



Membership Contribution Guidelines

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The contribution levels for membership in The Funders Network (TFN) are set according to a funding guideline scaled to proportionate assets, with a minimum and cap to assure access for very small or community foundations, limit the exposure of very large foundations, and encourage broad participation by a diverse membership.

Although the guidelines suggest specific funding levels, foundations are encouraged to make additional leadership grants for projects they wish to support. Furthermore, using “guidelines” instead of a dues system is specifically intended to provide flexibility for foundations to participate as members even if they decide to provide membership contributions that are below (or above) the suggested levels.

These contribution levels are projected to be adequate to support TFN’s operation, assure its capacity to act, and maintain cost effectiveness in the administration of TFN. This conclusion is predicated on the belief that some members will continue to provide additional resources above their membership level to support key projects of TFN.¹

<u>Foundation Type/Asset Level</u>	<u>Recommended Annual Contribution</u>
Community Foundations	\$1,000 Minimum
Units of Local Government	\$1,000 Minimum
Less than \$10 million	\$1,000 Minimum
\$10 to \$25 million	\$2,500
\$25 to \$50 million	\$5,000
\$50 to \$200 million	\$10,000
\$200 to \$500 million	\$15,000
\$500 million to \$1 billion	\$25,000
\$1 to \$5 billion	\$30,000
Over \$5 billion	\$35,000 Capped

¹ The guidelines and contribution levels were last reviewed, updated, and affirmed by TFN’s board of directors in January 2015. They are being reviewed and reconsidered by the Membership Task Force of the board of directors during FY22 as we implement TFN’s new strategic framework, with potential changes to take effect in 2022.