



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# Investing in Our Common Future

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# President's Letter

## Dear ADVF's Partners and Friends,

It goes without saying that 2020 was the most challenging year in recent memory. We lost many of our fellow Americans to a virus that also shuttered many businesses, left millions out of work, and created multi-dimensional existential insecurity. In addition, our nation was torn apart by strife related to persistent inequity and deep political differences.

Recognizing these needs, the AVDF staff and Board took some immediate steps to address critical emergent needs. In the face of growing food insecurity due to COVID-19, AVDF provided over \$600,000 in immediate grant support to food banks in the U.S. in the late spring. In addition, AVDF provided funding to organizations seeking to meet the educational needs of children and young adults whose schooling migrated to a remote platform, including grants to the NewsHour at PBS to create content for middle and high school students.

Through all of this AVDF has retained its commitment to equity-focused philanthropy across its Program Areas. To provide just one example, in 2020 AVDF joined with the Teagle Foundation to support a five-year, \$6M initiative that will create transfer pathways for many community college students to four-year independent colleges. Many of these students are first generation or students of color who otherwise would never achieve the four-year degree.

The Foundations have also initiated grant-making on new fronts, including efforts to help support the growth of local, public journalism through public radio and television stations. In addition, AVDF created a pool of funds to support educational podcasts produced and supported through public media networks.

Despite the many challenges of 2020, AVDF remains committed to the important aims of supporting inclusive higher education and health care, spiritual communities that are mutually engaged and supportive, a robust public media, and a clean environment.

We remain grateful to the many grantees whose work makes all of this possible.

Sincerely,





# 2020 GRANTMAKING

**DURING 2020**, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations paid \$11 million in grants and approved over \$18 million in new grants. A total of 60 new grants were awarded to 23 states with Virginia, District of Columbia and Massachusetts receiving a higher number of grants than other states across programs. Non-program grants totaling over \$1 million were awarded to address food insecurity in the wake of the pandemic, for local nonprofits and general support.

**\$11 Million**  
IN PAID GRANTS

**60**  
NEW PROGRAM GRANTS

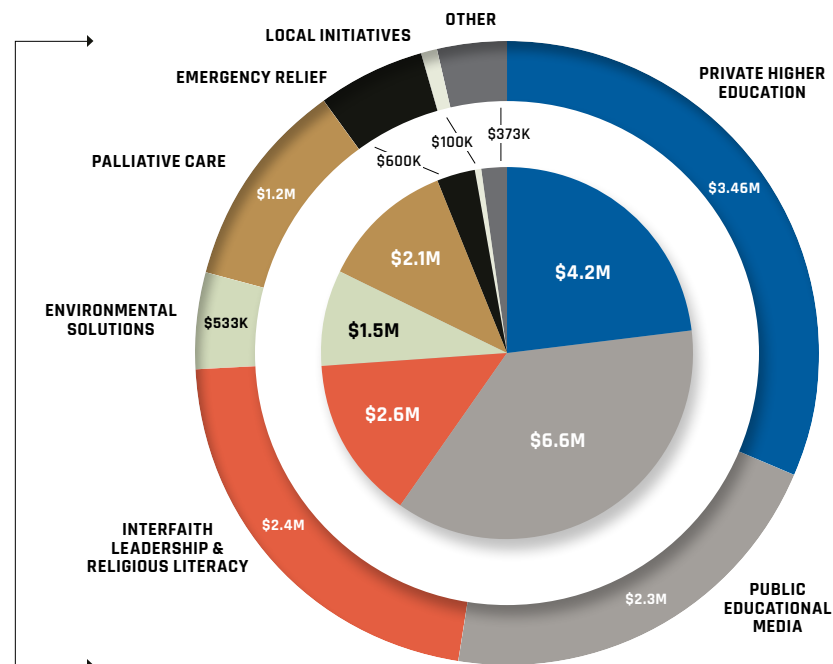
**\$600,000**  
ADDRESSED FOOD INSECURITY

**\$18 Million**  
IN APPROVED GRANTS

**23**  
STATES RECEIVED GRANTS

## 2020 Paid Grants by Program Area

Private Higher Education – \$3.46 MILLION	■
Public Educational Media – \$2.3 MILLION	■
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy \$2.4 MILLION	■
Environmental Solutions – \$533,621	■
Palliative Care – \$1.2 MILLION	■
Emergency Relief – \$600,000	■
Local Initiatives – \$100,000	■
Other – \$373,000	■



## 2020 Approved Grants by Program Areas

■ \$4.2 MILLION – Private Higher Education
■ \$6.6 MILLION – Public Educational Media
■ \$2.6 MILLION – Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy
■ \$1.5 MILLION – Environmental Solutions
■ \$2.1 MILLION – Palliative Care
■ \$600,000 – Emergency Relief
■ \$100,000 – Local Initiatives
■ \$373,000 – Other

# 2020 GRANT CYCLE

**THE 2020 GRANT CYCLE** yielded a total of 291 Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) across programs with a total requested amount of over \$65 million. Of this amount, 53 percent was for projects in Private Higher Education, 30 percent for Interfaith, and 17 percent for Public Educational Media. Invited proposals totaled \$3.6 million for Private Higher Education, \$3.1 million for Interfaith, and \$400,000 in Public Educational Media. In 2020, the Environment Solutions and Palliative Care pilot programs were under evaluation. Therefore, LOIs were not invited from designated partners.

**291**  
LETTERS OF INQUIRY

**\$65 Million**  
REQUESTED

**53%**  
PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION

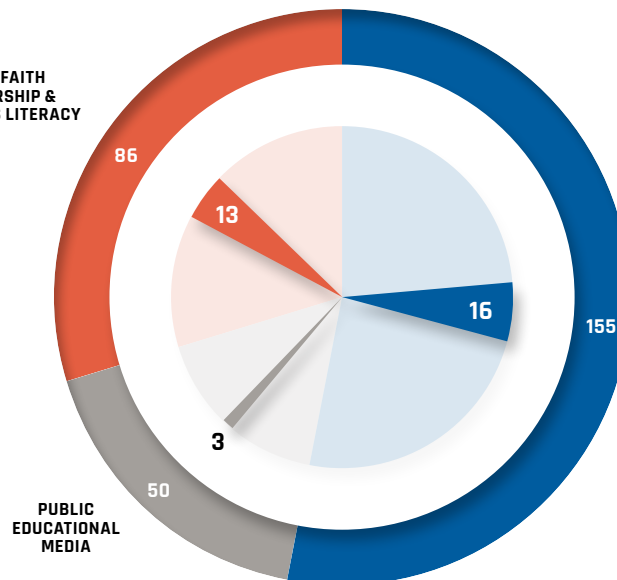
**30%**  
INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP & RELIGIOUS LITERACY

**17%**  
PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

## 2020 Letters of Inquiry Received by Program Area

Private Higher Education	155 LOIs	\$36 MILLION
Public Educational Media	50 LOIs	\$11 MILLION
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy	86 LOIs	\$18 MILLION

INTERFAITH  
LEADERSHIP &  
RELIGIOUS LITERACY



## 2020 Invited Proposals by Program Area

Private Higher Education	16 FULL PROPOSALS	\$3.6 MILLION
Public Educational Media	3 FULL PROPOSALS	\$400,000
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy	13 FULL PROPOSALS	\$3.1 MILLION

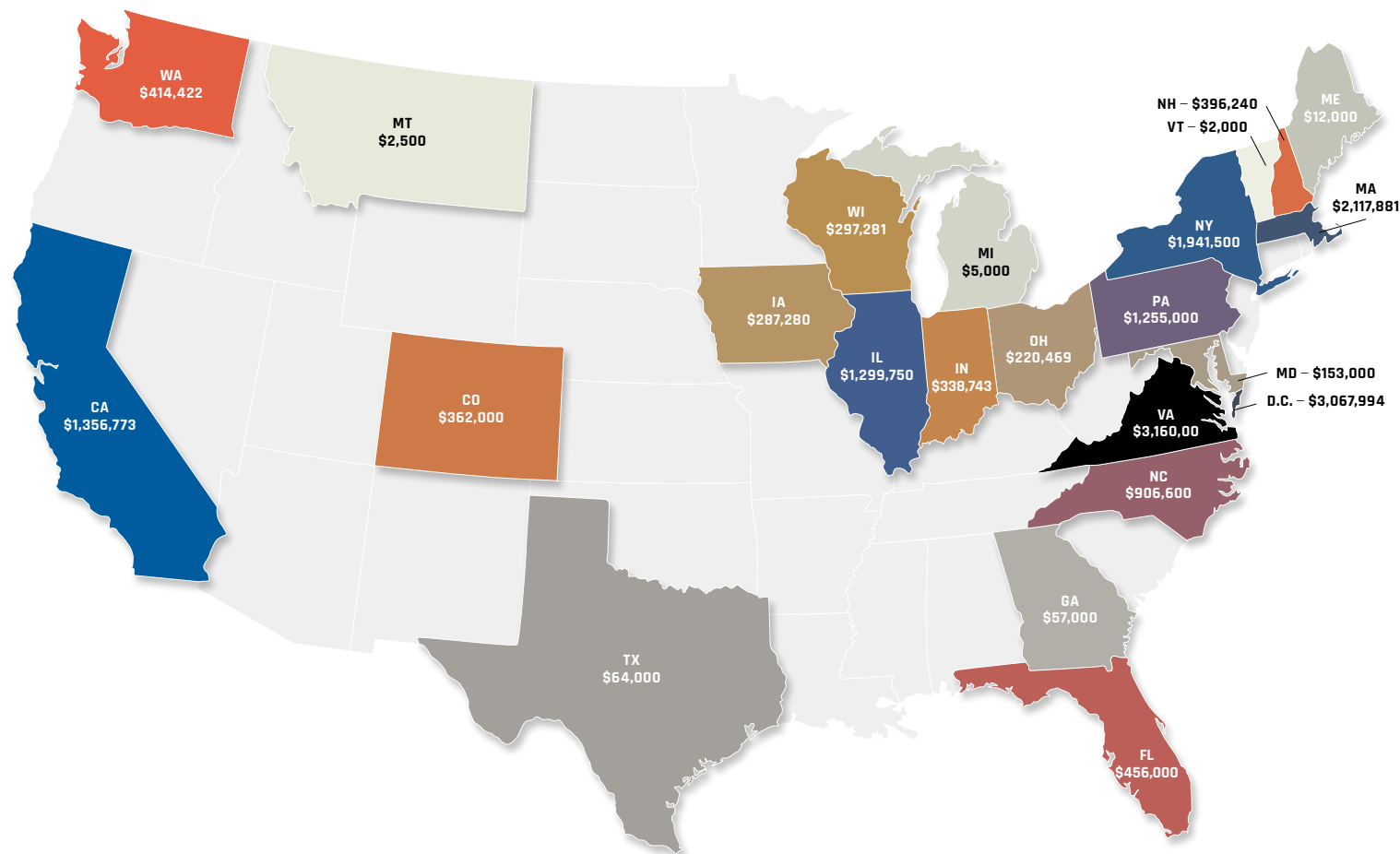
PRIVATE  
HIGHER  
EDUCATION



# 2020 GRANT DISTRIBUTION

## 2020 Geographical Distribution of New Grants

Virginia – \$3,160,000	■
District of Columbia – \$3,067,994	■
Massachusetts – \$2,117,881	■
New York – \$1,941,500	■
California – \$1,356,773	■
Illinois – \$1,299,750	■
Pennsylvania – \$1,255,000	■
North Carolina – \$906,600	■
Florida – \$456,000	■
Washington – \$414,422	■
New Hampshire – \$396,240	■
Colorado – \$362,000	■
Indiana – \$338,743	■
Wisconsin – \$297,281	■
Iowa – \$287,280	■
Ohio – \$220,469	■
Maryland – \$153,000	■
Texas – \$64,000	■
Georgia – \$57,000	■
Maine – \$12,000	■
Michigan – \$5,000	■
Montana – \$2,500	■
Vermont – \$2,000	■



# 2020 FINANCIALS

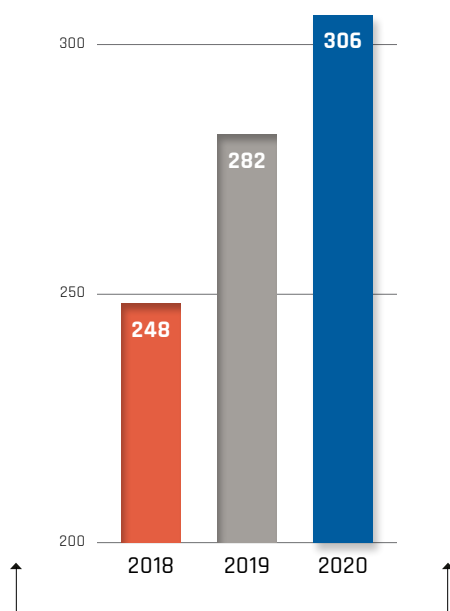
IN 2020, AVDF increased its grant approvals to a record high of over \$18M. AVDF also enjoyed its second highest grant payout at \$11M.



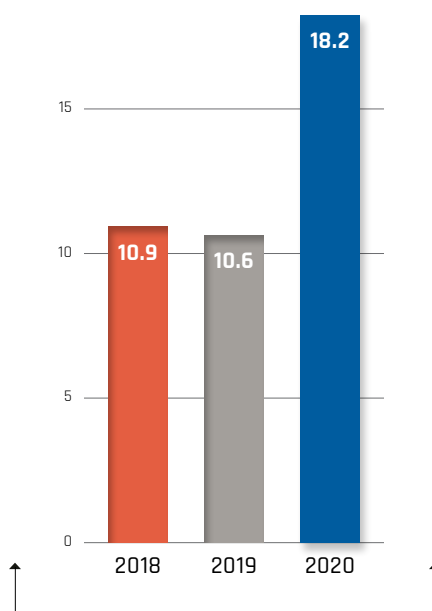
**\$306 Million**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$18.2 Million**  
IN APPROVED GRANTS

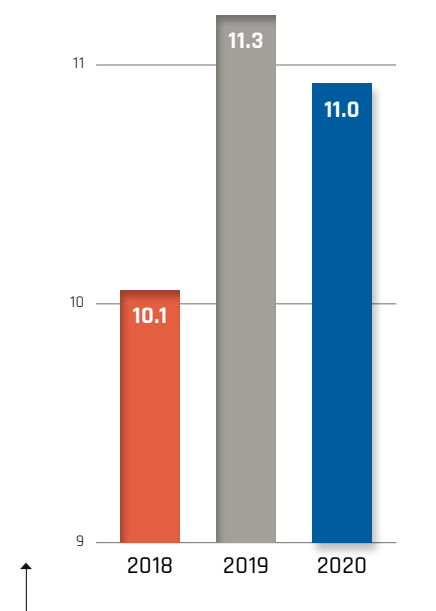
**\$11 Million**  
IN GRANTS PAID



**Total Assets**  
in Millions



**Grants Approved**  
in Millions



**Grants Paid**  
in Millions

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