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Kenneth Rainin Foundation May 2015 Grantee Survey

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- *We **do not** report or share individual results or identifying characteristics with Kenneth Rainin Foundation.*
- *We **will not** share the names of grantees that did or did not respond to the survey with Kenneth Rainin Foundation.*
- *We will only report your response in aggregate with other responses.*

Please respond online by June 19, 2015

Please respond to as many questions as possible. Previous respondents have found that this survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Foundations are listening: Your response is very important and will help foundations improve their ability to work with grantees.

*Please feel free to contact Laurel Mitchell at CEP with any questions:
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Thank you for your participation in this study.

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KENNETH RAININ FOUNDATION – ABOUT YOUR FUNDING

Please choose a recent grant from Kenneth Rainin Foundation (referred to as “the Foundation”) to keep in mind when answering the survey. Choose a grant you know well. If your organization received other grants from the Foundation for which you were not the main contact, other members of your organization may have been asked to fill out the survey for those separate grants.

A. From which Foundation program area did you receive this grant? *(please check only one)*

- Arts
- Education
- Health

B. Who is/was your main contact at the Foundation for this grant? *(please check only one)*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Ambrose | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan True |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Fahey | <input type="checkbox"/> Jen Rainin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Hausman | <input type="checkbox"/> Apryl Rhinehart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Trott | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

C. At this point in time, what is one word that best describes the Foundation?



ABOUT YOUR FUNDING

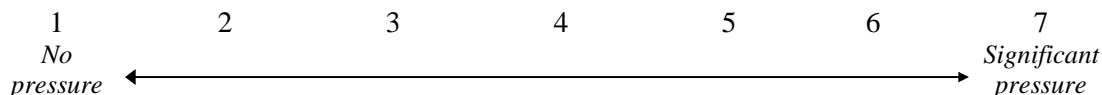
8. Describe the recent grant from the Foundation about which you are responding.
- a. Type of funding: *(Please check only one category. For health research grantees, please select "Program/project support" below.)*
- Program/project support
 - General operating/core support
 - Capital support: building/renovation/endowment support/other
 - Scholarship or research fellowship
 - Technical assistance/capacity building
 - Event/sponsorship funding
- b. Total number of years of approved funding for this grant: _____ years + _____ months
- c. Total funding committed in U.S. dollars for this grant:
(Please include the full multi-year value committed for this grant)
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9. Which of the following best describes the pattern of your organization's funding relationship with the Foundation? *(Please check only one)*
- This is the first grant my organization has received from the Foundation
 - My organization has received consistent funding from the Foundation in the past
 - My organization has received inconsistent funding from the Foundation in the past
 - Don't know
10. Which of the following statements best describes the primary effect the receipt of this grant had on your organization's programs or operations? *(Please check only one)*
- As a result of receiving this grant...
- We added program work that was new to the organization
 - We expanded a specific program that already existed
 - We maintained our ability to conduct an existing program that would have otherwise been reduced or discontinued
 - We enhanced our capacity to conduct all of our work
 - Don't know/Not applicable

GRANT SELECTION

11. Did you submit a proposal to the Foundation for this grant?
- Yes
 - No *(skip questions 12, 14, and 15)*
 - Don't know *(skip questions 12, 14, and 15)*



12. As you developed your grant proposal, how much pressure did you feel to modify your organization's priorities in order to create a grant proposal that was likely to receive funding?



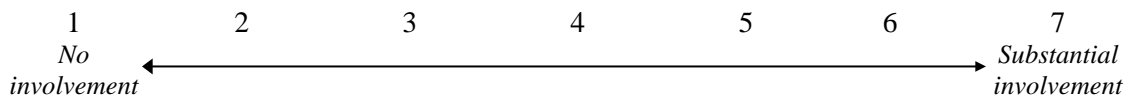
13. Which of the following, if any, were part of the selection process by which your funding request was reviewed? *(Please check all that apply)*

- Letter of intent/letter of inquiry
- In-person conversations with Foundation staff at the Foundation's office
- Phone conversations with Foundation staff
- Communication about the specific results to be achieved by this grant either in exchanges with Foundation staff (email, phone, or in-person) or within the formal grant proposal
- Logic Model/Theory of Change
- None of the above

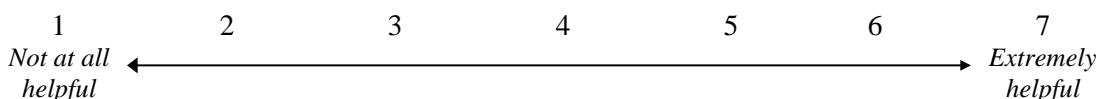
14. How much time elapsed from the submission of the grant proposal to clear **commitment** of funding?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 month – 3 months
- 4 months – 6 months
- 7 months – 9 months
- 10 months – 12 months
- More than 12 months
- Don't know

15. How involved was Foundation staff in the development of your grant proposal?



16. How helpful was participating in the Foundation's selection process in strengthening the organization/program funded by the grant?



GRANT REPORTING/EVALUATION

Questions 17-20 refer to any reporting or evaluation that occurs after the grant was approved.

17. Was there or will there be a reporting/evaluation process? *(Please check all that apply)*

- There was/will be no report/evaluation *(skip to question 21)*
- Yes, there will be a report/evaluation but it has not occurred yet *(skip to question 21)*
- Yes, we have participated in a reporting process *(continue to question 18)*
- Yes, we have participated in an evaluation *(continue to question 18)*
- Don't know *(skip to question 21)*

18. Was an external evaluator involved in your reporting/evaluation process?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



25. Please estimate the total number of hours you and your staff spent on each of the following activities related to this grant from the Foundation.

a. Grant proposal creation and selection process: _____ hours

OR

Did not occur

b. Foundation-required grant monitoring, reporting, and evaluation: _____ hours

OR

Did not occur

26. Please indicate whether you used any of the following resources, and if so how helpful you found each. *(Please check all that apply and note that the Foundation may or may not offer each of the following resources.)*

How helpful was it?

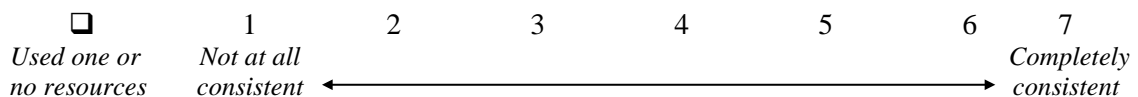
(1= Not at all helpful,

7= Extremely helpful)

We used:

The Foundation's published funding guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The Foundation's website	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The Foundation's annual report	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Group meetings with Foundation staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Individual communication with Foundation staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
The Foundation's blog	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Twitter accounts from the Foundation or its staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Facebook pages from the Foundation or its staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Videos created by the Foundation or its staff (e.g., on YouTube)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other <i>(please specify)</i> : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

27. How consistent was the information provided by different communication resources, both personal and written, that you used to learn about the Foundation?



28. Please comment on the quality of the Foundation's processes, interactions, and communications. Your answer will help us better understand what it is like to work with the Foundation. *(You are not limited in the length of your response.)*



29. Has your main contact at the Foundation changed in the past six months?

- Yes No Not applicable

YOUR FUNDER’S IMPACT ON YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR FIELD

30. Please indicate all types of non-monetary assistance, if any, you received (from staff or a third party paid for by the Foundation) associated with this funding. Please note the Foundation may or may not provide any of the following types of assistance.

No other assistance was provided.

We received:

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- General management advice
- Strategic planning advice
- Financial planning/accounting
- Development of performance measures

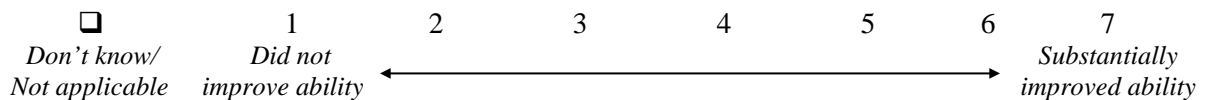
FIELD-RELATED ASSISTANCE

- Encouraged/facilitated collaboration
- Insight and advice on your field
- Introductions to leaders in the field
- Provided research or best practices
- Provided seminars/forums/convenings

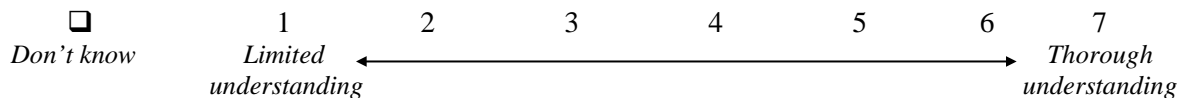
OTHER ASSISTANCE

- Board development/governance assistance
- Information technology assistance
- Communications/marketing/publicity assistance
- Use of the Foundation’s facilities
- Staff/management training
- Assistance securing funding from other sources
- Other (please specify): _____

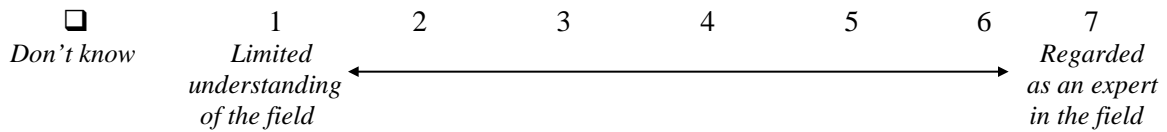
31. How much, if at all, did the Foundation improve your ability to sustain the work funded by this grant in the future?



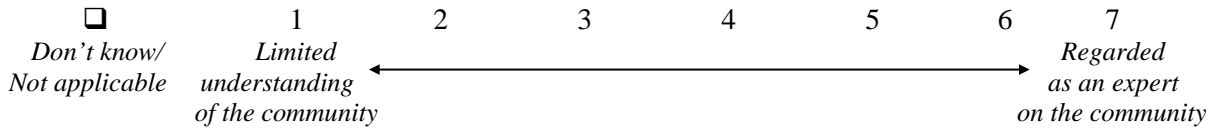
32. How well does the Foundation understand your organization’s strategy and goals?



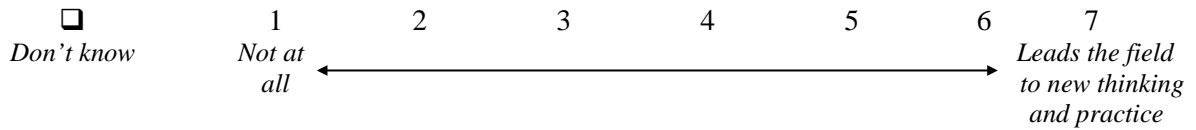
33. How well does the Foundation understand the field in which you work?



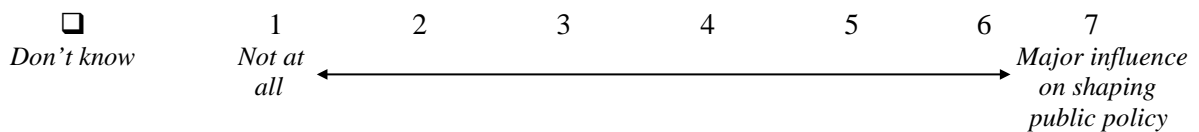
34. How well does the Foundation understand the local community in which you work?



35. To what extent has the Foundation advanced the state of knowledge in your field?



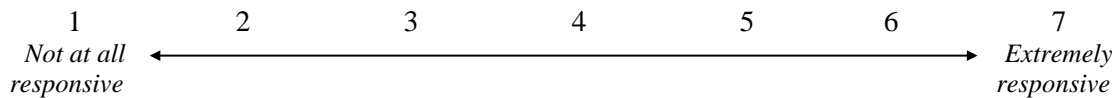
36. To what extent has the Foundation affected public policy in your field?



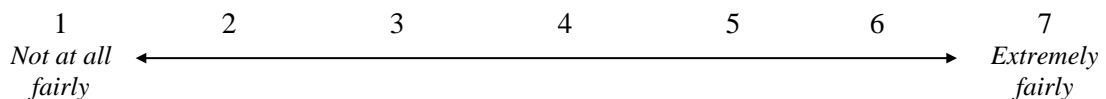
37. Please comment on the impact the Foundation is having on your field, community, or organization. Your answer will help us to better understand the nature of the Foundation's impact. *(You are not limited in the length of your response.)*

OTHER IMPRESSIONS

38. Overall, how responsive was Foundation staff?



39. Overall, how fairly did the Foundation treat you?

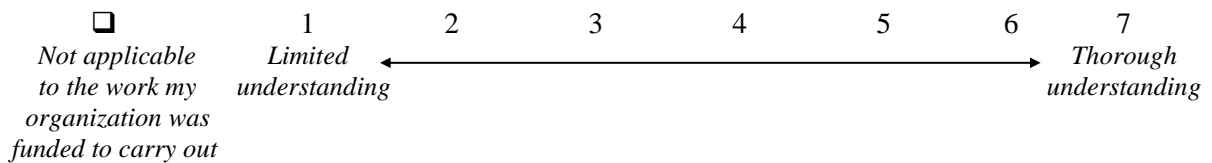


40. What specific improvements would you suggest that would make the Foundation a better funder?
(You are not limited in the length of your response.)

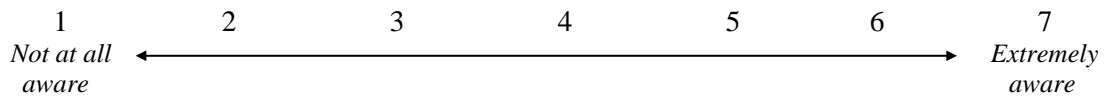
41. At any point during the application or the grant period, did the Foundation and your organization exchange ideas regarding how your organization would assess the results of the work funded by this grant?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

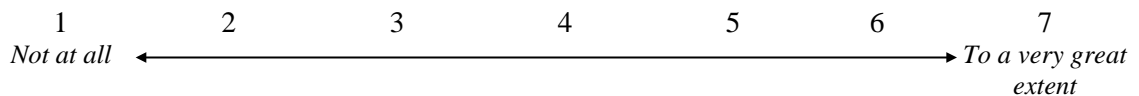
42. How well does the Foundation understand the social, cultural, or socioeconomic factors that affect your work?



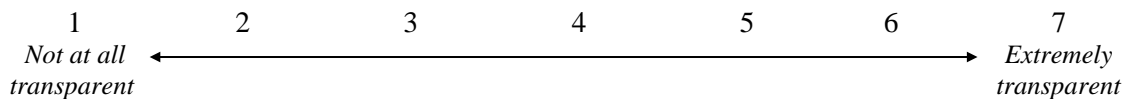
43. How aware is the Foundation of the challenges that your organization is facing?



44. To what extent does the Foundation take advantage of its various resources to help your organization address its challenges?



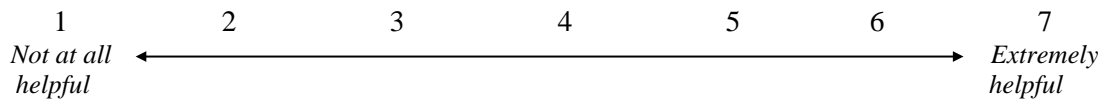
45. Overall how transparent is the Foundation with your organization?



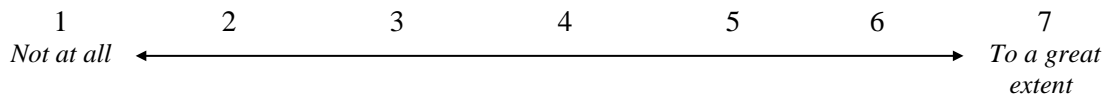
46. Please rate the Foundation's transparency in the following areas

	Not at all transparent					Extremely transparent	
The Foundation's processes for selecting grantees	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Any changes that affect the funding your organization might receive in the future	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Best practices the Foundation has learned - through its work or through others' work - about the issue areas it funds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The Foundation's experiences with what it has tried but has not worked in its past grantmaking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

47. How helpful has the Foundation been to your organization's ability to assess progress towards your organization's goals?

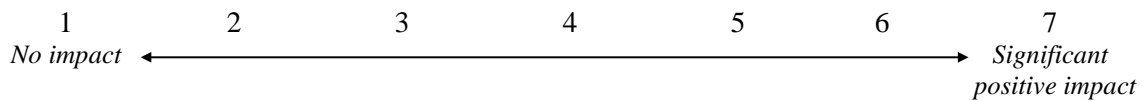


48. To what extent is the Foundation open to ideas from grantees about its strategy?

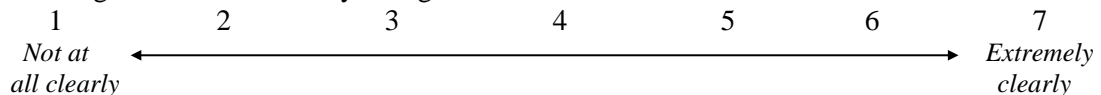


KENNETH RAININ FOUNDATION – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

D. *Funding Assistance*: To what extent did the Foundation's reputation lend credibility to your efforts to obtain additional funding from other sources?



E. *Reporting Results*: How clearly do you understand the specific results the Foundation expects to achieve through the work funded by this grant?



F. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

*In order to achieve the specific results **the Foundation expects to achieve through this grant...***

	Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
The size of the grant is appropriate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The length of the grant commitment is appropriate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The type of grant (e.g., program, operating, capital, research, etc.) is appropriate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

DEMOGRAPHICS

49. Have you ever been declined funding from the Foundation?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

50. What is your position? *(Please check only one)*

- Executive Director/CEO
 Other Development Staff
 Other Senior Management
 Volunteer
 Project Director
 Other *(please specify):* _____
 Development Director

51. What is your gender?

- Male
 Other
 Female
 Prefer not to say

52. What is your race/ethnicity? *(Please check all that apply)*

- African-American/Black
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian (including the Indian subcontinent)
 Hispanic/Latino
 Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
 White
 Race/ethnicity not included above
 Prefer not to say

Thank you for participating in this important survey. Your time and candid feedback are appreciated.

