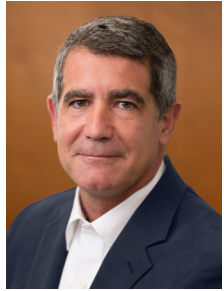




2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# Investing in Our Common Future

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**Michael J.  
Murray, Ph.D.**

# President's Letter

## Dear Friends and Partners of AVDF,

Along with many others, the staff at AVDF rang in 2021 anticipating vaccines and medications that would leave COVID in our rear-view mirror. Unfortunately, the pandemic did not end up surrendering as quickly as we had hoped and anticipated. In the face of new variants and waves of infection, many AVDF grantees had to be creative in executing their programming, operating virtually when possible, and pivoting to new initiatives when not.

Despite the many challenges brought on by COVID, the Foundations have continued to refine the work we are supporting across our various Program Areas. In 2021 the Board reviewed our pilot Program Areas in Palliative Care and in Environmental Solutions and made five-year commitments to continued funding in these areas. These commitments come on the heels of an extensive landscape analysis of opportunities in each of these areas in light of which AVDF is committing to specific areas of work.

In Palliative Care, we will be working exclusively with two partners: The Center to Advance Palliative Care, and the Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation. In each case, we will be supporting substantial efforts to improve serious illness and end of life care, especially for the most vulnerable patient populations. We are grateful to these two partners for our continued collaboration.

In Environmental Solutions, AVDF will focus its attention on strategic communication that is aimed at helping individuals to change behaviors in ways that contribute to a healthier environment. This work will focus largely, though not exclusively, on climate change and will involve efforts aimed at broad audiences as well as efforts aimed at for-profit and non-profit organizations that are seeking to operate in more climate friendly ways.

In addition, AVDF has expanded the work that we are supporting in our own local community of Jacksonville. We are partnering with the local public media station, WJCT, to build its local journalism capabilities as they seek to fill an increasing gap in local news coverage. Since 2020 AVDF has committed over \$750,000 in funding to launch the newsletter and soon-to-debut website Jacksonville Today. On a very different front, AVDF made the capstone investment in an endowment fund that will support a mental health care coordinator for transitional age patients in the Jacksonville area. Individuals in this age group have been seriously under-served in recent years leading to failures of care that have come at the cost of lost lives. We are pleased to partner with the Jim Moran Foundation, the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, and other local donors to support this significant addition of mental health services in the region.

We remain deeply grateful to the grantees and partners that work with us as we invest in securing a safe, equitable, and healthy common future.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Murray, President

# 2021 GRANTMAKING

**DURING 2021**, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations paid \$10.7 million in grants and approved \$12 million in new grants. A total of 51 new program grants were awarded to 23 states with the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland receiving a larger amount of grants than other states across programs. Non-program grants totaling \$343,290 were awarded to 60 nonprofits for general support.

**\$10.7 Million**  
IN PAID GRANTS

**51**  
NEW PROGRAM GRANTS

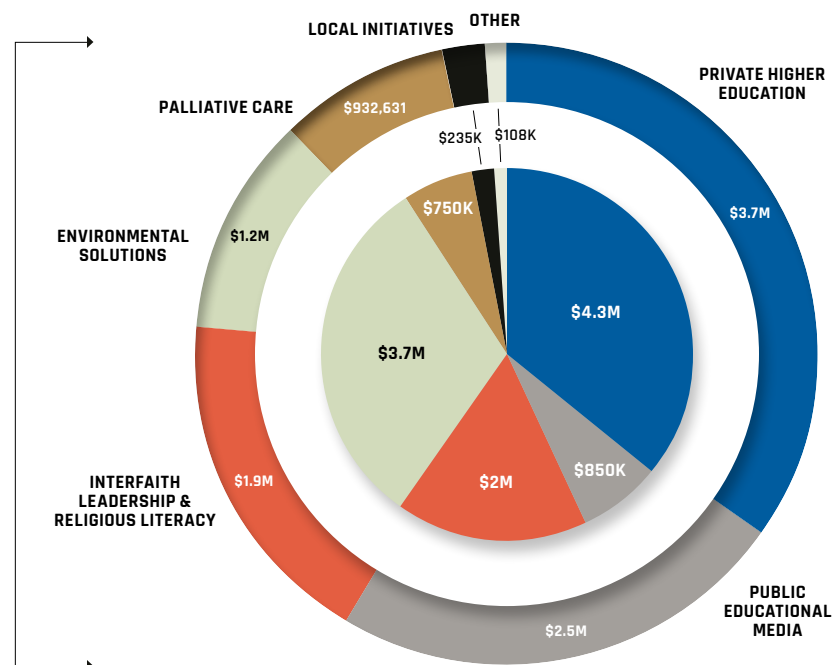
**\$343,290**  
NON-PROGRAM GRANTS

**\$12 Million**  
IN APPROVED GRANTS

**23**  
STATES RECEIVED GRANTS

## 2021 Paid Grants by Program Area

Private Higher Education – \$3.7 MILLION	■
Public Educational Media – \$2.5 MILLION	■
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy – \$1.9 MILLION	■
Environmental Solutions – \$1.2 MILLION	■
Palliative Care – \$932,631	■
Local Initiatives – \$235,000	■
Other – \$108,000	■



## 2021 Approved Grants by Program Areas

■ \$4.3 MILLION – Private Higher Education
■ \$850,000 – Public Educational Media
■ \$2 MILLION – Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy
■ \$3.7 MILLION – Environmental Solutions
■ \$750,000 – Palliative Care
■ \$235,000 – Local Initiatives
■ \$108,000 – Other

# 2021 GRANT CYCLE

**THE 2021 GRANT CYCLE** yielded a total of 215 Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) across programs with a total requested amount of over \$45 million. Of this amount 60 percent was for projects in Private Higher Education, 39 percent for Interfaith, and 1 percent for Public Educational Media. In 2021, AVDF did not accept submissions for film and television productions in the Public Educational Media program but invited proposals for educational podcasts and local journalism. Invited proposals totaled \$5.5 million for Private Higher Education, \$2.4 million for Interfaith, and \$625,000 for Public Educational Media. The evaluation of the Environmental Solutions and Palliative Care pilot programs was completed in 2021. Therefore, proposals were invited from designated partners in Environmental Solutions totaling \$4 million and in Palliative Care totaling \$750,000.

215

LETTERS OF INQUIRY

\$45 Million

REQUESTED

60%

PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION

39%

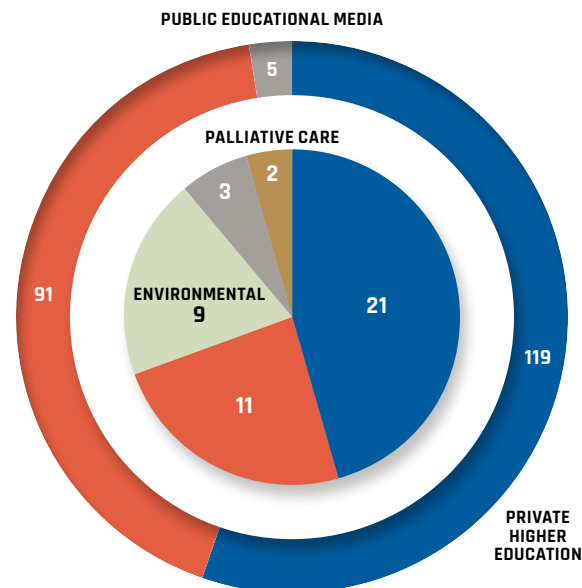
INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP  
& RELIGIOUS LITERACY

1%

PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

## 2021 Letters of Inquiry Received by Program Area

Private Higher Education	119 LOIs	\$27 MILLION
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy	91 LOIs	\$18 MILLION
Public Educational Media	5 LOIs	\$475,000

INTERFAITH  
LEADERSHIP  
& RELIGIOUS  
LITERACY


## 2021 Invited Proposals by Program Area

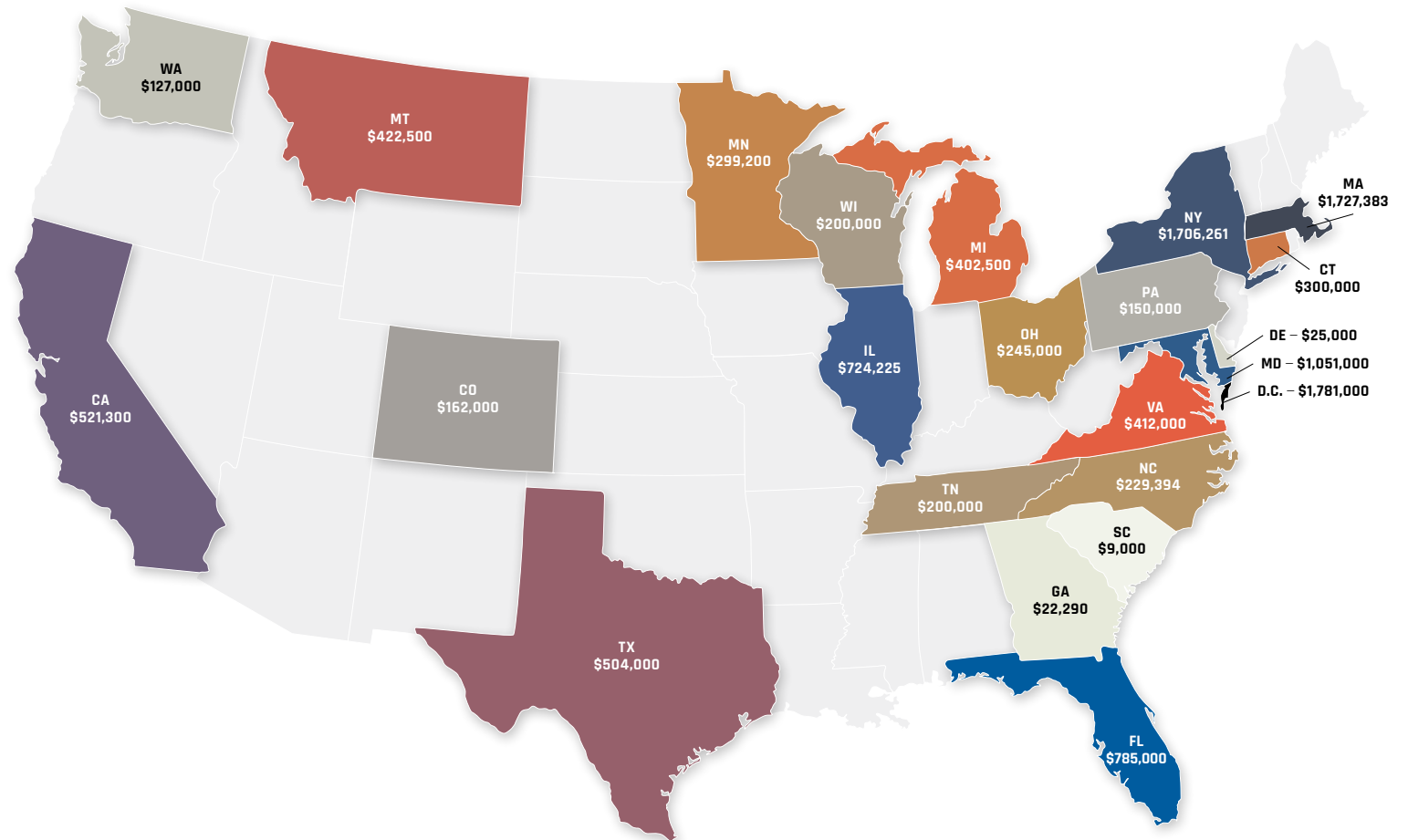
Private Higher Education	21 FULL PROPOSALS / \$5.5 MILLION
Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy	11 FULL PROPOSALS / \$2.4 MILLION
Environmental Solutions	9 FULL PROPOSALS / \$4 MILLION
Public Educational Media	3 FULL PROPOSALS / \$775,000
Palliative Care	2 FULL PROPOSALS / \$750,000



# 2021 GRANT DISTRIBUTION

## 2021 Geographical Distribution of New Grants

District of Columbia – \$1,781,000	■
Massachusetts – \$1,727,383	■
New York – \$1,706,261	■
Maryland – \$1,051,000	■
Florida – \$785,000	■
Illinois – \$724,225	■
California – \$521,300	■
Texas – \$504,000	■
Montana – \$422,500	■
Virginia – \$412,000	■
Michigan – \$402,500	■
Connecticut – \$300,000	■
Minnesota – \$299,200	■
Ohio – \$245,000	■
North Carolina – \$229,394	■
Tennessee – \$200,000	■
Wisconsin – \$200,000	■
Colorado – \$162,000	■
Pennsylvania – \$150,000	■
Washington – \$127,000	■
Delaware – \$25,000	■
Georgia – \$22,290	■
South Carolina – \$9,000	■



# 2021 FINANCIALS

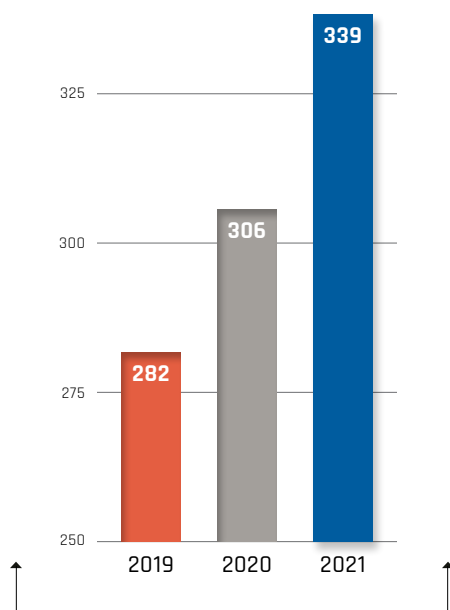
IN 2021, AVDF's endowments grew \$33 million reaching an all-time high of \$339 million. AVDF also enjoyed its second highest grant approvals at \$12 million.



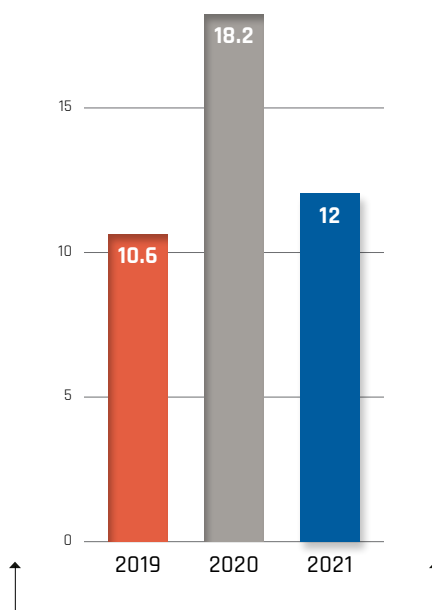
**\$339 Million**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$12 Million**  
IN APPROVED GRANTS

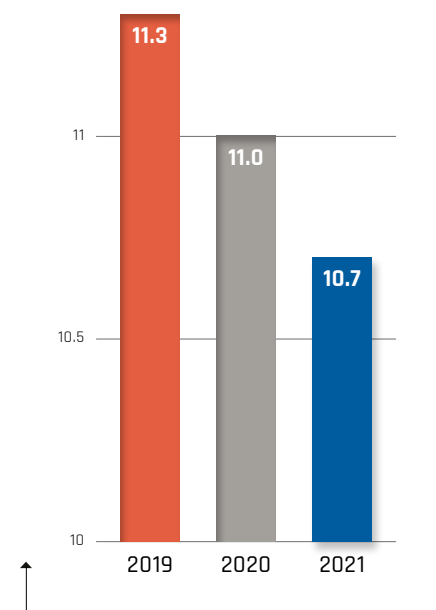
**\$10.7 Million**  
IN GRANTS PAID



**Total Assets**  
in Millions



**Grants Approved**  
in Millions



**Grants Paid**  
in Millions



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