

Key Findings

Across most dimensions on the grantee survey, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (“HFPG”) is rated highly by its grantees. Relative to other foundations, HFPG is often rated above the 75th percentile, and the Foundation is frequently rated above the median community foundation. The Foundation receives particularly high ratings relative to other foundations on key measures of its impact on grantees’ local communities and its impact on grantee organizations. When asked for comments about the Foundation, grantees often use words such as “professional,” “responsive,” and “supportive.”

Grantees rate the quality of HFPG’s interactions similar to the ratings of the median foundation. The clarity with which the Foundation communicates its goals and strategy is rated above the rating of the median foundation, and the Foundation’s communication resources, both written and personal, are perceived to be more consistent in the information provided than typical. HFPG grantees rate their satisfaction with the foundation highly; grantees’ ratings of satisfaction are closely related to ratings of interactions and clarity of communications of goals and strategy, as well as ratings of “external orientation,” e.g. understanding of fields and communities.

HFPG is an unusually engaged funder. The Foundation is the highest rated community foundation on a summary measure of non-monetary assistance: A larger proportion of HFPG grantees receive non-monetary assistance than at the median foundation and grantees give higher ratings for the helpfulness of the Foundation’s non-monetary assistance activities than grantees at the median foundation. HFPG interacts more frequently with its grantees than is typical.

The Foundation awards grantees a typical number of dollars for each hour the grantee spends fulfilling the Foundation’s administrative requirements during the selection and reporting/evaluation process. Although the proposal process is more time-intensive than at the median foundation, the helpfulness of both the selection and reporting/evaluation processes in strengthening grantee programs and organizations are rated above the median foundation.