


2016 CONVENING
Community Foundation
& Donor Leadership:
Creating Synergies

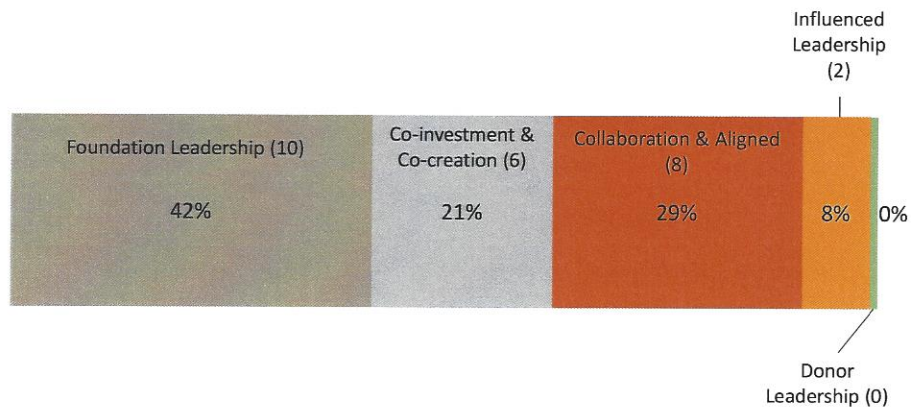
Invitee Survey Results

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Background

- 79 community foundations with assets of over \$200 million were invited to participate in an online survey to help inform the program for the 2016 convening of community foundation senior leadership
- Responses were collected via SurveyMonkey.com in March-May 2016
- 31 community foundations responded to the survey and their answers are summarized on the following slides
- When analyzing and synthesizing the results of this survey, duplicate answers from the same foundation were eliminated

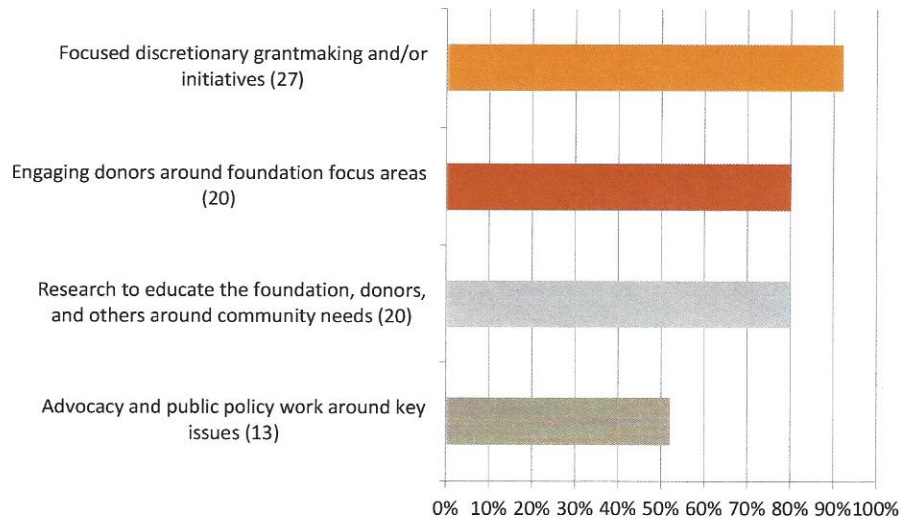
Where do you see your foundation along the scale from foundation leadership to donor leadership?



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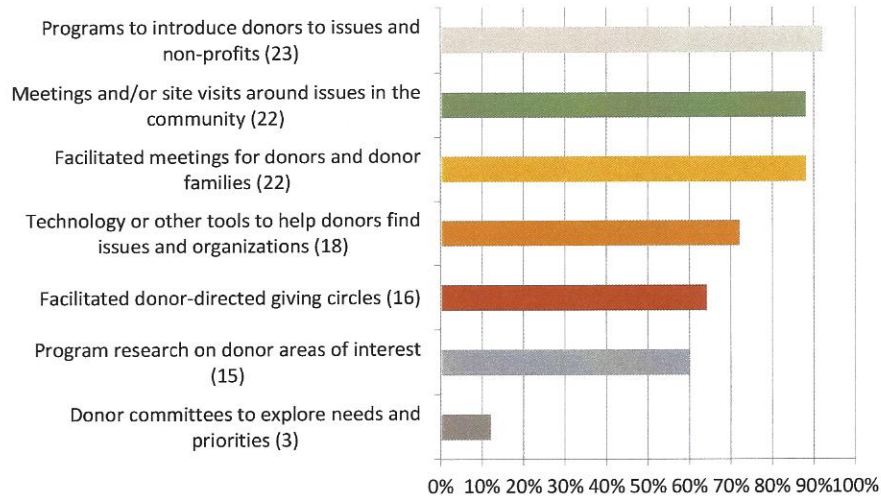
As a community foundation, what kinds of leadership activities and grantmaking have you engaged in? Check all that apply:



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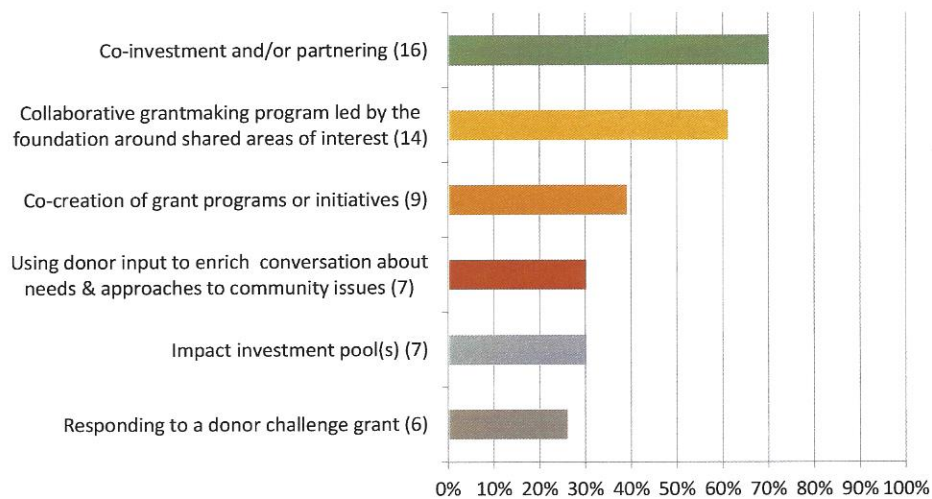
What methods do you currently use to engage donors and other funders? Check all that apply:



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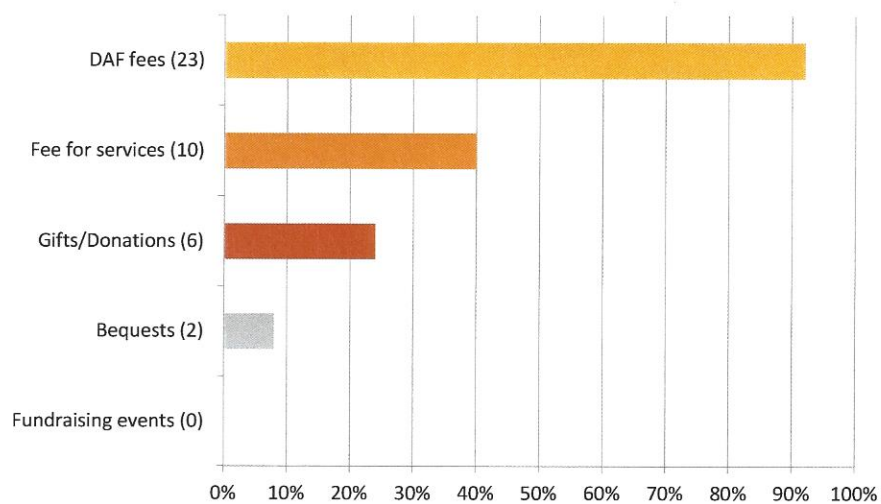
Are there ways in which your activities to support donors have integrated with or found synergy with your foundation leadership activities? Check all that apply:



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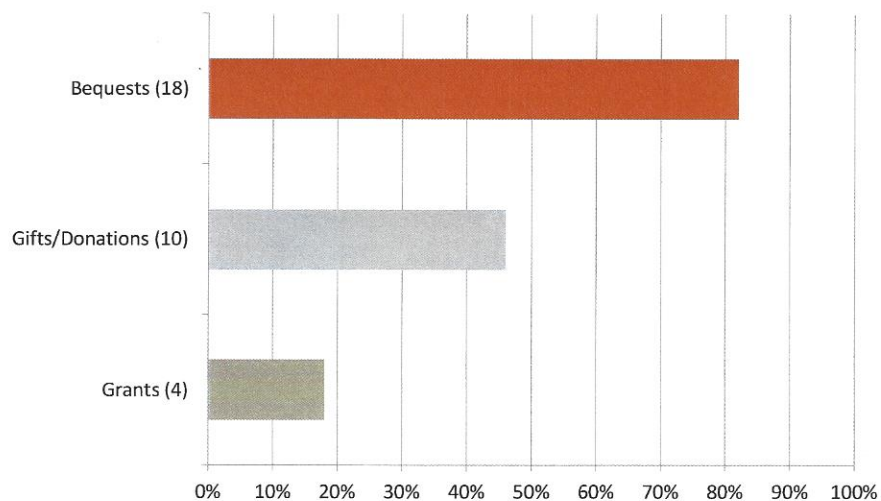
What are your primary sources of operating income? Check all that apply:



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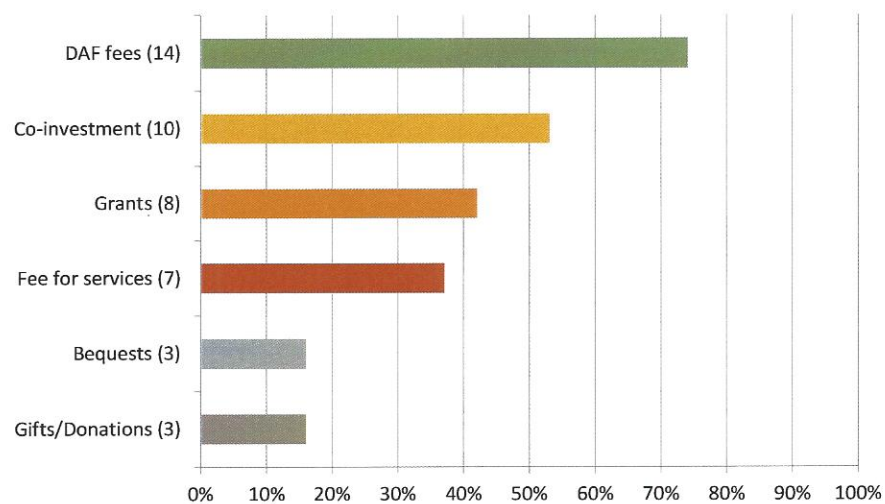
What are your primary sources of discretionary funds? Check all that apply:



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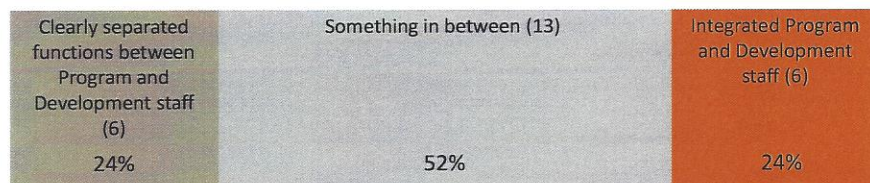
How are you financing donor leadership? Check all that apply:



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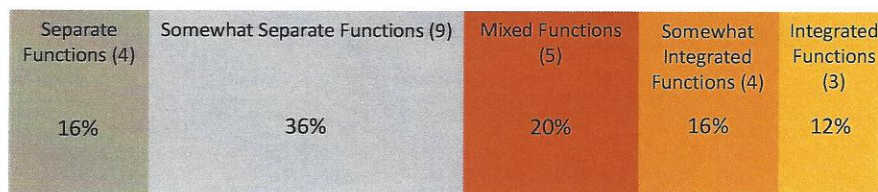
How would you describe the staffing of your foundation?



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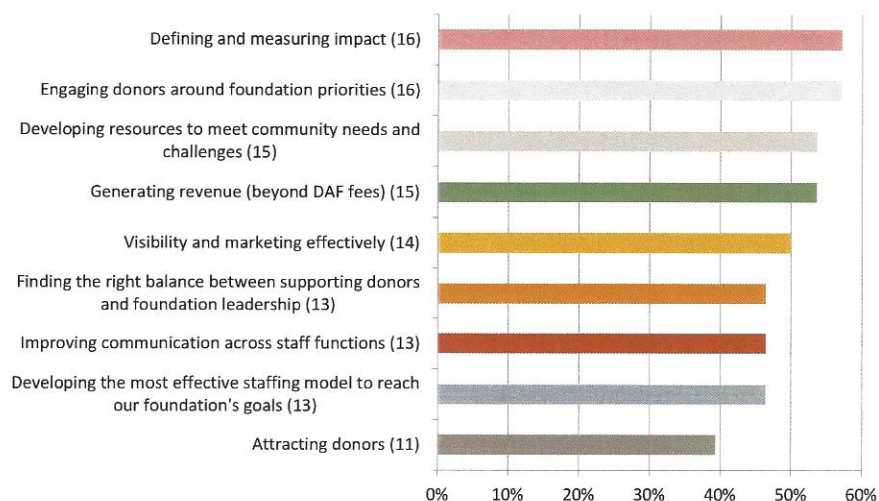
Where along the spectrum of separate and integrated functions would you place your foundation?



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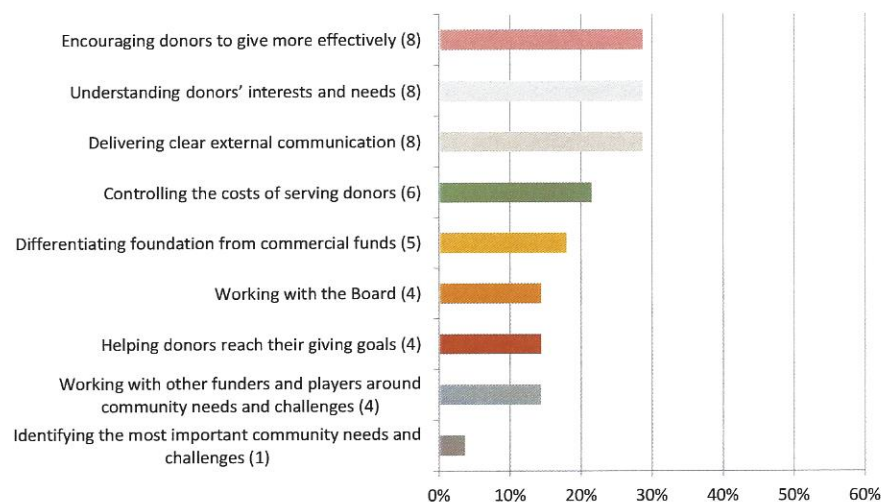
PART 1: At this time, what do you see as your foundation's greatest challenges? Check your top 8:



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PART 2: At this time, what do you see as your foundation's greatest challenges? Check your top 8:



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If you were able to sit around a table with other community foundation leaders, is there an important question or two that you would most want to discuss?

Some of the issues that emerged in the survey results include:

- How to effectively track and report impact in a way that attracts significant support
- Alternate staffing models (e.g., foundations where silos have been eliminated, matrixed team work by staff, etc.)
- Finding the balance between donor leadership and community leadership while simultaneously being able to meet the greatest needs of the community and serve donors
- Recognizing that the "one size fits all" model does not work for community foundations and seeking synergy at foundations of differing asset size and geography

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Thank you for your participation!

- Baton Rouge Area Foundation
- The Boston Foundation
- Central Indiana Community Foundation
- The Chicago Community Trust
- The Columbus Foundation
- Community Foundation of Elkhart County
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.
- Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
- Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
- Community Foundation of Greater Memphis
- The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
- Community Foundation of New Jersey
- The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks
- Community Foundation of Sarasota County
- Community Foundation of Texas
- The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina
- The Dallas Foundation
- The Denver Foundation
- Erie Community Foundation
- The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
- Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- Greater Houston Community Foundation
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Minnesota Philanthropy Partners
- Omaha Community Foundation
- Orange County Community Foundation
- Rose Community Foundation
- San Antonio Area Foundation
- Seattle Foundation
- Toledo Community Foundation