

ABOUT US

The Joyce Foundation is a nonpartisan private foundation that invests in policies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation in the Great Lakes region.

We support policy research, development, and advocacy in five areas: Education & Economic Mobility, Environment, Gun Violence Prevention & Justice Reform, Democracy, and Culture. Joyce focuses its grant making in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and partners with funders to explore promising policy solutions in other states or at the federal level.

The Joyce Foundation has budgeted charitable distributions of \$50 million in 2018 on assets of approximately \$1 billion.

Established in 1948, the foundation is guided by values reflected in its mission: To support policies that improve quality of life, promote safe and healthy communities, and build a just society for the people of the Great Lakes.

GRANTS

We make grants to diverse organizations such as academic and research institutions, grassroots and advocacy groups, policy institutes, news media and others. We support research to develop or test new policy ideas, advance them, assist in their implementation, evaluate how they are working and where improvements are needed. We look for opportunities to support broad, systemic changes that affect the most people over the long run.

We do not generally support direct service programs, capital proposals, endowment campaigns, religious activities, commercial ventures, or scholarships.

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PROGRAMS

Education & Economic Mobility

The Education & Economic Mobility Program supports equitable access to high-quality education and jobs for the region's next generation, especially young people of color and those from low-income communities. We pursue policies to ensure that K-12 students attend schools with high-quality educators, graduate with the momentum they need to succeed in college, and attain postsecondary credentials that lead to careers with family-sustaining wages.

Environment

The Environment Program supports science-based policy to address two critical long-term challenges facing the next generation in the Great Lakes region: accelerating the transition to clean energy in the Great Lakes region to mitigate the impacts of climate change, and ensuring access to clean water from lake to tap.

Gun Violence Prevention & Justice Reform

The Gun Violence Prevention & Justice Reform Program promotes safe and just communities through support for research, education, advocacy, and engagement focused on three initiatives: stronger policies to restrict easy access to guns, 21st century policing to build greater police-community trust, and reduced reliance on incarceration of young people.

Democracy

The Democracy Program promotes an informed, engaged, and representative democracy with its work in fair elections and public interest media. Our fair elections focus includes voting rights, redistricting, and a well-funded and accurate 2020 census. Our media grant making focuses on ensuring a healthy, independent media ecosystem to inform elections and policy making and address racial and cultural gaps in media coverage.

Culture

The Culture Program seeks to inspire creativity and cultural stewardship in the next generation by strengthening the role of artists and arts organizations in fostering culturally vibrant and sustainable communities. We see access to culture and creative expression as a human right, and work to build institutional and community capacity in the arts through a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.