How is Philanthropy Engaging with Legislatures?

From 2011-2016, 243 funders made 745 grants totaling $147 million to 282 recipients focusing on U.S. legislative branch performance.

How much legislative branch funding focuses on specific issues or policy proposals?

- 53% NO ISSUE SPECIFIED
- 47% ISSUE SPECIFIC

- 16% Community & Economic Development
- 14% Health
- 11% Information & Communications
- 11% Education
- 9% Public Safety
- 6% Environment
- 6% Public Finance
- 2% Human Services

For every $100 of funding for legislatures, how many dollars go to each level of government?

- Federal $37
- State $33
- Federal & State $14
- State & Local $6
- Federal, State, & Local $6
- Federal & Local $2
- Local $2

Based on data available in early November 2016. Grants data is from 2011-2016 and meets criteria for inclusion in Foundation Funding for U.S. Democracy, and the category for Legislative Branch Performance under the customized taxonomy. Issue areas highlighted here are based on grants coding to Foundation Center’s Philanthropy Classification System. Grants specifying multiple issue areas are counted more than once, and data may include regranted funds. Additional figures were generated using the tool's filters for geographic focus.

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