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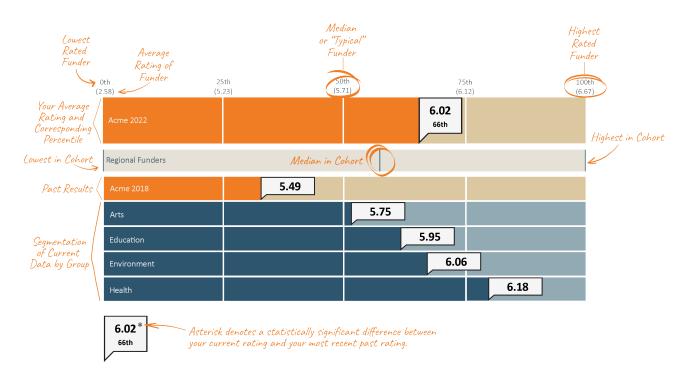
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Key Ratings Summary

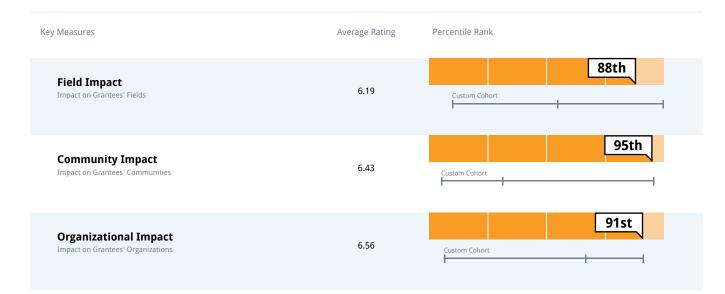
Interpreting Your Charts

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 ten responses.

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.



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Key Measures	Average Rating	Percentile Rank
Approachability Comfort Approaching the Foundation	6.64	Custom Cohort
Communications Clarity of Communications	6.11	Custom Cohort
Selection Process Helpfulness of the Selection Process	6.14	Custom Cohort

Survey Population

Survey	Survey Fielded	Survey Population	Number of Responses Received	Survey Response Rate
Zilber 2022	May and June 2022	96	72	75%
Survey Year				Year of Active Grants
Zilber 2022				November 2020 - April 2022

Throughout this report, The Joseph and Vera Zilber Charitable Foundation, Inc. (Zilber Family 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 350 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 ten responses to a specific question.

Subgroups

In addition to showing Zilber's overall ratings, this report shows ratings segmented by Program. The online version of this report also shows ratings segmented by Grant Size, Respondent Gender, Respondent Person of Color Identity, and Respondents' Intersectional Identities.

Program	Number of Responses
Hawaii	20
Legacy	17
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	35
Grant Size	Number of Responses
\$10K to \$49K Grant	11
\$50K to \$99K Grant	16
\$100K to \$149K Grant	18
\$150K to \$299K Grant	12
Over \$300K Grant	14
Respondent Gender	Number of Responses
Identifies as a Man	23
Identifies as a Woman	39
Respondent Person of Color Identity	Number of Responses
Does not identify as a Person of Color	37
Identifies as a Person of Color	25
	23
Respondents' Intersectional Identities	Number of Responses
Identifies as a Man and Person of Color	13
Identifies as a Woman and Person of Color	12
Identifies as Man and Not a Person of Color	10
Identifies as Woman and Not a Person of Color	26

Subgroup Methodology and Differences

Subgroup Methodology

Program: Using the grantee list provided by the Foundation, CEP tagged grantees based on program (Hawaii, Legacy, Zilber Neighborhood Initiative).

Grant Size: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on grant size.

Respondent Gender: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on their gender identity. Those segmented as "Identifies as a Man" selected "Man" only, and those segmented as "Identifies as a Woman" selected "Woman" only.

Respondent Person of Color Identity: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on whether respondents identify as a person of color.

Respondents' Intersectional Identities: Using data grantees provided in the survey, CEP tagged grantees based on their gender and Person of Color identity.

Subgroup Differences

Program: No group consistently rates higher or lower than others when grantees are segmented by program.

Grant Size: Ratings from grantees who receive \$300K or more trend higher on most measures than other grantees.

Respondent Gender: There are no consistent differences in ratings when grantees are segmented by gender. For more information, please see the "Respondent Demographics" section here.

Respondent Person of Color Identity: There are no consistent differences in ratings between grantees when segmented by whether respondents identify as a person of color. For more information, please see the "Respondent Demographics" section here.

Respondents' Intersectional Identities: There are no consistent differences in ratings when segmented by grantees' intersectional identities. For more information, please see the "Respondent Demographics" section here.

Comparative Cohorts

Customized Cohort

Zilber selected a set of 12 funders to create a smaller comparison group that more closely resembles Zilber in scale and scope.

Custom Cohort
Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
Energy Foundation
F. M. Kirby Foundation, Inc.
Johnson Scholarship Foundation
Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation
Melville Charitable Trust
The F.B. Heron Foundation
The Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation
The Nord Family Foundation
The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
The Teagle Foundation
Zilber Family Foundation

Standard Cohorts

CEP also included 19 standard cohorts to allow for comparisons to a variety of different types of funders.

Strategy Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Small Grant Providers	37	Funders with median grant size of \$20K or less
Large Grant Providers	99	Funders with median grant size of \$200K or more
High Touch Funders	38	Funders for which a majority of grantees report having contact with their primary contact monthly or more often
Intensive Non-Monetary Assistance Providers	36	Funders that provide at least 30% of grantees with comprehensive or field-focused assistance as defined by CEP
Proactive Grantmakers	103	Funders that make at least 90% of grants by invitation only
Responsive Grantmakers	99	Funders that make at most 10% of grants by invitation only
Intermediary Funders	36	Funders that primarily regrant philanthropic dollars
International Funders	62	Funders that fund outside of their own country
European Funders	28	Funders that are headquartered in Europe

Annual Giving Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Funders Giving Less Than \$5 Million	61	Funders with annual giving of less than \$5 million
Funders Giving \$50 Million or More	83	Funders with annual giving of \$50 million or more
Foundation Type Cohorts		
Cohort Name	Count	Description

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Private Foundations	163	All private foundations in the GPR dataset
Family Foundations	78	All family foundations in the GPR dataset
Community Foundations	41	All community foundations in the GPR dataset
Health Conversion Foundations	31	All health conversation foundations in the GPR dataset
Corporate Foundations	23	All corporate foundations in the GPR dataset

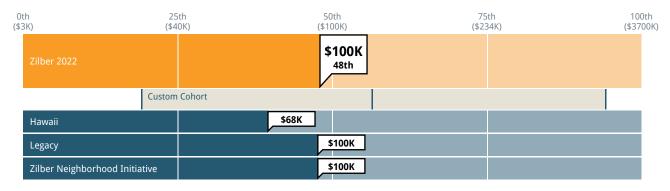
Other Cohorts

Cohort Name	Count	Description
Funders Outside the United States	45	Funders that are primarily based outside the United States
Recently Established Foundations	24	Funders that were established in 2000 or later
Funders Surveyed During COVID-19	98	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.

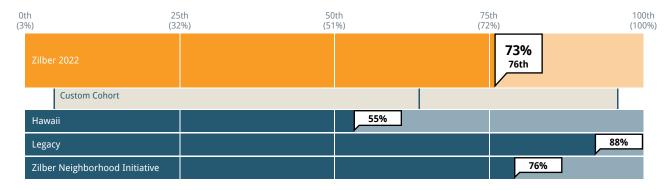
Median Grant Size



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

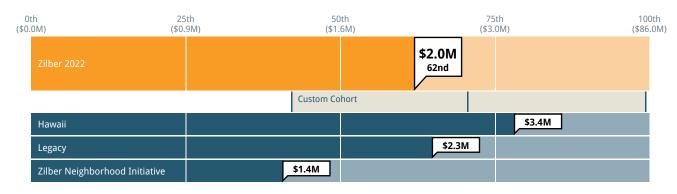
Proportion of Multi-year Grants

Proportion of grantees that report receiving grants for two years or longer





Median Organizational Budget



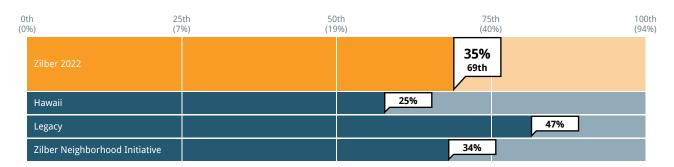


Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Grant History	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
Percentage of first-time grants	17%	29%	28%

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Program Staff Load	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Dollars awarded per program full-time employee	\$2.3M	\$2.7M	\$2.3M
Applications per program full-time employee	29	26	25
Active grants per program full-time employee	81	32	31

Proportion of Unrestricted Funding

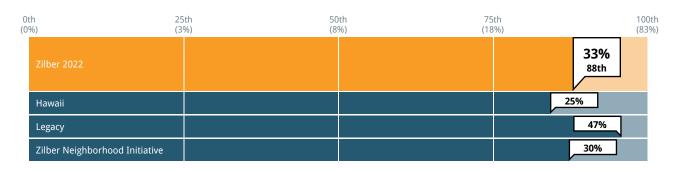
Proportion of grantees responding 'No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (e.g. general operating, core support)'





Proportion of grantees receiving multi-year unrestricted grants

Proportion of grantees that report receiving grants for two years or longer and who report receiving general operating support funding that was not restricted to a specific use.





Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Fields

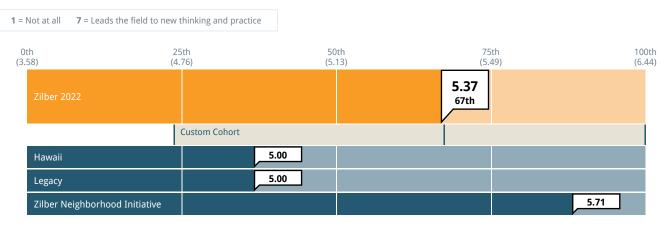
Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your field? 1 = No impact 7 = Significant positive impact 0th (4.50) 25th (5.58) 50th (5.84) 75th (6.05) 100th (6.70) 6.19 88th Custom Cohort 6.33 Hawaii 6.13 Legacy 6.15 Zilber Neighborhood Initiative

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

1 = L	imited understanding of the field	7 = Regarded as an expert in the field	I		
0t (4.6		25th (5.47)	50th (5.72)	75th (5.97)	100th (6.63)
	Zilber 2022			5.99 ^{78th}	
		Custom Cohort			
	Hawaii			6.16	
	Legacy		5.80		
	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative			5.97	

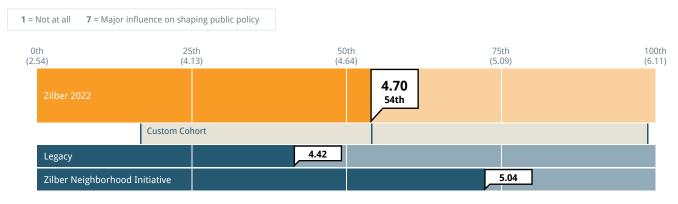
Advancing Knowledge and Public Policy



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

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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





Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Local Communities



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

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

1 =	Limited understanding of the commur	ity 7 = Regarded as an expert in	the community			
		5th .13)	50th (5.59)	75.		100th (6.72)
	Zilber 2022				6.37 95th	
	Custom Cohort					
	Hawaii				6.16	
	Legacy				6.35	
	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative				6.4	19

Impact on and Understanding of Grantees' Organizations



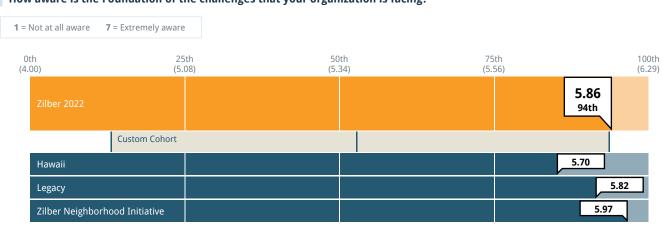
Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your organization?

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

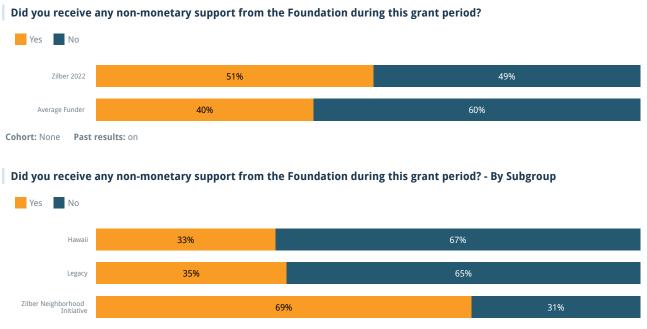
1 = Limited understa	nding 7 = Thorough	understanding			
0th (3.69)		5th 60)	50 (5.)	75th (6.03)	100th (6.60)
Zilber 2022					6.14 90th
	Ci	ustom Cohort			
Hawaii					6.17
Legacy					6.12
Zilber Neighb	orhood Initiative				6.14

Grantee Challenges



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

Non-Monetary Assistance

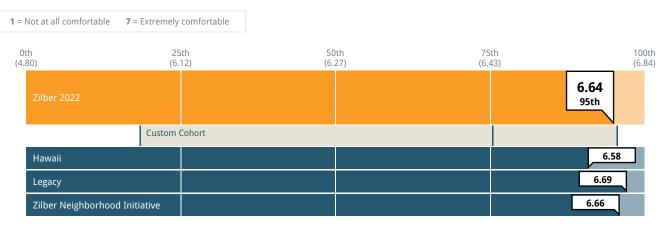


Subgroup: Program

Please note that the following question was only asked of respondents who indicated "yes" to receiving non-monetary support in the previous question.

How would you describe the benefit - to your organization or work - of any non-monetary support that you received?								
No benefit A minor benefit A moderate benefit A major benefit								
Zilber 2022	9%	38%		53%				
Average Funder	10%	36%		54%				
Cohort: None Past	results: on							
How would you describe the benefit - to your organization or work - of any non-monetary support that you received? - By Subgroup								
No benefit A minor benefit A moderate benefit A major benefit								
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	14%	36%		50%				
Subgroup: Prog	Subgroup: Program							

Funder-Grantee Relationships



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

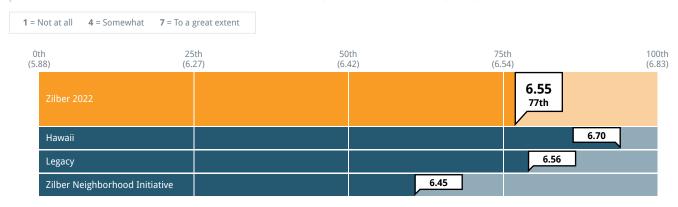
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Overall, how responsive was Foundation staff?



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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



Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

1 = 1	Not at all 4 = Somewhat 7 = T	o a great extent			
01 (4.9	th 94)	25th (5.85)	50th (6.10)	75th (6.25)	100th (6.56)
	Zilber 2022				6.41 91st
	Hawaii				6.40
	Legacy				6.56
	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative			_	5.33

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

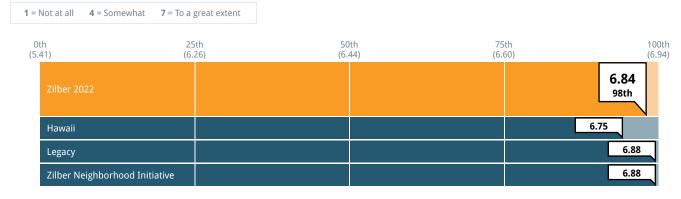
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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



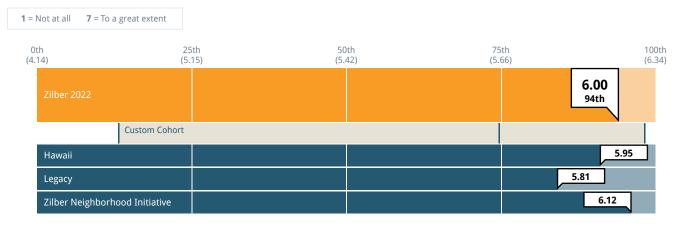
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

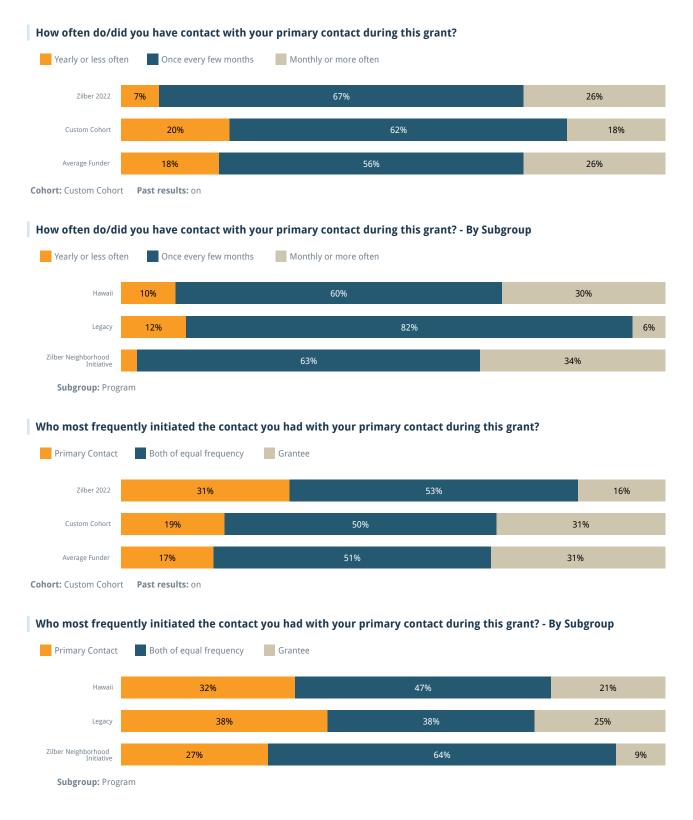




To what extent is the Foundation open to ideas from grantees about its strategy?



Interaction Patterns

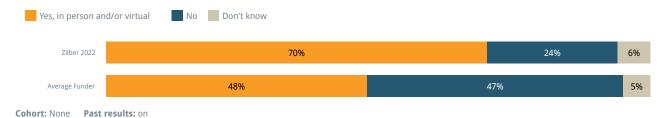


Has your main contact at the Foundation changed in the past six months?

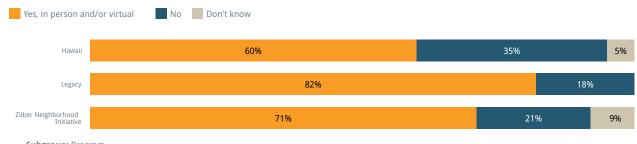
Proportion of grantees re	esponding 'Yes'			
0th (0%)	25th (6%)	50th (14%)	75th (25%)	100th (90%)
Zilber 2022			19% ^{63rd}	
Custom Cohort	t			
0% Hav	vaii			
Legacy				63%
Zilber Neighborho	ood Initiative	9%		

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

At any point during this grant, including the application process, did the Foundation staff visit your offices or programs?

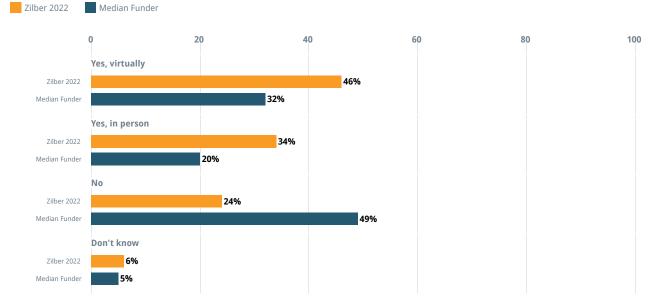


At any point during this grant, including the application process, did the Foundation staff visit your offices or programs? - By Subgroup



Subgroup: Program

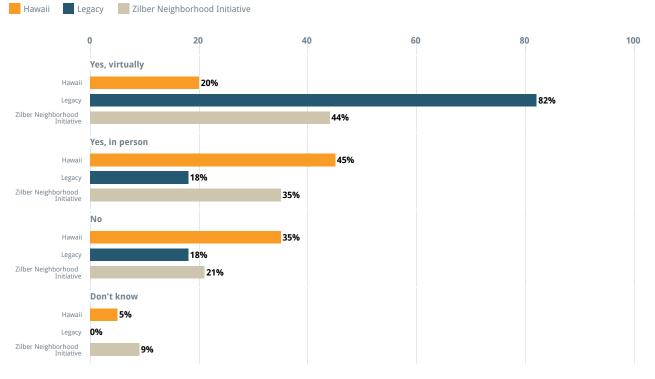
The following charts provide greater detail on the previous site visit question.



At any point during this grant, including the application process, did the Foundation staff visit your offices or programs?

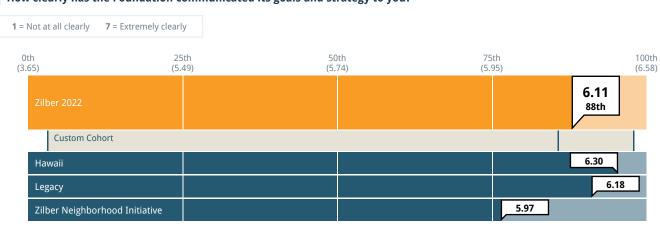
Cohort: None Past results: on

At any point during this grant, including the application process, did the Foundation staff visit your offices or programs? - By Subgroup



Subgroup: Program

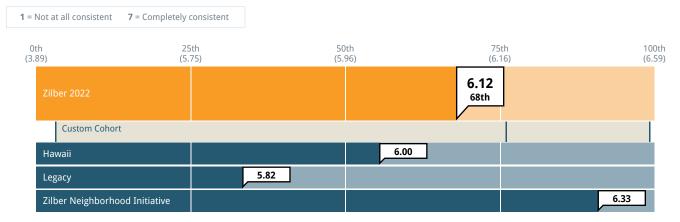
Communication



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

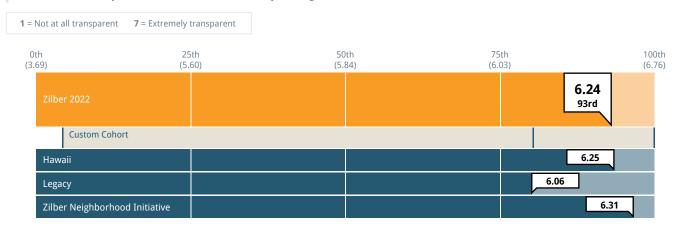
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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



Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Overall, how transparent is the Foundation with your organization?



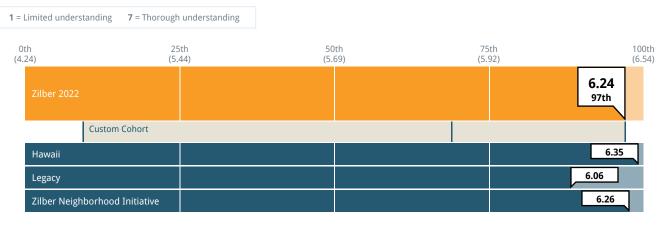
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

1 =	imited understanding	7 = Thorough understanding			
01 (4.1		25th (5.23)	50th (5.44)	75th (5.63)	100th (6.32)
	Zilber 2022			5.7 841	
	Hawaii			5.60	
	Legacy			5.63	
	Zilber Neighborhood	nitiative			6.00

Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Contextual Understanding



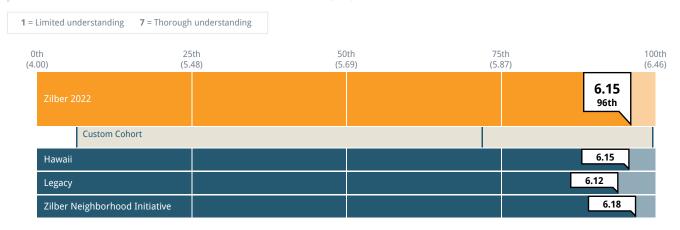
How well does the Foundation understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?

Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

In the following questions, we use the phrase "the people and communities that you serve" to refer to those your organization seeks to serve through the services and/or programs it provides.

Please note that CEP recently modified the following questions. The prior questions were: "How well does the Foundation understand your intended beneficiaries' needs?" and "To what extent do the Foundation's funding priorities reflect a deep understanding of your intended beneficiaries' needs?" The question anchors have not been modified.

How well does the Foundation understand the needs of the people and communities that you serve?



To what extent do the Foundation's funding priorities reflect a deep understanding of the needs of the people and communities that you serve?

1 = N	Not at all 7 = To a great extent			
0t (3.7		50th (5.59)	75th (5.85)	100th (6.45)
	Zilber 2022		6.06 91st	
	Custom Cohort			
	Hawaii		6.10	
	Legacy		6.00	
	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative		6.06	

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

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 100th 0th 25th 50th 75th (5.62) (5.27) (5.93) (4.48) (6.78) 5.98 79th 6.19 Hawaii 6.27 Legacy 5.73 Zilber Neighborhood Initiative





Overall, the Foundation demonstrates an explicit commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in its work



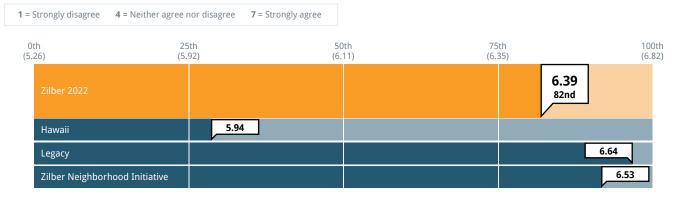
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Overall, most staff I have interacted with at the Foundation embody a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion



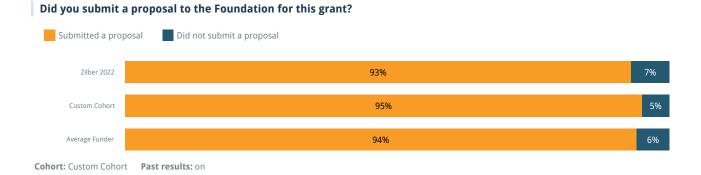
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

I believe that the Foundation is committed to combatting racism



Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Grant Processes



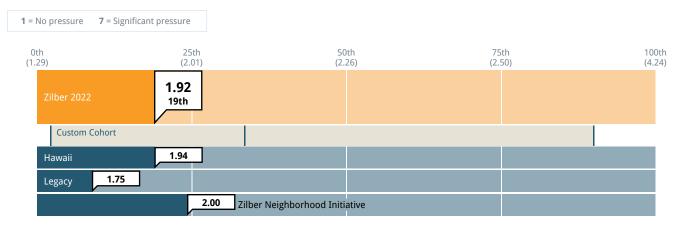
Application Process

Please note that CEP recently modified the following question. The prior question text was: "How helpful was participating in the Foundation's selection process in strengthening the organization/program funded by the grant?" The corresponding anchors were "not at all helpful" and "extremely helpful."

1 = Not at all 7 = To a great extent 100th (6.49) 0th (3.45) 25th (4.87) 50th 75th (5.51) (5.19)6.14 98th Custom Cohort 6.06 Hawaii 6.18 Legacy 6.17 Zilber Neighborhood Initiative

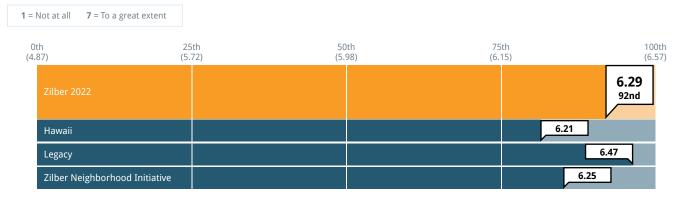


As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization's priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding?



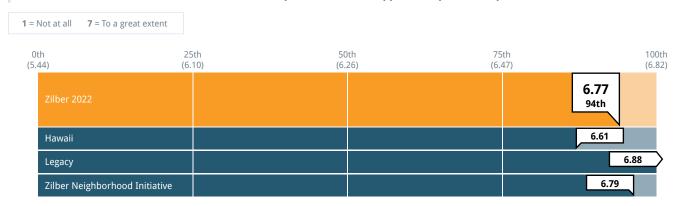
Cohort: Custom Cohort Past results: on Subgroup: Program

To what extent was the Foundation's application process an appropriate level of effort given the amount of funding received?



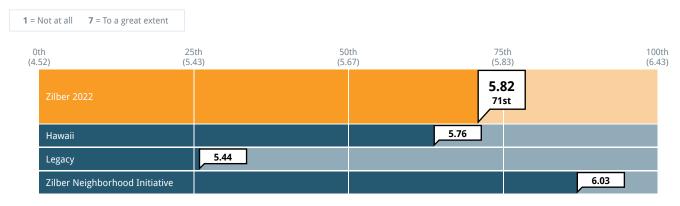
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

To what extent was the Foundation clear and transparent about the application process requirements and timelines?



Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

To what extent was the Foundation clear and transparent about the criteria the Foundation uses to decide whether a proposal would be funded or declined?



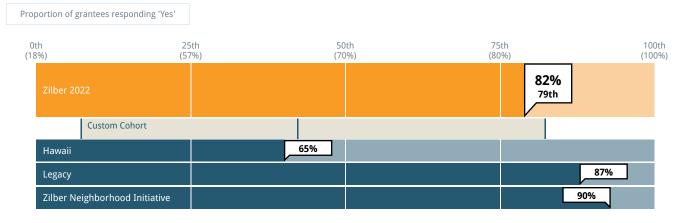


Reporting and Evaluation Process

Definition of Reporting and Evaluation

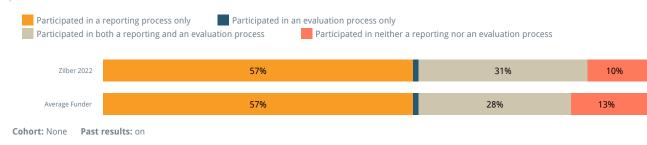
- "Reporting" Zilber's standard oversight, monitoring, and grant reporting.
- "Evaluation" formal activities beyond reporting undertaken by Zilber to assess or learn about a grant, a program, or Zilber's efforts.

At any point during the proposal 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?

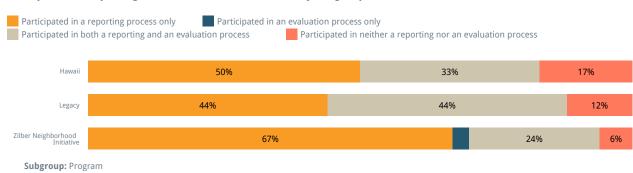


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Participation in Reporting and/or Evaluation Processes



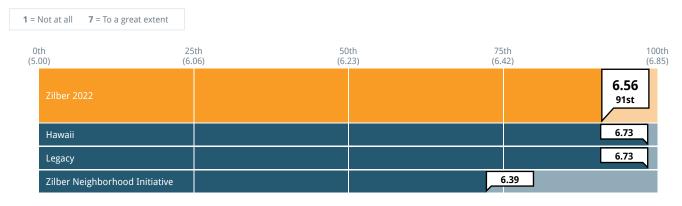




Reporting Process

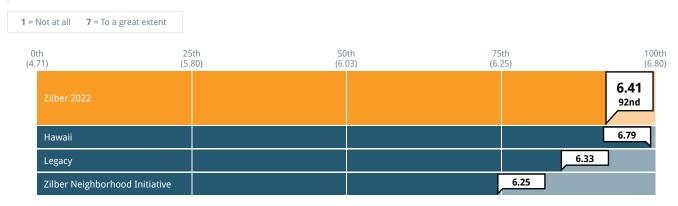
The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in a reporting process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

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



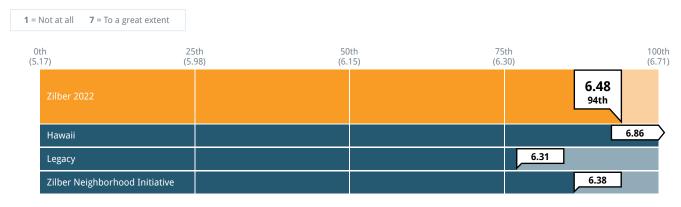
Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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









Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

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

1 = 1	Not at all 7 = To a great extent			
0t (4.5		50th 5.88)	75th (6.08)	100th (6.57)
	Zilber 2022		6.42 97th	
	Hawaii		6	.53
	Legacy		6.38	
	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative		6.38	

Cohort: None Past results: on Subgroup: Program

Evaluation Process

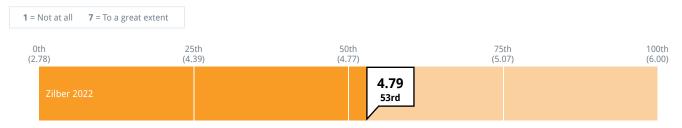
The following questions were only asked of grantees that indicated having participated in an evaluation process. See the "Reporting and Evaluation Process" page for data on the proportion of grantees participating in this process.

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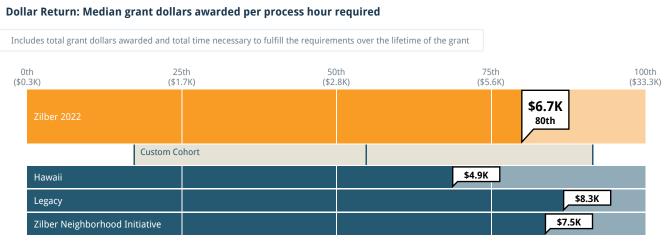


To what extent did the evaluation result in your organization making changes to the work that was evaluated?



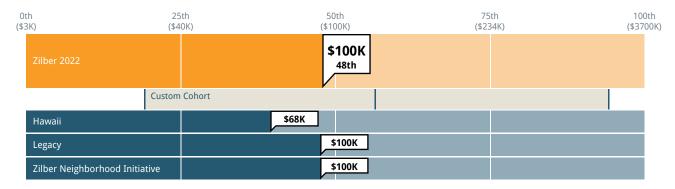
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Dollar Return and Time Spent on Processes



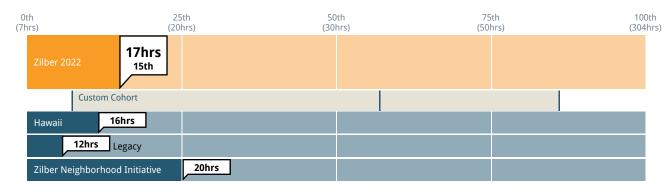
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Median Grant Size

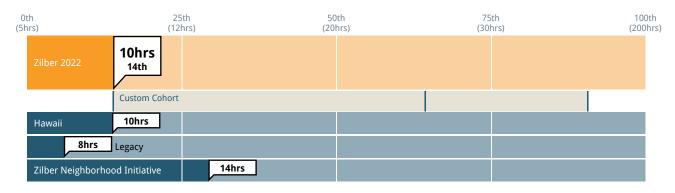




Median hours spent by grantees on funder requirements over grant lifetime



Time Spent on Application Process



Median Hours Spent on Proposal and Application Process

ime Spent On Proposal And Application Process	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
1 to 9 hours	43%	24%	21%
10 to 19 hours	36%	21%	21%
20 to 29 hours	10%	17%	17%
30 to 39 hours	1%	7%	8%
40 to 49 hours	7%	11%	11%
50 to 99 hours	1%	11%	11%
100 to 199 hours	0%	6%	7%
200+ hours	0%	3%	3%

Selected Subgroup: Program				
Time Spent On Proposal And Application Process (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	
1 to 9 hours	44%	53%	38%	
10 to 19 hours	39%	29%	38%	
20 to 29 hours	6%	18%	9%	
30 to 39 hours	0%	0%	3%	
40 to 49 hours	6%	0%	12%	
50 to 99 hours	6%	0%	0%	
100 to 199 hours	0%	0%	0%	
200+ hours	0%	0%	0%	

Time Spent on Reporting and Evaluation Process

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

ime Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation			
Process (Annualized)	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
1 to 9 hours	81%	55%	59%
10 to 19 hours	11%	19%	21%
20 to 29 hours	5%	10%	9%
30 to 39 hours	2%	3%	3%
40 to 49 hours	2%	3%	3%
50 to 99 hours	0%	5%	3%
100+ hours	0%	4%	2%

Selected Subgroup: Program				
Time Spent On Monitoring, Reporting, And Evaluation Process (Annualized) (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	
1 to 9 hours	76%	85%	81%	
10 to 19 hours	12%	15%	7%	
20 to 29 hours	0%	0%	11%	
30 to 39 hours	6%	0%	0%	
40 to 49 hours	6%	0%	0%	
50 to 99 hours	0%	0%	0%	
100+ hours	0%	0%	0%	

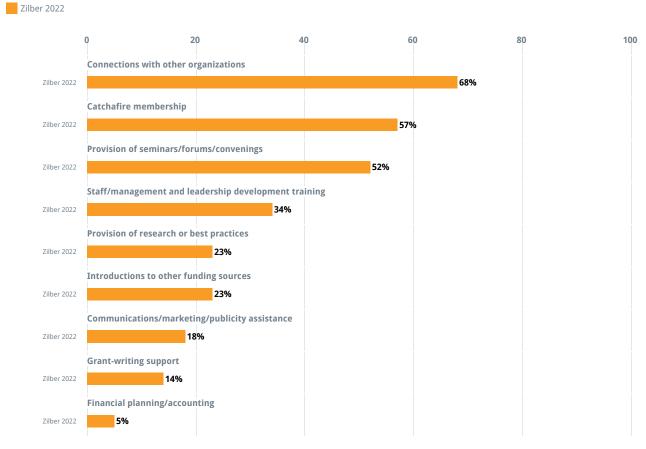
Customized Questions

Zilber Family Foundation Custom Questions

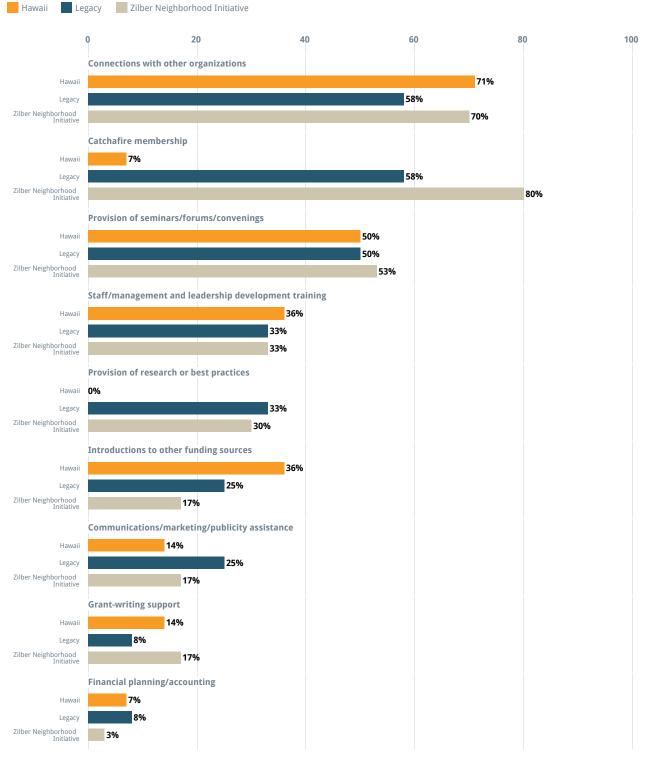
CEP included a series of Zilber-specific customized questions in the Foundation's grantee survey. The following pages outline grantees' responses to those questions.

Customized Questions - Support Received

Please indicate if you received any of the forms of capacity-building or technical assistance listed below.

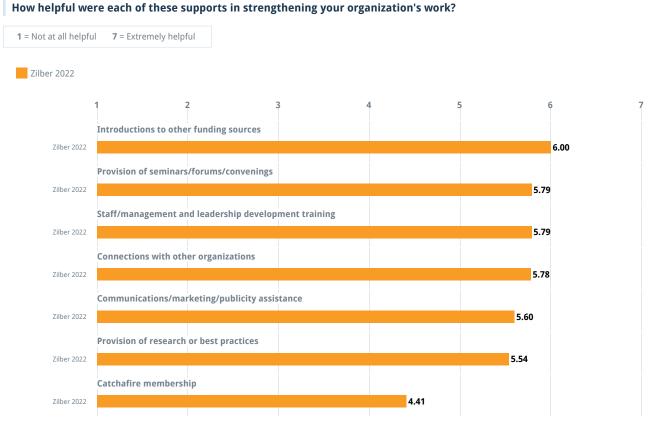


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Please indicate if you received any of the forms of capacity-building or technical assistance listed below. - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Program

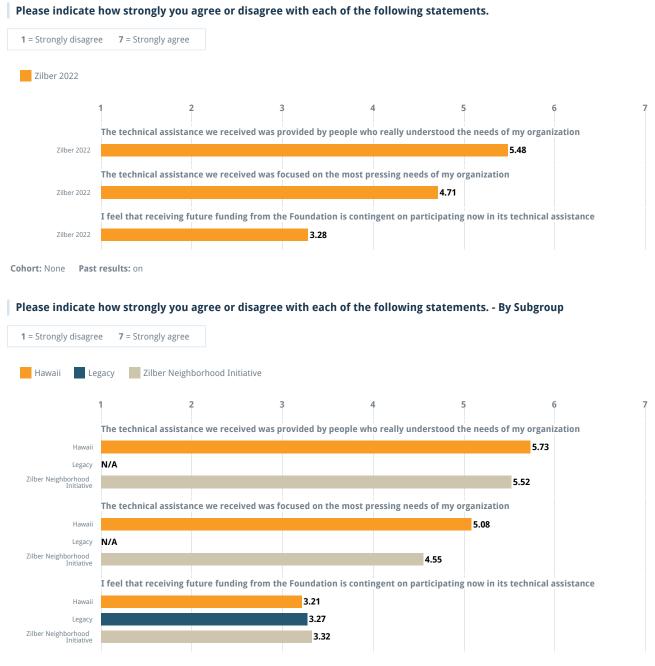


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	re each of these s		thening your orga	nization's work?	- By Subgroup	
1 = Not at all helpfu	I 7 = Extremely helpf	ul				
Zilber Neighbor	nood Initiative					
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Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	Introductions to othe	r funding sources				
Zilber Neighborhood	Provision of seminars	/forums/convenings			5.	88
Zilber Neighborbood	Staff/management an	ıd leadership develop	ment training			
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	Connections with oth	er organizations				6.10
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	Communications/mai	keting/publicity assis	stance			6.00
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	N/A					
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	Provision of research	or best practices				
	Catchafire membersh	ір				
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative				4.67		

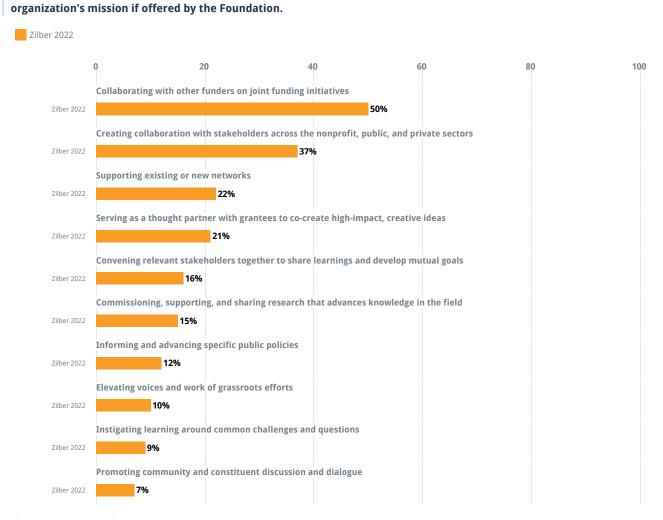
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Customized Questions - Technical Assistance



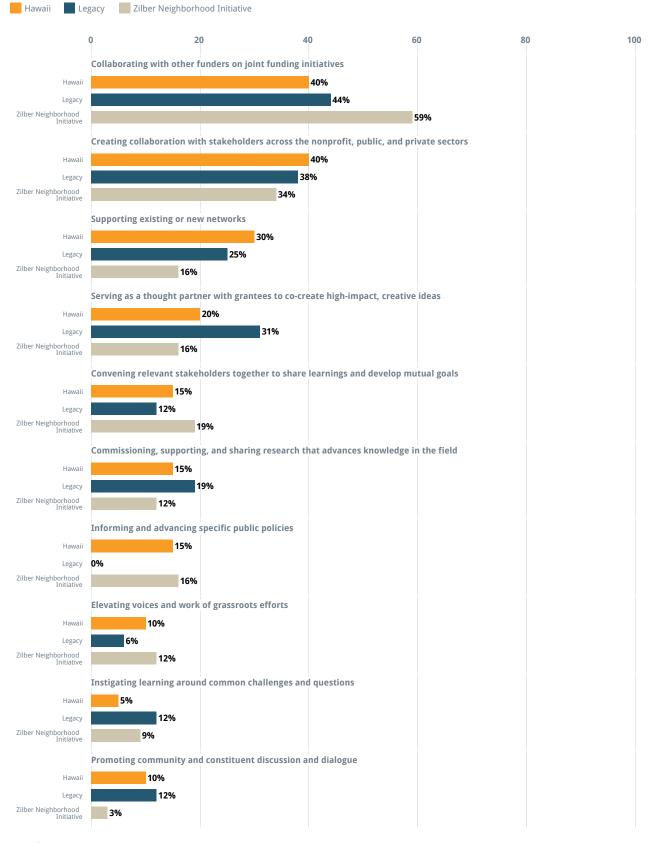
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Customized Questions - Additional Services



From the list of additional services below, please indicate up to two which would be most valuable to furthering your

Cohort: None Past results: on



From the list of additional services below, please indicate up to two which would be most valuable to furthering your organization's mission if offered by the Foundation. - By Subgroup

Subgroup: Program

Grantees' Written Comments

In the foundation's Grantee Perception Report survey, CEP asks four written questions:

- 1. "Please comment on the quality of Zilber's processes, interactions, and communications."
- 2. "Thinking beyond the grant you received, please comment on how Zilber influences your field, community, or organization."
- 3. "What specific improvements would you suggest that would make Zilber a better funder?"
- 4. What do you believe is the ONE most critical issue in our community with which the Foundation should be engaged or should continue engaging?

To download the full set of grantee comments and suggestions, please refer to the "Attachments" 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.

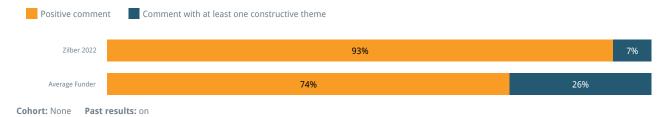
The following pages outline the results of CEP's analyses.

Quality of Processes, Interactions and Communications

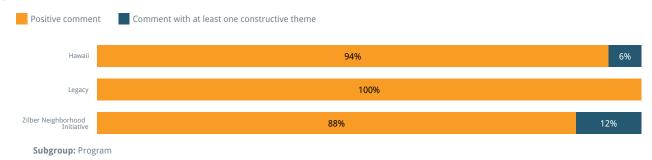
Grantees were asked to comment on the quality of Zilber's processes, interactions, and communications. Their comments were then categorized by the nature of their content, specifically whether the content is positive, neutral or constructive.

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



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



Suggestion Themes

Grantees were asked to provide any suggestions for how the Foundation could improve. The 72 grantees that responded to the survey provided 32 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
Non-Monetary Support	25%
Foundation Communications	16%
Foundation Strategy	12%
Funder-Grantee Interactions	12%
Grantmaking Characteristics	12%
Involvement with Other Funders	9%
Application and Reporting Processes	6%
Other	6%

Selected Suggestions

Grantees were asked to provide any suggestions for how the Foundation could improve. The 72 grantees that responded to the survey provided a total of 32 distinct suggestions. These suggestions were thematically categorized by CEP and grouped into the topics below.

Non-Monetary Support (25% N=8)

- Facilitate Collaboration among Grantees and with Other Funders (N = 5)
 - "Perhaps doing a once a year update session from the foundation that grantees could attend online...where we could share our successes and challenges with those doing similar work."
 - "One idea would be to connect grantees to each other. They select such a nice variety of nonprofits to support. It would be fun to meet counterparts from other agencies."
 - "It would be helpful if they helped our organization connect to other like-minded foundations, as it is hard to get a foot in the door with some foundations."
 - "We would LOVE to have the opportunity to engage with other grantees to share best practices, challenges and celebrate our collective work in Milwaukee."
 - "It would be nice to have a virtual convening of the grantees to build a stronger cohort and take advantage of the wisdom in the room."
- Modify Non-Monetary Support Options to Better Serve Grantees (N = 3)
 - "Assess how Catchafire and the consultant series offered really do help nonprofits navigate the difficulties of remaining viable with so many challenges related to the pandemic that effect hiring, fundraising and quality of services being provided."
 - "The only small bit of feedback I have is that some of the more recent professional development opportunities have felt like overkill. Five sessions for risk management was just too much to commit to given everything facing us, particularly in light of continued staff shortages. Additionally, while Catchafire sounded great in the beginning, it became clear that the volunteers we connected with had no interest in doing work."
 - "It would be beneficial and possibly more productive for organizations to have more options to participate in training opportunities by offering them in the AM and PM hours."

Foundation Communications (16% N=5)

- More Frequently and Clearly Communicate the Foundation's Strategy and Priorities (N = 5)
 - "Regular newsletters to grantees on philosophies, priorities and policies of the Foundation would be great."
 - "I think people misunderstand the Foundation's limited resources...A clearer understanding of the focus of the Foundation and the annual allocation would help the greater local community align our requests to seek fit with that mission - and also to understand if a priority of a given organization might not be a fit for the Foundation's priorities."
 - "Over the years, it is clear they are working hard to understand how their investments are having an impact with the release of metrics, etc. It would help if they communicated where they see that going in the near future. What will they expect from their funded agencies in that regard, etc."
 - "As the foundation continues to develop the specifics (metrics and specific strategies) around their strategic plan and beyond, we look forward to hearing
 those updates, strategy, and details (e.g. will there continue to be a place-based focus or will the focus shift more to systems change, will all new grant
 outcomes be centered around the Zilber housing/economic development metrics identified, etc.)."
 - "I'd love to know more about the picture of Milwaukee that the Foundation sees...The Foundation learns a lot in the course of its work and I'm curious about the places they see progress and where things are moving more slowly."

Foundation Strategy (12% N=4)

- Modify how the Foundation Approaches Grantmaking (N = 3)
 - "...allow for creative opportunities for innovation and perhaps new scopes of design and partnership."
 - "Consider how do geography and timeframe of grants mesh with the long term work of transforming communities? How can we better align work and funding effort to measure continuously in a longer term effort."
 - "I think it would be fair for ZFF to approach grantees and ask them for help with specific goals. For example...ZFF could come to a grantee and say, "Hey, we'd like to achieve this outcome how can we collaborate to affect this change?" and then provide the resource support needed to do it."
- Orientation Adjustment (N = 1)
 - "I would like to see jobs play a bigger role in terms of the Foundation's priorities."

Funder-Grantee Interactions (12% N=4)

- More Frequent Interactions (N = 3)
 - "Take time to participate in one or more of the organizations' events."
 - "I would like to see the Foundation spend more time with us (outside the normal grant application/reporting cycle) to talk about what we do and how it fits into their strategy."
 - "Having more focus groups and trainings together, so that we are on the same page going forward in ways to tackle issues and systemic problems..."

• Other (N = 1)

• "Candid and direct feedback."

Grantmaking Characteristics (12% N=4)

- Longer Grants (N = 2)
 - "Multi-year funding commitments."
 - "Open the door to multi year commitments."
- More Unrestricted Funding (N = 2)
 - "...a focus on funding general operating, rather than specific functions. Trusting agencies to make decisions about how to utilize funding toward the
 accomplishment of its mission."
 - "Perhaps more unrestricted than restricted grants."

Involvement with Other Funders (9% N=3)

- Share Zilber's Practices with Other Funders (N = 3)
 - "Continue to evaluate application and reporting procedures and share with other funders in the community."
 - "The Foundation has started to be a catalyst for other funders, leading by example...[it] could have a higher public profile and voice at philanthropic gatherings in the state of Hawaii, where our project is located. Examples are AFP (Assoc. of Fundraising Professionals) and HANO (Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organization) events, meetings and conferences. Also HCF (Hawaii Community Foundation) donor and grantee engagement events."
 - "Because the Foundation is a trend setter, their continual work to educate other grant makers would be greatly beneficial. Specifically, they could teach
 other grant makers 1) the need for place based funding, 2) the broad impact of grant support dedicated for diversity and inclusion, and 3) the need to
 follow a long-term strategy with multi-year funding."

Application and Reporting Processes (6% N=2)

- Modify the Application and Reporting Processes (N = 2)
 - "Completing the latest end-term grant report was somewhat perplexing given goals set in May 2020 before the world changed forever and strategies fell apart."
 - "Perhaps streamline the application process."

Other (6% N=2)

- Other (N = 2)
 - "...one of their program officers has a tremendous skillset that could be leveraged to advance our mission, but the dual role she would hold as a funder could create a perceived conflict of interest..."
 - "Interview clients who are being served by the organizations. Do your grantees have diversity and inclusion in their hiring practices? Do they pay a living wage?"

Contextual Data

Please note that all information below is based on self-reported data from grantees.

Grantmaking Characteristics

Average Grant Length

0th (1.0yrs)	25 (1.8		50th (2.1yrs)		75th (2.6yrs)	100th (6.1yrs)
Zilber 2022				2.2yrs 53rd		
	Custom Cohort					
Hawaii		1.9yrs		· ·		
Legacy				2.2yrs		
Zilber Neig	hborhood Initiative			2.3yrs		

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Length of Grant Awarded	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Average grant length	2.2 years	2.1 years	2.3 years

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort				
Length of Grant Awarded	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort	
0 - 1.99 years	27%	48%	42%	
2 - 2.99 years	53%	22%	24%	
3 - 3.99 years	11%	19%	20%	
4 - 4.99 years	4%	3%	4%	
5 - 50 years	4%	8%	10%	

Selected Cohort: None				
Proportion of Unrestricted Funding	Zilber 2022	Average Funder		
No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (i.e. general operating, core support)	35%	26%		
Yes, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g. supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.)	65%	74%		

Grantmaking Characteristics - By Subgroup

Selected Subgroup: Program			
Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
Average grant length	1.9 years	2.2 years	2.3 years

Selected Subgroup: Program				
Length of Grant Awarded (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	
0 - 1.99 years	45%	12%	24%	
2 - 2.99 years	40%	59%	58%	
3 - 3.99 years	5%	24%	9%	
4 - 4.99 years	5%	6%	3%	
5 - 50 years	5%	0%	6%	

Proportion of Unrestricted Funding (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
No, this funding was not restricted to a specific use (i.e. general operating, core support)	25%	47%	34%
/es, this funding was restricted to a specific use (e.g. supported a specific program, project, capital need, etc.)	75%	53%	66%

Grant Size

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Grant Amount Awarded	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Median grant size	\$100K	\$100K	\$131.5K

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Grant Amount Awarded	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
Less than \$10K	0%	8%	3%
\$10K - \$24K	4%	11%	9%
\$25K - \$49K	11%	12%	11%
\$50K - \$99K	23%	15%	15%
\$100K - \$149K	25%	10%	12%
\$150K - \$299K	17%	17%	21%
\$300K - \$499K	14%	9%	14%
\$500K - \$999K	4%	8%	8%
\$1MM and above	1%	9%	7%

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized)	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget	3%	4%	2%

Grant Size - By Subgroup

Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
Aedian grant size	\$67.5K	\$100K	\$100K

Selected Subgroup: Program			
Grant Amount Awarded (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
Less than \$10K	0%	0%	0%
\$10K - \$24K	5%	12%	0%
\$25K - \$49K	20%	6%	9%
\$50K - \$99K	35%	12%	21%
\$100K - \$149K	20%	29%	26%
\$150K - \$299K	5%	24%	21%
\$300K - \$499K	5%	18%	18%
\$500K - \$999K	10%	0%	3%
\$1MM and above	0%	0%	3%

Selected Subgroup: Program			
Median Percent of Budget Funded by Grant (Annualized) (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
Size of grant relative to size of grantee budget	1%	2%	6%

Grantee Characteristics

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Operating Budget of Grantee Organization	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Median Budget	\$2M	\$1.6M	\$3M

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Operating Budget of Grantee Organization	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
<\$100K	3%	8%	3%
\$100K - \$499K	16%	18%	12%
\$500К - \$999К	13%	13%	10%
\$1MM - \$4.9MM	34%	30%	32%
\$5MM - \$24MM	24%	18%	24%
>=\$25MM	10%	12%	19%

Grantee Characteristics - By Subgroup

Selected Subgroup: Program			
Operating Budget of Grantee Organization (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
Median Budget	\$3.4M	\$2.2M	\$1.4M

Aii Legacy 6% 0%	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative 0% 26%
0%	26%
12%	18%
44%	29%
31%	18%
6%	9%
	44% 31%

Funding Relationship

Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
89%	82%	85%

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with the Foundation	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
First grant received from the Foundation	17%	29%	28%
Consistent funding in the past	72%	53%	55%
Inconsistent funding in the past	11%	18%	17%

Funding Relationship - by Subgroup

Selected Subgroup: Program			
Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	
85%	100%	86%	

Pattern of Grantees' Funding Relationship with the Foundation (By Subgroup)	Hawaii	Legacy	Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
First grant received from the Foundation	26%	6%	17%
Consistent funding in the past	68%	76%	71%
Inconsistent funding in the past	5%	18%	11%

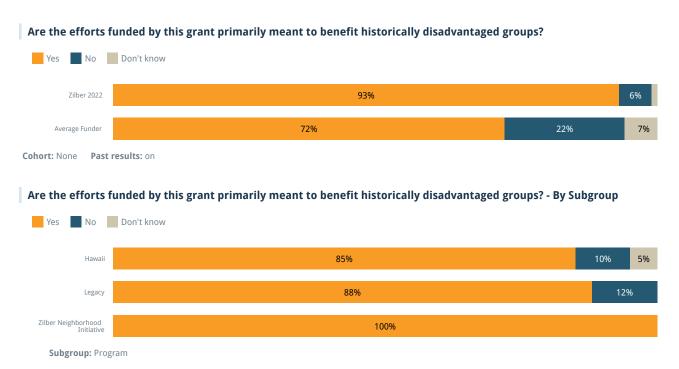
Funder Characteristics

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Financial Information	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Total assets	\$222.8M	\$260.9M	\$188.8M
Total giving	\$8M	\$18.6M	\$8.2M

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Funder Staffing	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Total staff (FTEs)	6	17	6
Percent of staff who are program staff	64%	43%	50%

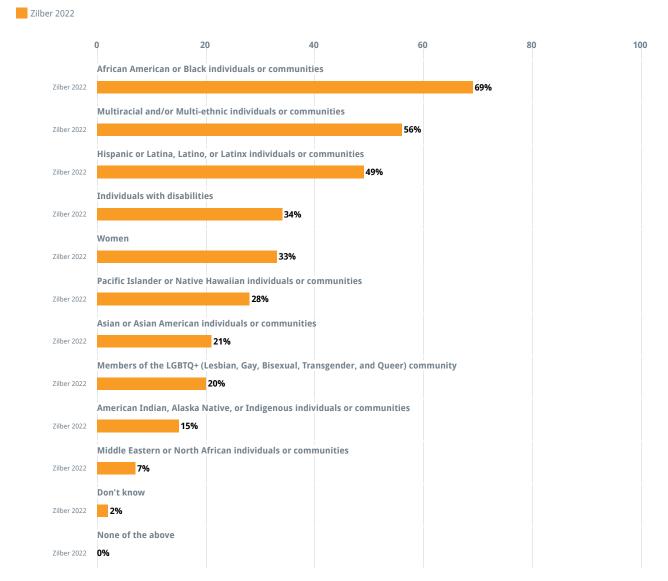
Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Grantmaking Processes	Zilber 2022	Median Funder	Custom Cohort
Proportion of grants that are invitation-only	100%	50%	50%
Proportion of grantmaking dollars that are invitation-only	100%	64%	70%

Respondents and Communities Served

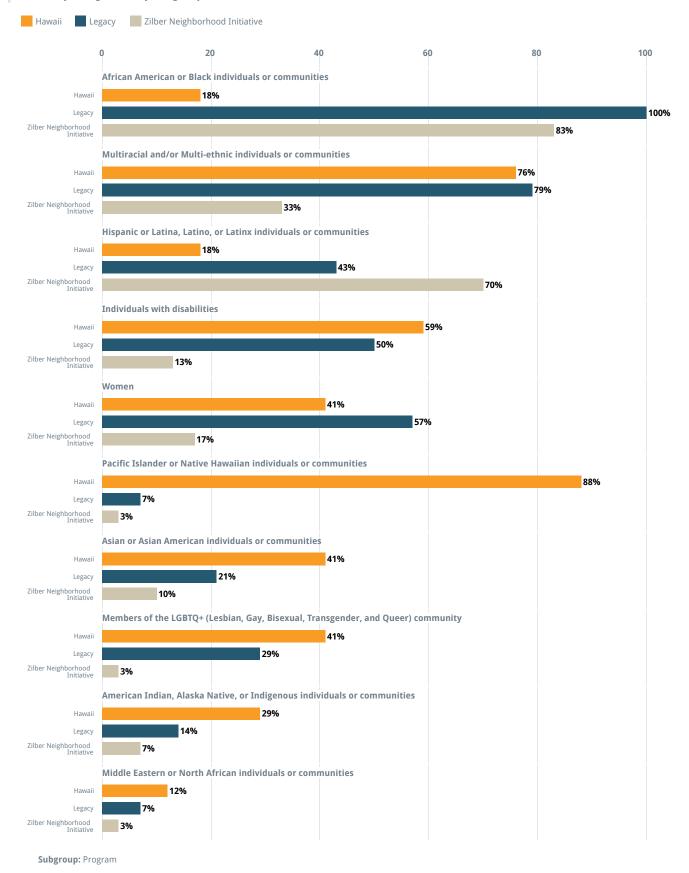


The following question is asked only of grantees who answered "yes" to the question "Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?"

Specifically, are any of the following populations the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant?



Cohort: None Past results: on



Specifically, are any of the following populations the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant? - By Subgroup

Specifically, are any of the following populations the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant? - By Subgroup (cont.)

Hawaii Le	gacy Zilber Neighborh	ood Initiative			
	0 2	0 4	0 6	0 8	0 100
	Don't know				
Hawaii	6%				
Legacy	0%				
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	0%				
	None of the above				
Hawaii	0%				
Legacy	0%				
Zilber Neighborhood Initiative	0%				

Subgroup: Program

Respondent Demographics

Note: Survey questions about respondents' demographics were recently modified or added to match best practices, and depict comparative data from over 50 funders in the dataset. Demographic questions related to grantees' POC and racial/ethnic identity are only asked of respondents in the United States.

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 and LGBTQ+ identity 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.

Survey respondents are asked to share their gender identities in a check-all-that-apply question. Each chart has the option of showing the average ratings of respondents who selected only "man," only "woman," multiple gender identities, "gender non-conforming or non-binary," "prefer to self-identify," and "prefer not to say" - as long as that response option had at least 10 respondents.

Differences in Ratings by Respondent Demographics

It is CEP's standard practice to analyze responses for differences by the following demographics characteristics:

There are no consistent differences in ratings when grantees are segmented by gender.

There are no consistent differences in ratings between grantees when segmented by whether respondents identify as a person of color.

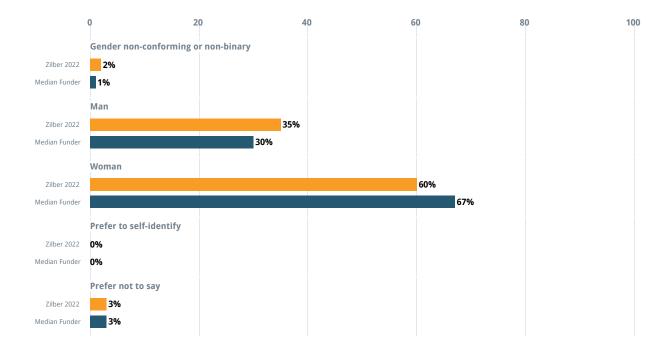
There are too few respondents to analyze results by Transgender Identity

There are too few respondents to analyze results by LGBTQ+ Identity

There are too few respondents to analyze results by Disability Identity

Please select the option that represents how you describe yourself:

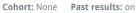




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Zilber 2022 Median Funder 0 20 40 60 80 100 African American or Black Zilber 2022 15% Median Funder 9% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Zilber 2022 2% Median Funder Asian or Asian American Zilber 2022 14% Median Funder 5% Hispanic or Latina, Latino, or Latinx Zilber 2022 9% Median Funder 6% Middle Eastern or North African Zilber 2022 0% Median Funder 1% Multiracial and/or Multi-ethnic Zilber 2022 8% Median Funder 3% Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian Zilber 2022 3% Median Funder 0% White Zilber 2022 63% Median Funder 71% Race and/or ethnicity not included above Zilber 2022 2% Median Funder 1% Prefer not to say Zilber 2022 6% Median Funder 5%

How would you describe your race and/or ethnicity?



Selected Cohort: None			
Do you identify as a person of color?	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	
Yes	38%	22%	
No	57%	72%	
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	

Selected Cohort: None		
Are you transgender?	Zilber 2022	Average Funder
Yes	0%	1%
No	97%	96%
Prefer not to say	3%	3%

Selected Cohort: None			
Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) community?	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	
Yes	12%	11%	
No	85%	84%	
Prefer not to say	3%	5%	

Selected Cohort: None			
Do you have a disability?	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	
Yes	3%	5%	
No	92%	90%	
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	

Respondent Job Title

Selected Cohort: Custom Cohort			
Job Title of Respondents	Zilber 2022	Average Funder	Custom Cohort
Executive Director/CEO	57%	47%	40%
Other Senior Team (i.e., reporting to Executive Director/CEO)	22%	18%	24%
Project Director	3%	12%	12%
Development Staff	10%	9%	13%
Volunteer	1%	1%	0%
Other	6%	5%	7%

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 Zilber's grantee survey was 72.

Question Text	Number of Responses
Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your field?	68
How well does the Foundation understand the field in which you work?	69
To what extent has the Foundation advanced the state of knowledge in your field?	60
To what extent has the Foundation affected public policy in your field?	47
Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on your local community?	72
How well does the Foundation understand the local community in which you work?	71
How well does the Foundation understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?	72
How well does the Foundation understand your organization's strategy and goals?	70
How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about the Foundation?	69
How well do you understand the way in which the work funded by this grant fits into the Foundation's broader efforts?	66
How often do/did you have contact with your program officer during this grant?	72
Who most frequently initiated the contact you had with your program officer during this grant?	68
Has your main contact at the Foundation changed in the past six months?	69
Did you submit a proposal to the Foundation for this grant?	71
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?	66
To what extent was the Foundation's application process a helpful opportunity to strengthen the efforts funded by the grant?	65
To what extent was the Foundation's application process an appropriate level of effort given the amount of funding received?	68
To what extent was the Foundation clear and transparent about the application process requirements and timelines?	69
To what extent was the Foundation clear and transparent about the criteria the Foundation uses to decide whether an application would be funded or declined?	65
At any point during this grant, including the application process, did Foundation staff visit your offices or programs?	71
Are you currently receiving funding from the Foundation?	72
Which of the following best describes the pattern of your organization's funding relationship with the Foundation?	71
How well does the Foundation understand the needs of the people and communities that you serve?	71
To what extent do the Foundation's funding priorities reflect a deep understanding of the needs of the people and communities that you serve?	70
Have you participated in a reporting or evaluation process?	67
To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process Adaptable, if necessary, to fit your circumstances?	54
To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process A helpful opportunity for you to reflect and learn?	57
To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process Relevant, with questions and measures pertinent to the work funded by this grant?	56
To what extent was the Foundation's reporting process Straightforward?	54
To what extent did the evaluation Result in you making changes to the work that was evaluated?	19
To what extent did the evaluation Incorporate your input in the design of the evaluation?	19
Did you receive any non-monetary support from the Foundation during this grant period?	67
How would you describe the benefit - to your organization or work - of any non-monetary support that you received?	34

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Question Text	Number of Responses
To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant Trust in your organization's staff	69
To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant Candor about the Foundation's perspectives on your work	69
To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant Respectful interaction	69
To what extent did the Foundation exhibit the following during this grant Compassion for those affected by your work	69
Was the funding you received restricted to a specific use?	72
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	61
Overall, the Foundation demonstrates an explicit commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in its work	60
Overall, most staff I have interacted with at the Foundation embody a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	62
I believe that the Foundation is committed to combatting racism	64
Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?	68
Primary Intended People and/or Communities	
Are the efforts funded by this grant primarily meant to benefit historically disadvantaged groups?	68
Specifically, are any of the following the primary intended people and/or communities served by the efforts funded by this grant?	61
Custom Questions	
Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: I feel that receiving future funding from the Foundation is contingent on participating now in its technical assistance	53
Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The technical assistance we received was provided by people who really understood the needs of my organization	40
Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The technical assistance we received was focused on the most pressing needs of my organization	41

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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.

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