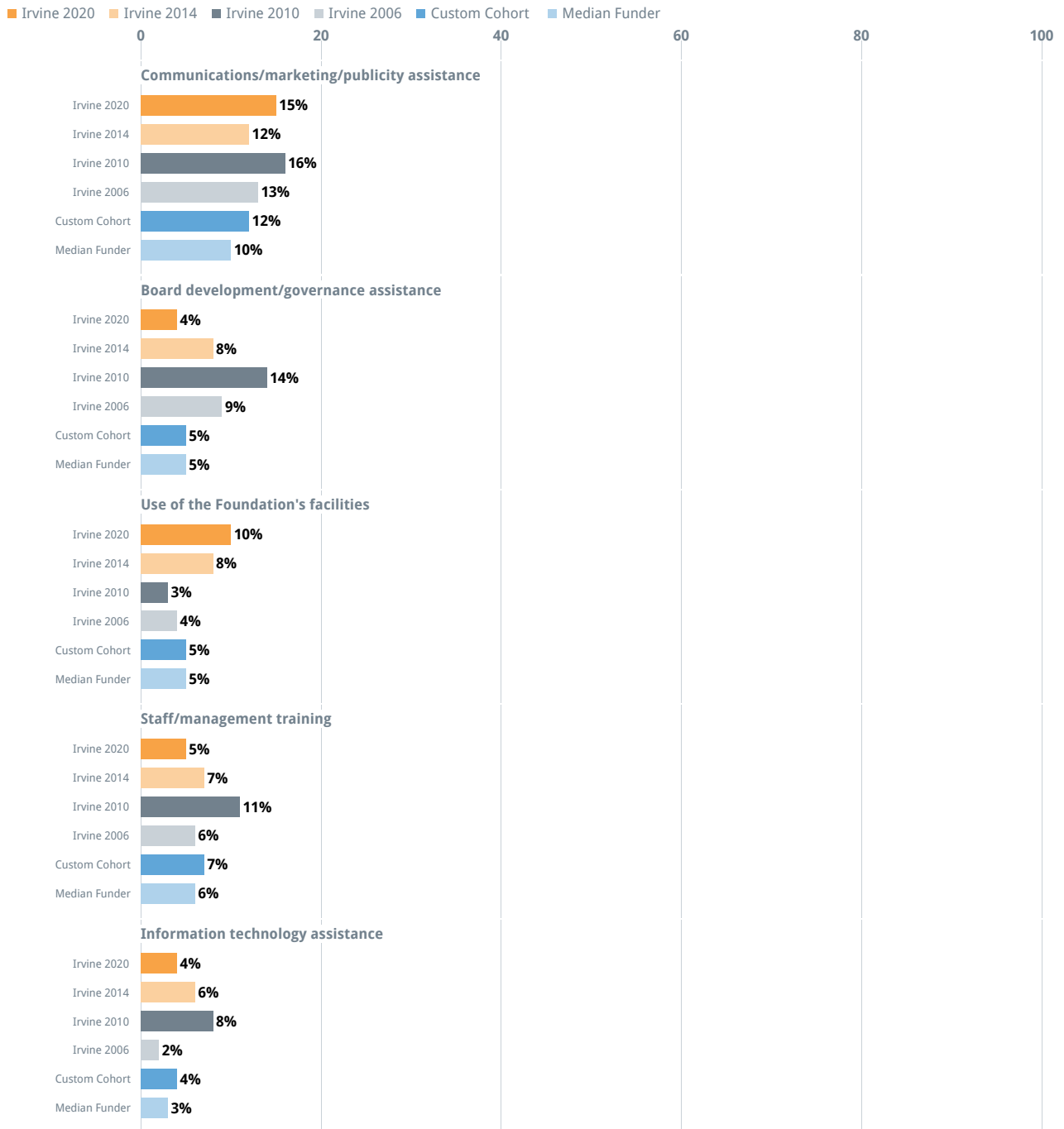


Subgroup: Portfolio

Other Assistance Activities

"Please indicate all types of non-monetary assistance, if any, you received (from staff or a third party paid for by Irvine) associated with this funding."

Percentage of Grantees that Received Other Assistance



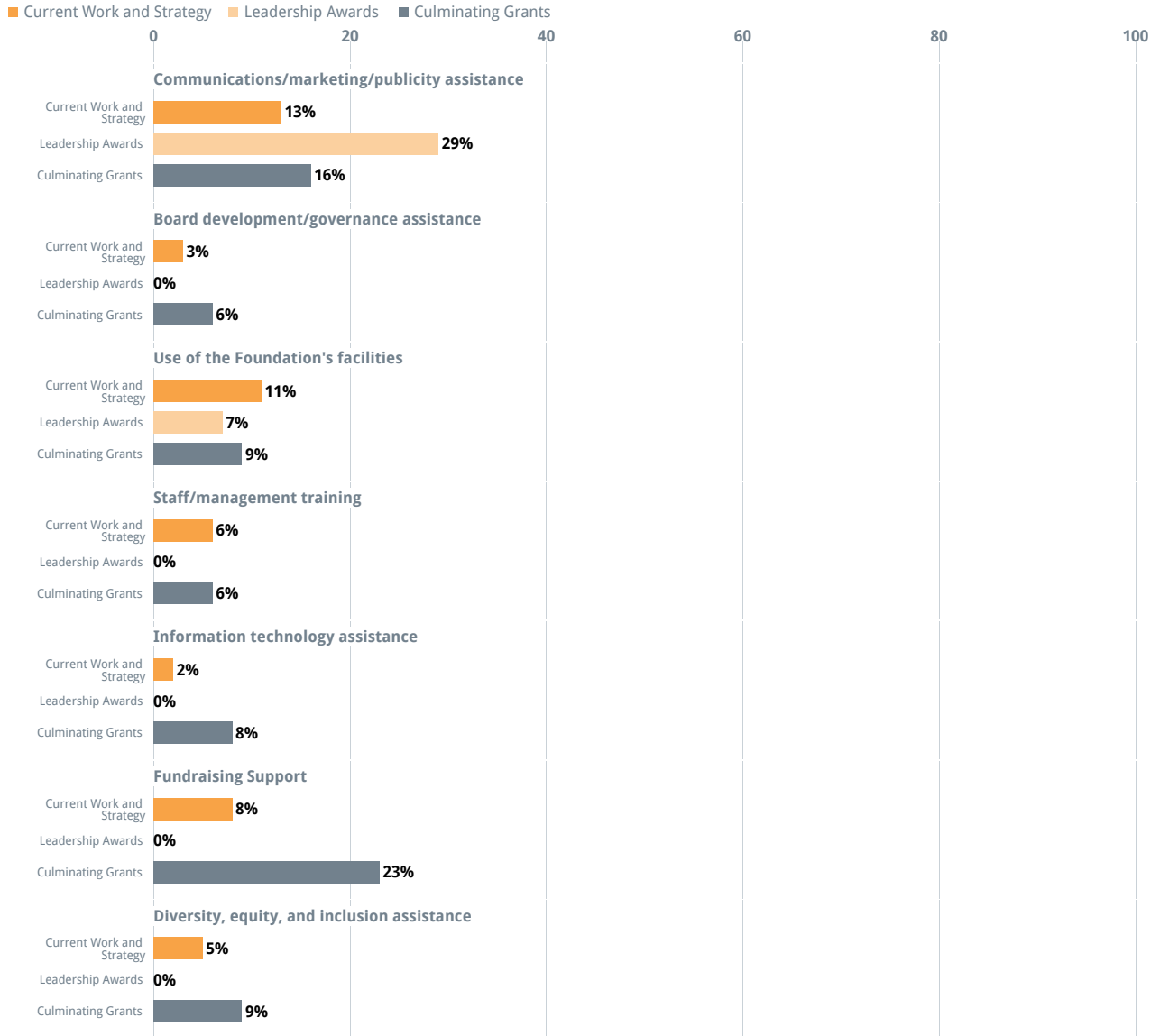
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Percentage of Grantees that Received Other Assistance (cont.)



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Percentage of Grantees that Received Other Assistance - By Subgroup



Subgroup: Portfolio

COVID-19 Questions

As part of The James Irvine Foundation's August 2020 grantee perception survey, the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP) included questions to gather grantees' input and advice regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their organizations.

Note: The questions in this section were recently added to the grantee survey and do not yet have comparative data.

Impact of COVID-19 on Nonprofits

As a result of COVID-19, what barriers are inhibiting your organization from carrying out its work?

| Barriers: | This is a significant barrier | I anticipate this will be a significant barrier | This is not now, nor do I anticipate it being, a significant barrier in the future | Don't know/N/A |
|--|-------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Ability to create social distancing in your organization's physical space(s) | 24% | 24% | 49% | 3% |
| Creating social distancing while carrying out programming | 44% | 26% | 25% | 4% |
| Accessing beneficiary populations (due to mobility issues, lack of transportation, lack of internet connectivity) | 40% | 28% | 27% | 6% |
| Lack of necessary supplies required to safely conduct business (i.e. PPE, disinfectants, etc.) | 9% | 12% | 72% | 8% |
| Cash flow problems | 11% | 36% | 40% | 13% |
| Loss of revenue/Budget challenges | 25% | 44% | 23% | 8% |
| Infrastructure costs to accommodate COVID-19 (i.e. reconfiguring work and/or programmatic spaces, investing in technology, etc.) | 24% | 31% | 41% | 4% |
| Maintaining staff levels needed to resume and/or carry out programming | 18% | 31% | 46% | 5% |
| Other | 55% | 8% | 3% | 34% |

Below are verbatim responses from grantees who selected "Other (please describe):" in the previous question:

To conduct the hands-on forklift training is the most challenging. To ensure social distancing, we dispatch 3 clients every 2 days. If we have 20 clients enrolled, it would take 2 weeks for the forklift training to ensure clients have sufficient time on the forklift. Over 20 clients, we will need to extend the forklift training to 3 weeks. This then increase our cost for the forklift training.

We have made the decision to end the lease agreement for our current office in Los Angeles due to concerns that we cannot ensure staff safety under the building's current conditions; barriers we will face in finding an appropriate new space are unclear.

Adding covid-related programming on top of existing, mission-critical work: we have staffing for our primary work but inadequate support for the pandemic work--which we are doing regardless because it is a necessity for our communities.

Lack of guidelines at the state level governing phased venue re-openings for the performing arts. Capital investments to purchase media equipment, new staff to produce content, curators to assist with new media.

We will do what we have to do to accommodate all of our families, though space constraints may limit the ability to serve them all onsite for the same frequency each week.

Connecting with our immigrant community that is already dealing with a digital divide and almost everything now requires connectivity whether through computer or phone.

Having to push back launch dates due to Covid-19 which could ultimately impact our funding, staffing, capacity, etc. - depending on how long the pandemic persists

Capacity/Productivity of team members due to juggling home/childcare responsibilities and resolving internal team issues when not in person

Social Distancing strategies will not be a problem once the shelter in place is lifted. We have reconfigured our space to accommodate.

time before we are all back face to face and what can be done in the meantime, what cannot move while we are in COVID times

Staff levels are a problem in so far as COVID19 created significant work-life conflict for working parents on our team

Effectively collaborating with partner organizations as they are struggling with similar barriers and challenges

Providing proper equipment and working space for staff at their remote locations.

Local shelter in place orders prohibit our operating all of our programming.

Flexible cash to respond to and be able to solve immediate community need

Networking and shifting hearts, minds and narratives virtually.

Mission (which includes live performance) cannot be fulfilled

Limits and risks assoc with travel to meet with key inst reps

Doing advocacy work that requires face to face interactions.

the unknown is very complicated to plan and take action

Mental health and wellness of staff + election results

there is a toll on morale that is not quantifiable

delays in hiring, and shift to online programming

Building trusting relationships with clients

Lack of capacity to do fundraising online

Not being able to hold in-person events.

Funding uncertainty is biggest worry.

Employee safety concerns/anxiety

unpredictable future of impact

Expanding staff to shift work

Additional staffing needs

conducting outreach

future fundraising

Does not apply

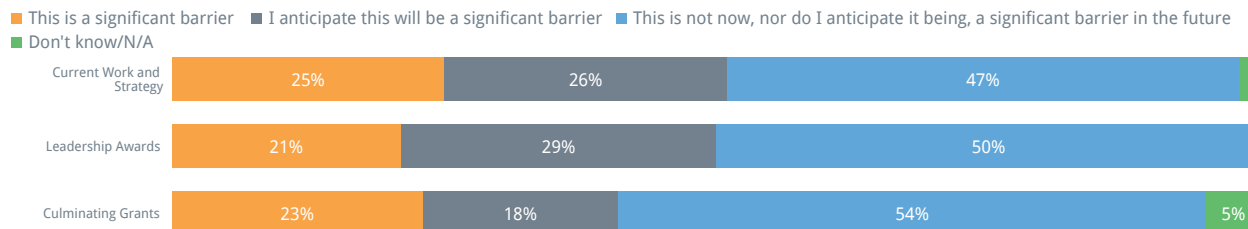
Mental health

None

Impact of COVID-19 on Nonprofits - by Subgroup

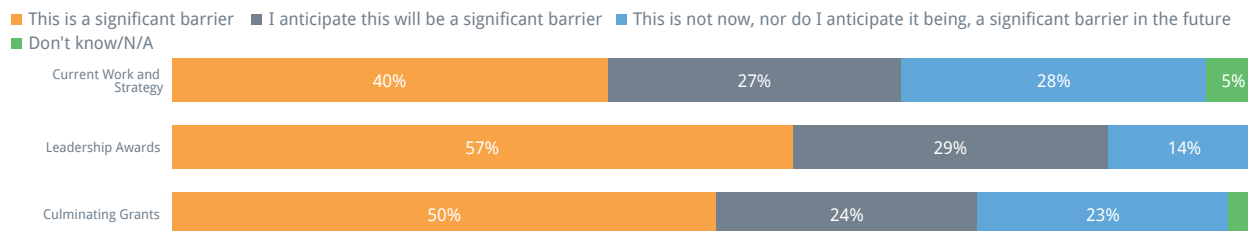
As a result of COVID-19, what barriers are inhibiting your organization from carrying out its work?

Ability to create social distancing in your organization's physical space(s) - By Subgroup



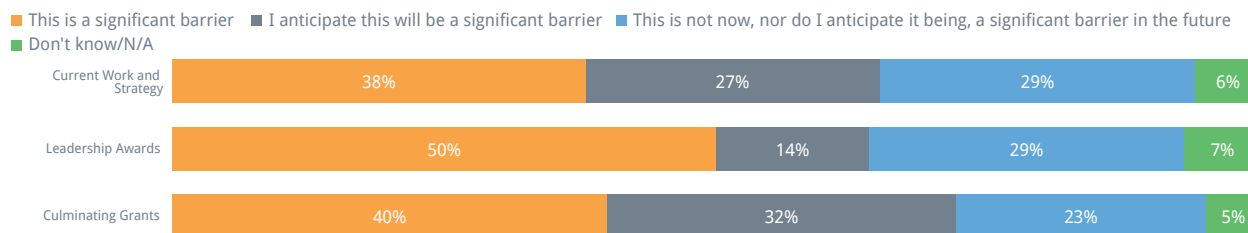
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Creating social distancing while carrying out programming - by Subgroup



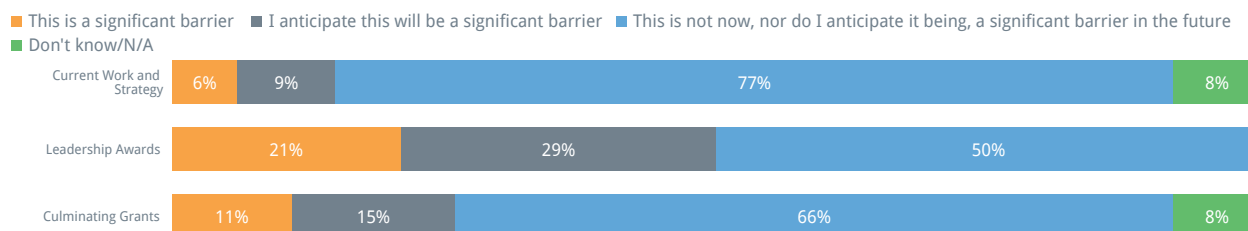
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Accessing beneficiary populations (due to mobility issues, lack of transportation, lack of internet connectivity) - by Subgroup



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Lack of necessary supplies required to safely conduct business (i.e. PPE, disinfectants, etc.) - by Subgroup



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Cash flow problems - by Subgroup

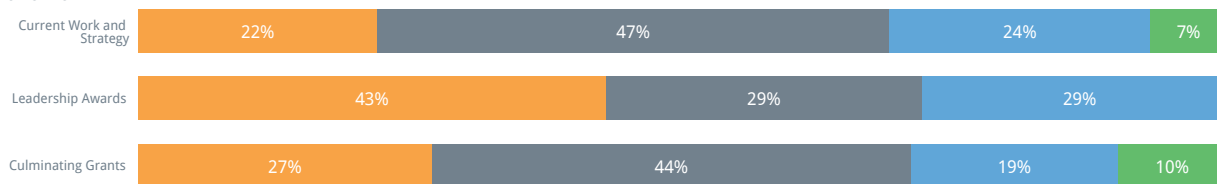
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 ■ I anticipate this will be a significant barrier
 ■ This is not now, nor do I anticipate it being, a significant barrier in the future
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Loss of revenue/Budget challenges - by Subgroup

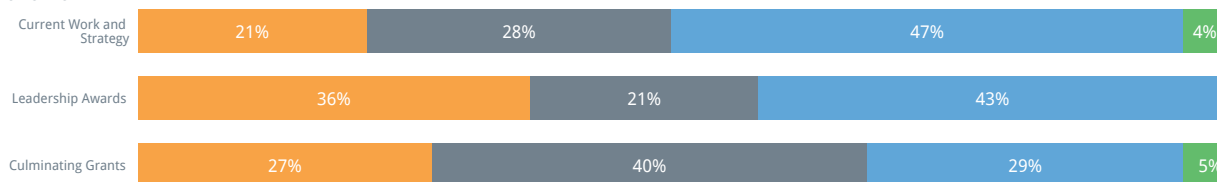
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Infrastructure costs to accommodate COVID-19 (i.e. reconfiguring work and/or programmatic spaces, investing in technology, etc.) - by Subgroup

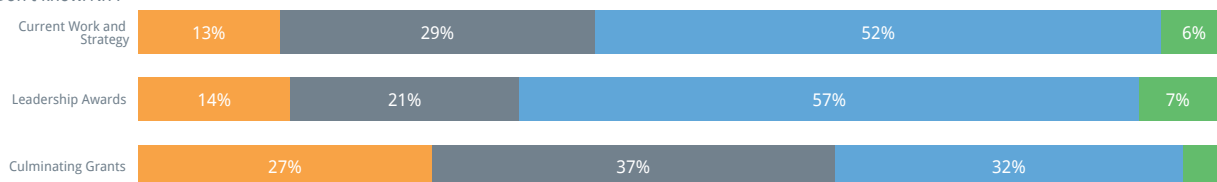
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Subgroup: Portfolio

Maintaining staff levels needed to resume and/or carry out programming - by Subgroup

■ This is a significant barrier
 ■ I anticipate this will be a significant barrier
 ■ This is not now, nor do I anticipate it being, a significant barrier in the future
 ■ Don't know/N/A



Subgroup: Portfolio

Other - by Subgroup

■ This is a significant barrier
 ■ I anticipate this will be a significant barrier
 ■ This is not now, nor do I anticipate it being, a significant barrier in the future
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Subgroup: Portfolio

Communicating COVID-19 Issues with the Foundation

When communicating with Irvine about the COVID-19 pandemic, I feel comfortable discussing the...

Evolving needs of the populations we serve

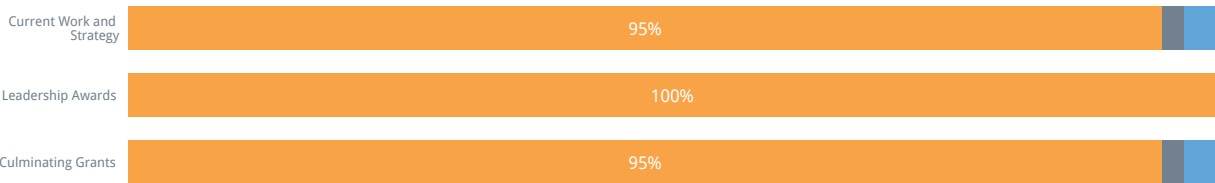
Yes No Don't know



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Evolving needs of the populations we serve - By Subgroup

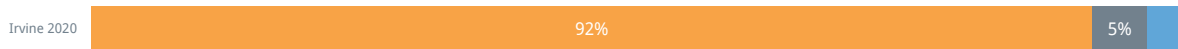
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Subgroup: Portfolio

Evolving needs of our organization

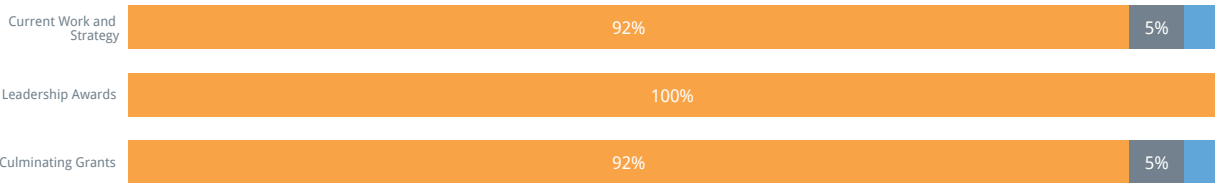
Yes No Don't know



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Evolving needs of our organization - By Subgroup

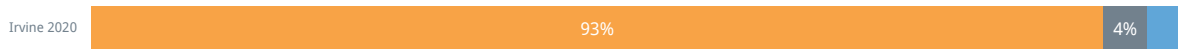
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Subgroup: Portfolio

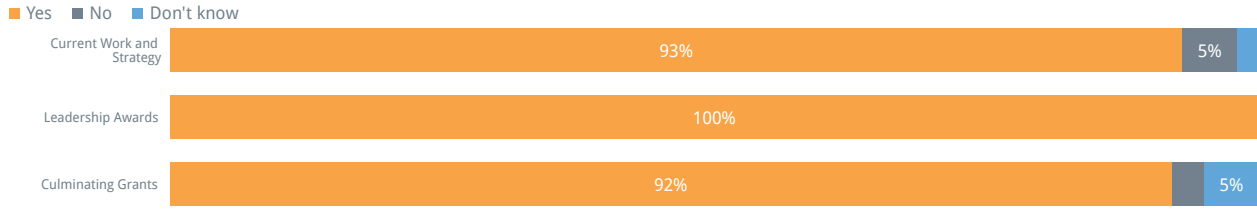
Implications of race in our organization's response to COVID-19

Yes No Don't know



Cohort: None Past results: on

Implications of race in our organization's response to COVID-19 - By Subgroup



Subgroup: Portfolio

Customized Questions

Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree

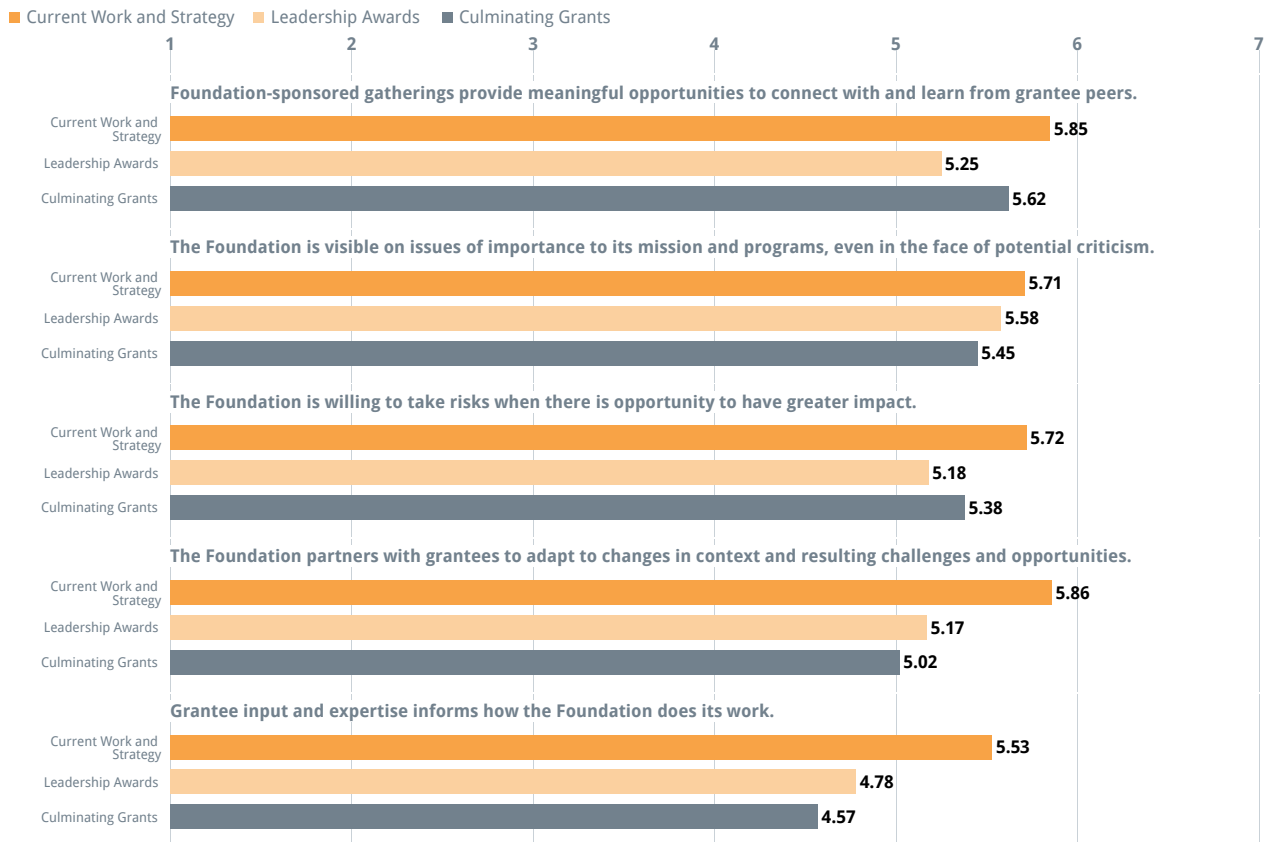
Irvine 2020



Cohort: None Past results: on

Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: - By Subgroup

1 = Strongly disagree 4 = Neither agree nor disagree 7 = Strongly agree



Subgroup: Portfolio

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Selected Cohort: None | |
| How long has your organization been in operation? | Irvine 2020 |
| Less than three years | 5% |
| Between three years and eight years | 16% |
| More than eight years | 79% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| How long has your organization been in operation? (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Less than three years | 8% | 0% | 2% |
| Between three years and eight years | 17% | 21% | 13% |
| More than eight years | 76% | 79% | 85% |

Full Cost Questions

(Only asked of the 60% of grantees who received restricted support.)

The following questions ask about the extent to which your grant covered the actual costs of the associated program/project and were only asked of the 60% of grantees that received restricted support.

- Direct costs are the costs to execute the project itself.
- Indirect costs are the organizational costs associated with executing the project but not directly used in the project (e.g., a proportional share of rent, a proportional share of finance staff salary).
- Indirect cost rate is a percentage applied to direct costs in budgeting to estimate indirect costs.
- If your program is supported by multiple funders, think about the proportion of costs that this grant represents within the total funding received from all funders.

| Selected Cohort: None | |
|--|-------------|
| Which best describes the process used to set an indirect cost rate for this project? | Irvine 2020 |
| We provided an indirect rate, which the Foundation accepted | 40% |
| The Foundation provided an indirect rate, without opportunity for discussion | 14% |
| We settled on an indirect rate in discussion with Foundation staff | 15% |
| In determining grant amount, we did not specifically address indirect costs | 32% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Which best describes the process used to set an indirect cost rate for this project? (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| We provided an indirect rate, which the Foundation accepted | 43% | 50% | 31% |
| The Foundation provided an indirect rate, without opportunity for discussion | 10% | 0% | 25% |
| We settled on an indirect rate in discussion with Foundation staff | 14% | 0% | 19% |
| In determining grant amount, we did not specifically address indirect costs | 33% | 50% | 25% |

| Selected Cohort: None | |
|---|-------------|
| To what extent did the grant cover the full costs of the work it was meant to fund (or the costs of its share of work in a multi-funder project)? | Irvine 2020 |
| The grant covered its direct and indirect costs plus extra that allows the organization to thrive over the long term (e.g., additions to reserves, assets, working capital, etc.) | 10% |
| The grant covered direct and indirect costs, but no more | 44% |
| The grant covered the direct costs of the work, but not all indirect costs | 30% |
| This grant did not cover even the direct costs of the work | 15% |
| Not Applicable: This multi-funder project was ultimately not fully funded, so a question of what costs this grant covered is not applicable | 1% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| To what extent did the grant cover the full costs of the work it was meant to fund (or the costs of its share of work in a multi-funder project)? (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| The grant covered its direct and indirect costs plus extra that allows the organization to thrive over the long term (e.g., additions to reserves, assets, working capital, etc.) | 9% | 0% | 16% |
| The grant covered direct and indirect costs, but no more | 51% | 40% | 28% |
| The grant covered the direct costs of the work, but not all indirect costs | 26% | 20% | 41% |
| This grant did not cover even the direct costs of the work | 14% | 40% | 12% |
| Not Applicable: This multi-funder project was ultimately not fully funded, so a question of what costs this grant covered is not applicable | 0% | 0% | 3% |

Grantees' Open-Ended Comments

In the Grantee Perception Report survey, CEP asks three open-ended questions:

1. "Please comment on the quality of Irvine's processes, interactions, and communications. Your answer will help us better understand what it is like to work with Irvine."
2. "Please comment on the impact Irvine is having on your field, community, or organization. Your answer will help us to better understand the nature of Irvine's impact."
3. "What specific improvements would you suggest that would make Irvine a better funder?"

In addition to these three questions, Irvine added two custom open-ended questions:

1. What type of actions could the Foundation undertake to demonstrate its commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion?
2. What thoughts, if any, would you like to share about the context on your responses to the question above? (Question above asked about grantees' agreement to a series of statements across different topics, such as partnership with grantees, risk-taking, and Foundation visibility.)

To download the full set of grantee comments and suggestions, please refer to the "Downloads" dropdown menu at the top right of your report. Please note that some comments may be redacted or removed to protect the confidentiality of respondents.

CEP's Qualitative Analysis

CEP thoroughly reviews each comment submitted and conducts comprehensive qualitative analysis on two of these questions in the GPR.

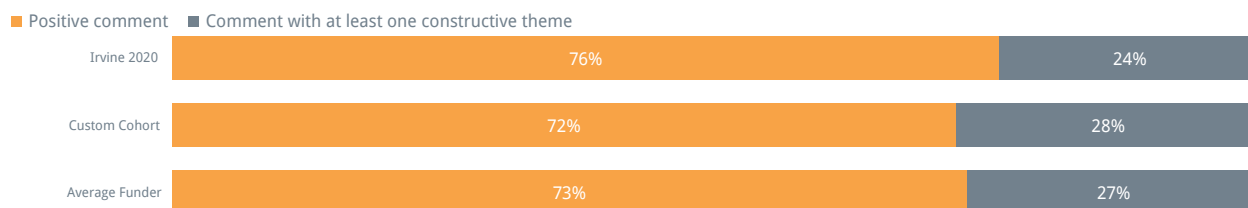
The following pages outline the results of CEP's analyses.

Quality of Processes, Interactions and Communications

Grantees were asked to comment on the quality of Irvine's processes, interactions, and communications. Their comments were then categorized by the nature of their content, specifically whether the content is positive, neutral or constructive.

For a comment to be categorized as constructive, there must have been at least one constructive topic in its content.

Positivity of Comments about the Quality of the Foundation's Processes, Interactions, and Communications



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on

Below is a selection of grantees' positive comments regarding the quality of Irvine's processes, interactions, and communications:

- "At this point, our organization works with about five Foundations. Irvine is FAR AND AWAY the easiest, most thoughtful, most useful of all of our funders. Their processes are logical and do not require more time and investment than is reasonable. Their interest in our organization and in our success of consistently in evidence and drives their questions, their responses, and their communication. Irvine has an excellent reputation among grantees for being flexible and responsive."
- "Foundation staff have been very prompt and attentive, active and deep listeners, and true partners throughout this relationship. They have also been flexible and trusting, giving us space to do our work and acting as a partner in growing and learning."
- "I cannot speak for all my colleagues, but this is the best foundation with which I've ever partnered: transparent, clear in communication and expectations, always accessible, respectful and supportive of grantee goals/mission even as it meets its own, recognizes and pays for the real costs of running an organization, not just delivering programs -- just to name a few examples. Thank you!"
- "Irvine has a much simpler and less-intensive proposal and reporting process than most foundations, especially given the large size of the grants from Irvine. Thank you!"

Below is a selection of grantees' written comments about the Foundation's impact on their fields, communities, or organizations:

- "Irvine Foundation's explicit focus on low income workers is having an immense impact. Irvine is investing in a complex ecosystem of organizations throughout the state."
- "Irvine has been a vocal leader in the field, particularly as it relates to special populations and vulnerable communities. There are lots of good ideas in the field but limited implementation through an equity lens and that have broad-scale, replicable impact on vulnerable communities and related systems. By investing in those strategies explicitly, it promotes the value and accountability to address those communities and populations."
- "The Foundation has become the gold-standard in the field. Already out ahead of so many issues, the Foundation has done even more in the last 18-24 months to raise the bar. Without the Foundation, we would be a perfectly average, normal CBO providing adequate service to our community. Everyone would feel fine about us. But, with the Support of the Foundation, we are a community leader, we are able to take risks and bold action, and we have the leverage to create real change. We do our very best to uphold the high expectations of a James Irvine Foundation grantee and to leverage the investment to its fullest for additional funding and partners."

Grantees' Suggestions

Grantees were asked to provide any suggestions for how the Foundation could improve. The 201 grantees that responded to the survey provided 121 constructive suggestions. These suggestions were thematically categorized by CEP and grouped into the topics below.

Proportion of Grantee Suggestions by Topic

| Topic of Suggestion | Proportion |
|--|------------|
| Funder-Grantee Interactions | 24% |
| Non-monetary Support | 17% |
| Foundation Communications | 13% |
| Grantmaking Characteristics | 9% |
| Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Communities | 7% |
| Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Fields | 5% |
| Proposal and Selection Processes | 5% |
| Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Organizations | 2% |
| Reporting and Evaluation Processes | 2% |
| Other | 16% |

Selected Comments

Grantees were asked to provide any suggestions for how the Foundation could improve. The 201 grantees that responded to the survey provided a total of 121 distinct suggestions. These suggestions were thematically categorized by CEP and grouped into the topics below.

Funder-Grantee Interactions (24% N=29)

- More Frequent Interactions (N = 13)
 - "I would appreciate more opportunity to meet directly with program officers and explain how our work supports their broader goals and explore ways to work together."
 - "Engage with grantee organizations more regularly and more deeply."
 - "I would like for The Irvine Foundation to build relationships with their grantees beyond 1-2 calls a year."
 - "I would request bi-monthly meetings via phone or zoom so we can brief foundations on success stories and challenges that we might be facing."
 - "We also feel it would be helpful to have check-in calls (perhaps quarterly or twice a year) to share updates about our work."
- Reduce Contact Changes (N = 5)
 - "We have had a number of program officers in the past several years, each with their own funding strategy, which has been difficult for us."
 - "Our contact keeps changing. We send emails and make phone calls and do not hear back. Months later we hear our contact has been changed."
 - "Program officers have changed several times for us and we're not sure who our program officer is now or if we have one since we are in a tie-off status."
- Understanding Overlap of Work (N = 3)
 - "It could be helpful for us to understand where the work we do connects with other work the Foundation is doing. Our partnership with the Foundation is a bit unique, but we really haven't had a conversation about other parts of their work and if there are opportunities to leverage them."
- More Site Visits (N = 3)
 - "In order to better know our organization and when feasible, we would welcome a site visit from the James Irvine Foundation."
- More Proactive Interactions (N = 2)
 - "I wish there was at least some foundation-led outreach specific to grantees. It often feels one-sided, that the onus is on me to reach out. This can be challenging - we don't know our new program officer well, we don't want to appear ungrateful, and we as the nonprofit are often in the position of needing something - whether a grant report extension, additional dollars, greater flexibility in funds."
- Staff Responsiveness (N = 2)
 - "More responsive to emails."
- Other (N = 1)

Non-monetary Support (17% N=20)

- Facilitate Collaboration and Convenings between Grantees (N = 10)
 - "This may be a big ask right now, but I wonder if there is a way to have a short virtual get together for the Better Careers Initiative. I always greatly enjoy the fall retreats together to celebrate, meet new people, and learn from each other."
 - "One improvement I would recommend is doing more frequent convenings of grantees who are working in the same field. It would be helpful for different grantees to know more about the work each other are doing, to examine potential ways to collaborate and leverage their collective efforts."
 - "It would be great if the Foundation could bring together its media grantees to share best practices and undertake collaborative projects."
 - "Irvine has such an incredible network of grantees and was hosting powerful convenings prior to COVID. Even though we cannot meet in person for the time-being, I would love for the Foundation to continue virtual or small group/subregional convenings where possible (and safe)."
- Build Grantees' Capacity (N = 6)
 - "I would like the Foundation to consider funding continued capacity building services for nonprofits in the future. It is essential that the nonprofit community has access to the expertise and professionals in areas such as technology, marketing, strategic planning, diversity, equity and inclusion, board development, budgeting, etc."
 - "Exploring shared resources, especially staff e.g., CMO, CFO, office/co-working space. Advancing tech adoption and strategies. Providing professional development opportunities and mentorship to cultivate rising leaders within the organization."
- Assistance Securing Additional Funding (N = 3)
 - "The Foundation should connect its grantees with additional resources and funding opportunities to carry out their work in California and beyond. Hosting briefings where grantees can highlight our work and inviting colleagues is a great way to elevate organizations you support and also connect them to potential new funding."
- Other (N = 1)

Foundation Communications (13% N=16)

- Clearer Communications about the Foundation's Goals and Strategy (N = 9)
 - "More regular communication and opportunity to provide programmatic and landscape updates especially during difficult political times."
 - "More responsive communication and transparency around strategic funding objectives of the Foundation."
 - "Clear communication of the foundation's priorities...."
 - "More explicit communication about the various initiatives, expectations on how grantees can work within and across those, and clarity on the way that the Foundation and our work align would be helpful."
- Maintaining a Consistent Strategy (N = 3)
 - "Pick a lane and stick with it."
- Communicating about Impact of the Foundation's Grantees (N = 2)
 - "The Foundation should leverage learnings from these organizations on their website and in social media channels more frequently."
- Response to COVID-19 (N = 2)
 - "As grantees, we would appreciate the opportunity to learn about how the foundation's grantmaking is evolving given the outbreak of COVID-19."

Grantmaking Characteristics (9% N=11)

- Grant Type (N = 5)
 - "Focusing funding on core operating support would be great."
 - "Switching to funding focused on supporting general operations vs programming. It signals deep trust in the organization and a belief that the grantee knows best where/how to direct funding."
- Grant Length (N = 3)
 - "Longer-term grants. We are on a one-year cycle which makes us feel very precarious."
- Other (N = 3)

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Communities (7% N=9)

- Building Understanding of and More Visibility in Local Communities (N = 6)
 - "I would love to see Irvine take a nuanced approach to their regional funding work - to understand deeply that every community is in a different place developmentally and to tailor their funding in different communities according to these developmental stages."
 - "Various regions in CA have different needs and approaches to addressing community development. It would be good if the Foundation had local program officers within their priority communities vs staff being located at headquarters so as to understand the different nuances of each community."
- Orientation Change (N = 3)
 - "Another thing that comes to mind is for Irvine Fndn to invest more in the Central Valley. ... There seems to be little to no locally rooted organizational infrastructure dedicated to worker organizing in the Central Valley. This sets back the statewide systemic justice we need for workers."

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Fields (5% N=6)

- Orientation Change (N = 3)
 - "We hope that foundation will create on-going funding to support work in ending the housing affordability crisis in CA. I also think there is a need for targeted investment into strategic programming that can would enable us to address the home ownership wealth disparities."
- Other (N = 1)

Proposal and Selection Processes (5% N=6)

- More Open Pathways in Proposal Process (N = 3)
 - "Open up opportunities for grant application from non profits and community-based organizations without "invite-only" approach and model."
- Other (N = 3)

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Organizations (2% N=3)

- Build Understanding of Grantees' Organizations (N = 3)
 - "I fear that Irvine made decisions about our non-alignment without any conversation and based on assumptions about our work."

Reporting and Evaluation Processes (2% N=2)

- More Relevant Reporting Questions and Metrics (N = 2)
 - "Improve some of the reporting questions. What is the information that the Foundation is trying to measure and why?"

Other (16% N=19)

- Incorporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion throughout Work (N = 7)
 - "Consider the entrenched nature of racism and racist policies and the time it took for these patterns to be embedded in our cities. Hire more Black men and women to bring a diversity of experiences and frameworks for expanding the dialogue and practices -addressing root causes and seeing new solutions to old problems."
 - "I believe the foundation has to do better in integrating women of color into its leadership and in ensuring that practitioners can succeed in the organization."
 - "Focus on equity and high expectations for all even if it makes programming more difficult."
- Return to Funding Exited Work (N = 6)
 - "It would be a wonderful time for the Foundation to engage in a strategic assessment and develop a new funding strategy for the arts sector."
 - "Would like to see civic engagement still part of the overall work."
- Other (N = 6)

Contextual Data

Grantmaking Characteristics

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Length of Grant Awarded | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Average grant length | 2.1 years | 2.2 years | 2.7 years | 2.2 years | 2.2 years | 2 years |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Length of Grant Awarded | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| 1 year | 28% | 20% | 9% | 25% | 43% | 35% |
| 2 years | 51% | 46% | 37% | 43% | 24% | 37% |
| 3 years | 15% | 29% | 47% | 28% | 20% | 20% |
| 4 years | 2% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 3% |
| 5 or more years | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 9% | 5% |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Proportion of Unrestricted Funding | Irvine 2020 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (i.e. general operating, core support) | 40% | 22% | 30% |
| Yes, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g. supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.) | 60% | 78% | 70% |

Grantmaking Characteristics - By Subgroup

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Average grant length | 1.9 years | 1.3 years | 2.5 years |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| 1 year | 25% | 71% | 25% |
| 2 years | 60% | 21% | 40% |
| 3 years | 11% | 7% | 24% |
| 4 years | 2% | 0% | 3% |
| 5 or more years | 2% | 0% | 8% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Proportion of Unrestricted Funding (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (i.e. general operating, core support) | 36% | 57% | 44% |
| Yes, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g. supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.) | 64% | 43% | 56% |

Grant Size

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Grant Amount Awarded | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Median grant size | \$300K | \$210K | \$225K | \$150K | \$100K | \$200K |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Grant Amount Awarded | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Less than \$10K | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 9% | 2% |
| \$10K - \$24K | 1% | 3% | 4% | 15% | 12% | 4% |
| \$25K - \$49K | 5% | 7% | 10% | 16% | 12% | 8% |
| \$50K - \$99K | 3% | 10% | 16% | 14% | 15% | 12% |
| \$100K - \$149K | 5% | 14% | 6% | 4% | 9% | 10% |
| \$150K - \$299K | 25% | 27% | 23% | 12% | 16% | 27% |
| \$300K - \$499K | 23% | 14% | 24% | 21% | 9% | 13% |
| \$500K - \$999K | 23% | 14% | 9% | 11% | 8% | 11% |
| \$1MM and above | 16% | 11% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 13% |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized) | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget | 6% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 5% |

Grant Size - By Subgroup

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Median grant size | \$300K | \$62.5K | \$400K |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Less than \$10K | 1% | 0% | 2% |
| \$10K - \$24K | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| \$25K - \$49K | 1% | 50% | 3% |
| \$50K - \$99K | 3% | 0% | 2% |
| \$100K - \$149K | 4% | 7% | 6% |
| \$150K - \$299K | 30% | 29% | 13% |
| \$300K - \$499K | 18% | 14% | 34% |
| \$500K - \$999K | 23% | 0% | 27% |
| \$1MM and above | 20% | 0% | 13% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized) (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget | 7% | 4% | 8% |

Grantee Characteristics

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating Budget of Grantee Organization | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Median Budget | \$3.1M | \$1.6M | \$1.3M | \$1.2M | \$1.5M | \$2.3M |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Operating Budget of Grantee Organization | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| <\$100K | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 8% | 3% |
| \$100K - \$499K | 7% | 18% | 20% | 29% | 18% | 13% |
| \$500K - \$999K | 12% | 14% | 19% | 15% | 13% | 12% |
| \$1MM - \$4.9MM | 42% | 40% | 40% | 32% | 30% | 37% |
| \$5MM - \$24MM | 26% | 17% | 15% | 15% | 19% | 23% |
| >=\$25MM | 12% | 8% | 5% | 10% | 12% | 13% |

Grantee Characteristics - By Subgroup

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Budget of Grantee Organization (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Median Budget | \$3.5M | \$2.8M | \$3M |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Budget of Grantee Organization (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| <\$100K | 0% | 7% | 0% |
| \$100K - \$499K | 8% | 7% | 5% |
| \$500K - \$999K | 13% | 0% | 13% |
| \$1MM - \$4.9MM | 36% | 57% | 50% |
| \$5MM - \$24MM | 26% | 21% | 27% |
| >=\$25MM | 17% | 7% | 5% |

Funding Relationship

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funding Status | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Percent of grantees currently receiving funding from the Foundation | 79% | 86% | 94% | 83% | 82% | 85% |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with the Foundation | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| First grant received from the Foundation | 26% | 22% | 33% | 28% | 28% |
| Consistent funding in the past | 49% | 55% | 45% | 54% | 52% |
| Inconsistent funding in the past | 24% | 24% | 23% | 18% | 20% |

Funding Relationship - by Subgroup

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Funding Status (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| Percent of grantees currently receiving funding from the Foundation | 91% | 21% | 69% |

| Selected Subgroup: Portfolio | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with the Foundation (By Subgroup) | Current Work and Strategy | Leadership Awards | Culminating Grants |
| First grant received from the Foundation | 32% | 50% | 9% |
| Consistent funding in the past | 43% | 14% | 69% |
| Inconsistent funding in the past | 24% | 36% | 22% |

Grantee Demographics

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Job Title of Respondents | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Average Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Executive Director | 54% | 62% | 62% | 51% | 47% | 48% |
| Other Senior Management | 21% | 13% | 11% | 11% | 17% | 18% |
| Project Director | 6% | 7% | 7% | 11% | 13% | 12% |
| Development Director | 8% | 9% | 8% | 11% | 8% | 9% |
| Other Development Staff | 8% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 8% | 8% |
| Volunteer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Other | 3% | 4% | 7% | 9% | 5% | 3% |

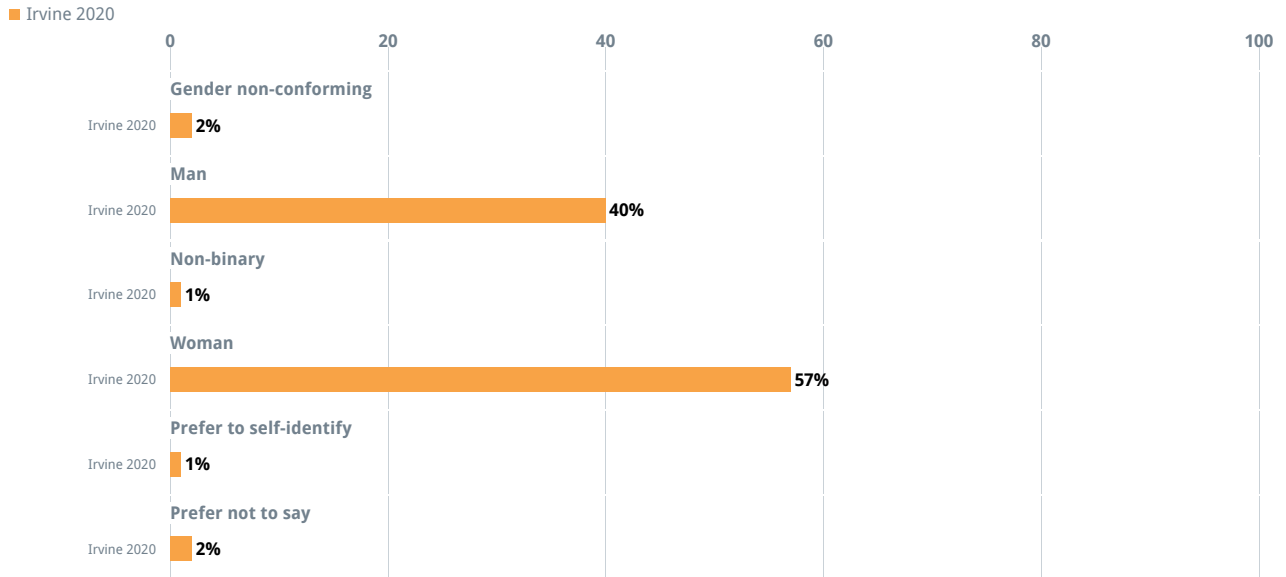
Note: Survey questions about race and ethnicity and gender were recently modified to match best practices, so do not yet have comparative data.

Survey language and response options for questions about race and ethnicity are guided by best practices shared by [National Institutes of Health](#), [Pew Research Center](#), [Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research](#), and the [US Census Bureau](#).

Survey language and response options for questions about gender are guided by best practices shared by [Funders For LGBTQ Issues](#), [HRC Foundation's Welcoming Schools](#), and the [Williams Institute of the University of California – Los Angeles School of Law](#).

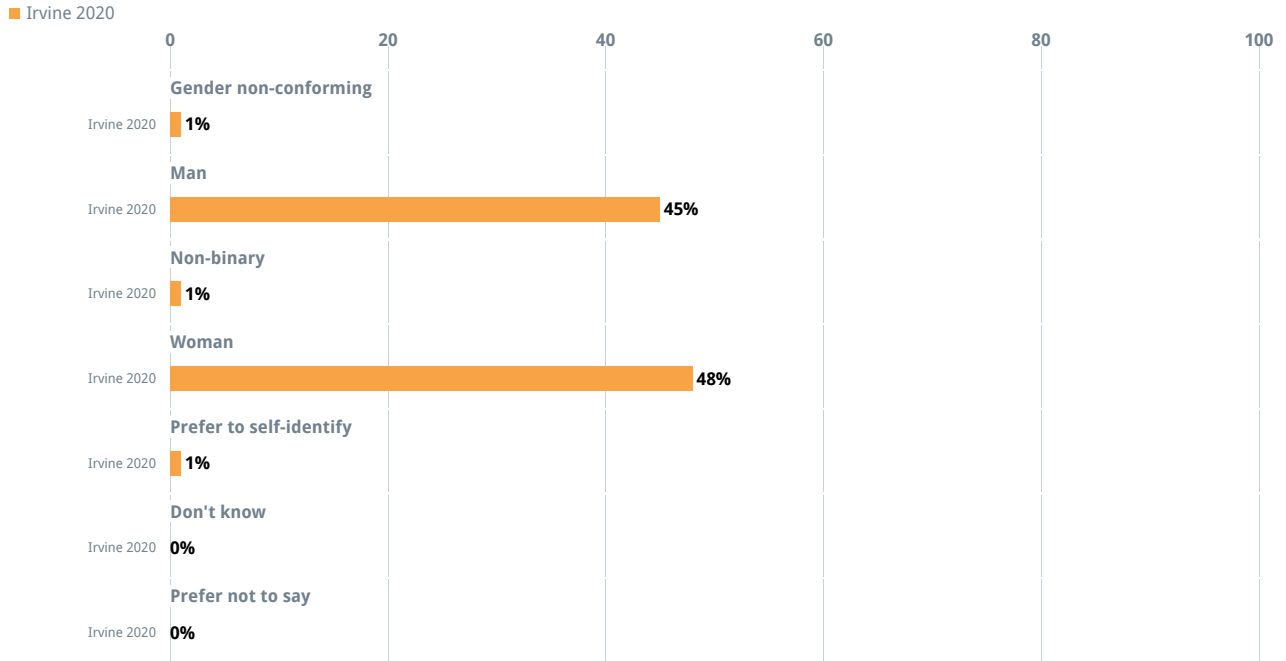
In CEP's previous version of the question on gender identity, 63% of the the average funder's respondents identified as female, 34% male, 0% preferred to self-identify, and 3% indicated they preferred not to say. Respondents could only select one answer option to this question.

Please select the option that represents how you describe yourself:



Cohort: None Past results: on

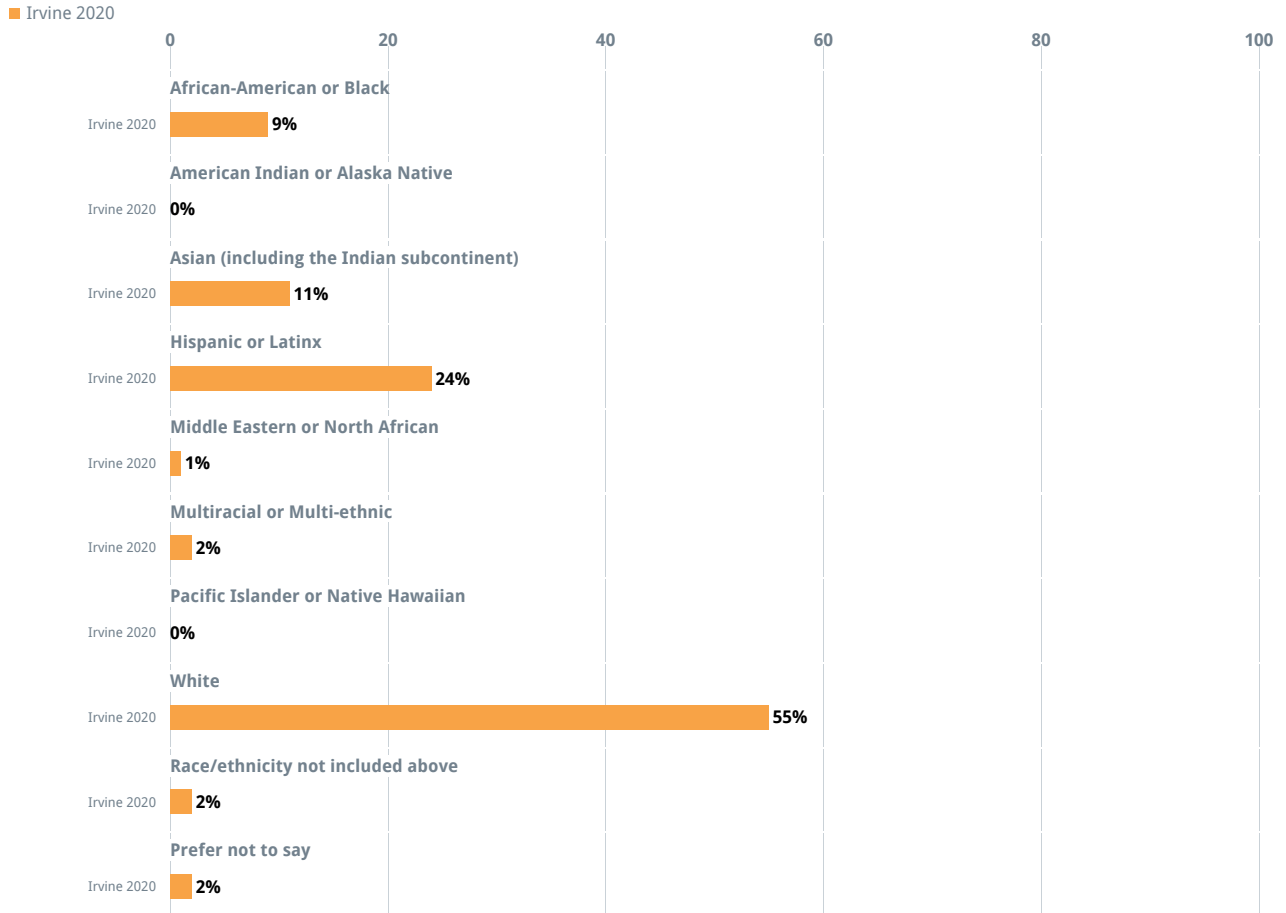
Please select the option that represents how the CEO/Executive Director of your organization describes themselves:



Cohort: None Past results: on

In CEP's previous version of the question on racial/ethnic identity, 7% of the the average funder's respondents identified as African-American or Black, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 4% Asian (incl. Indian subcontinent), 5% Hispanic or Latinx, 0% Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian, 78% White, and 1% indicated their race/ethnicity was not included in the above options. Respondents could select multiple answers to this question.

What is your race/ethnicity?



Cohort: None Past results: on

This following questions were recently added to the grantee survey and depict comparative data from 36 funders in the dataset.

| Selected Cohort: None | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Do you identify as a person of color? | Irvine 2020 | Average Funder |
| Yes | 44% | 17% |
| No | 55% | 78% |
| Prefer not to say | 2% | 6% |

| Selected Cohort: None | | |
|---|-------------|----------------|
| Does the CEO/Executive Director of your organization identify as a person of color? | Irvine 2020 | Average Funder |
| Yes | 48% | 17% |
| No | 51% | 75% |
| Don't know | 1% | 3% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% | 4% |

Funder Characteristics

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Financial Information | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Total assets | \$2607M | \$1675.3M | \$1433.8M | \$1610.5M | \$243M | \$2990.7M |
| Total giving | \$100.8M | \$72.7M | \$67M | \$73.1M | \$17.4M | \$108.3M |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Funder Staffing | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Irvine 2006 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Total staff (FTEs) | 56 | 43 | 42 | 36 | 16 | 105 |
| Percent of staff who are program staff | 46% | 35% | 38% | 44% | 43% | 43% |

| Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Grantmaking Processes | Irvine 2020 | Irvine 2014 | Irvine 2010 | Median Funder | Custom Cohort |
| Proportion of grants that are invitation-only | 94% | 98% | 90% | 44% | 90% |
| Proportion of grantmaking dollars that are invitation-only | 97% | 98% | 95% | 60% | 92% |

About CEP and Contact Information

Mission:

To provide data and create insight so philanthropic funders can better define, assess, and improve their effectiveness – and, as a result, their intended impact.

Vision:

We seek a world in which pressing social needs are more effectively addressed.

We believe improved performance of philanthropic funders can have a profoundly positive impact on nonprofit organizations and the people and communities they serve.

Although our work is about measuring results, providing useful data, and improving performance, our ultimate goal is improving lives. We believe this can only be achieved through a powerful combination of dispassionate analysis and passionate commitment to creating a better society.

About the GPR

Since 2003, the Grantee Perception Report® (GPR) has provided funders with comparative, candid feedback based on grantee perceptions. The GPR is the only grantee survey process that provides comparative data, and is based on extensive research and analysis. Hundreds of funders of all types and sizes have commissioned the GPR, and tens of thousands of grantees have provided their perspectives to help funders improve their work. CEP has surveyed grantees in more than 150 countries and in 8 different languages.

The GPR's quantitative and qualitative data helps foundation leaders evaluate and understand their grantees' perceptions of their effectiveness, and how that compares to their philanthropic peers.

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Additional Survey Information

On many questions in the grantee survey, grantees are allowed to select “don’t know” or “not applicable” if they are not able to provide an alternative answer. In addition, some questions in the survey are only displayed to a select group of grantees for which that question is relevant based on a previous response.

As a result, there are some measures where only a subset of responses is included in the reported results. The table below shows the number of responses included on each of these measures. The total number of respondents to Irvine’s grantee survey was 201.

| Question Text | Number of Responses |
|---|---------------------|
| Overall, how would you rate the Foundation’s impact on your field? | 190 |
| How well does the Foundation understand the field in which you work? | 188 |
| To what extent has the Foundation advanced the state of knowledge in your field? | 157 |
| To what extent has the Foundation affected public policy in your field? | 135 |
| Overall, how would you rate the Foundation’s impact on your local community? | 162 |
| How well does the Foundation understand the local community in which you work? | 167 |
| How well does the Foundation understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work? | 192 |
| How well does the Foundation understand your organization’s strategy and goals? | 188 |
| How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about the Foundation? | 185 |
| How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into the Foundation’s broader efforts? | 194 |
| How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant? | 200 |
| Who most frequently initiated the contact you had with your program officer during this grant? | 201 |
| Did the Foundation conduct a site visit during the selection process or during the course of this grant? | 188 |
| Has your main contact at the Foundation changed in the past six months? | 186 |
| Did you submit a proposal to the Foundation for this grant? | 199 |
| As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization’s priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding? | 187 |
| How much time elapsed from the submission of the grant proposal to clear commitment of funding? | 177 |
| Are you currently receiving funding from the Foundation? | 198 |
| Which of the following best describes the pattern of your organization’s funding relationship with the Foundation? | 198 |
| How well does the Foundation understand your intended beneficiaries’ needs? | 183 |
| To what extent do the Foundation’s funding priorities reflect a deep understanding of your intended beneficiaries’ needs? | 187 |
| Have you participated in a reporting or evaluation process? | 197 |
| To what extent was the Foundation’s reporting process...Adaptable, if necessary, to fit your circumstances? | 157 |
| To what extent was the Foundation’s reporting process...A helpful opportunity for you to reflect and learn? | 168 |
| To what extent was the Foundation’s reporting process...Relevant, with questions and measures pertinent to the work funded by this grant? | 166 |
| To what extent was the Foundation’s reporting process...Straightforward? | 164 |
| Did the Foundation provide financial support for the evaluation? | 30 |
| To what extent did the evaluation...Result in you making changes to the work that was evaluated? | 34 |
| To what extent did the evaluation...Incorporate your input in the design of the evaluation? | 31 |
| To what extent did the evaluation...Generate information that you believe will be useful for other organizations? | 33 |
| Funder-Grantee Relationships Summary Measure | 182 |
| Understanding Summary Measure | 175 |
| To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant...Trust in your organization’s staff | 199 |

| Question Text | Number of Responses |
|--|---------------------|
| To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant...Candor about the Foundation's perspectives on your work | 198 |
| To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant...Respectful interaction | 200 |
| To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant...Compassion for those affected by your work | 199 |
| Was the funding you received restricted to a specific use? | 200 |
| If you have ever requested support from the Foundation to help strengthen your organization, how did you determine what specific support to ask for? | |
| Based on what the Foundation told your organization to request | 200 |
| Based on what your organization believes the Foundation would be willing to fund | 200 |
| Based on what your organization needs | 200 |
| Based on the results of an assessment or evaluation | 200 |
| Not applicable - I have never requested support from the Foundation to strengthen my organization | 200 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: | |
| The Foundation has clearly communicated what Diversity, Equity and Inclusion means for its work | 184 |
| Overall, the Foundation demonstrates an explicit commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in its work | 184 |
| Overall, most staff I have interacted with at the Foundation embody a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | 176 |
| I believe that the Foundation is committed to combatting racism | 177 |
| Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups? | 198 |
| Specifically, are Black, Indigenous and/or people of color (BIPOC) communities or individuals the primary intended beneficiaries of the efforts funded by this grant? | 176 |
| Does the CEO/Executive Director of your organization identify as a person of color? | 184 |
| Please select the option that represents how the CEO/Executive Director of your organization describes themselves (gender) | 193 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: Grantee input and expertise informs how the Foundation does its work. | 154 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: Foundation-sponsored gatherings provide meaningful opportunities to connect with and learn from grantee peers. | 143 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: The Foundation partners with grantees to adapt to changes in context and resulting challenges and opportunities. | 164 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: The Foundation is visible on issues of importance to its mission and programs, even in the face of potential criticism. | 166 |
| Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements: The Foundation is willing to take risks when there is opportunity to have greater impact. | 157 |
| How long has your organization been in operation? | 195 |
| Which best describes the process used to set an indirect cost rate for this project? | 110 |
| To what extent did the grant cover the full costs of the work it was meant to fund (or the costs of its share of work in a multi-funder project)? | 107 |