

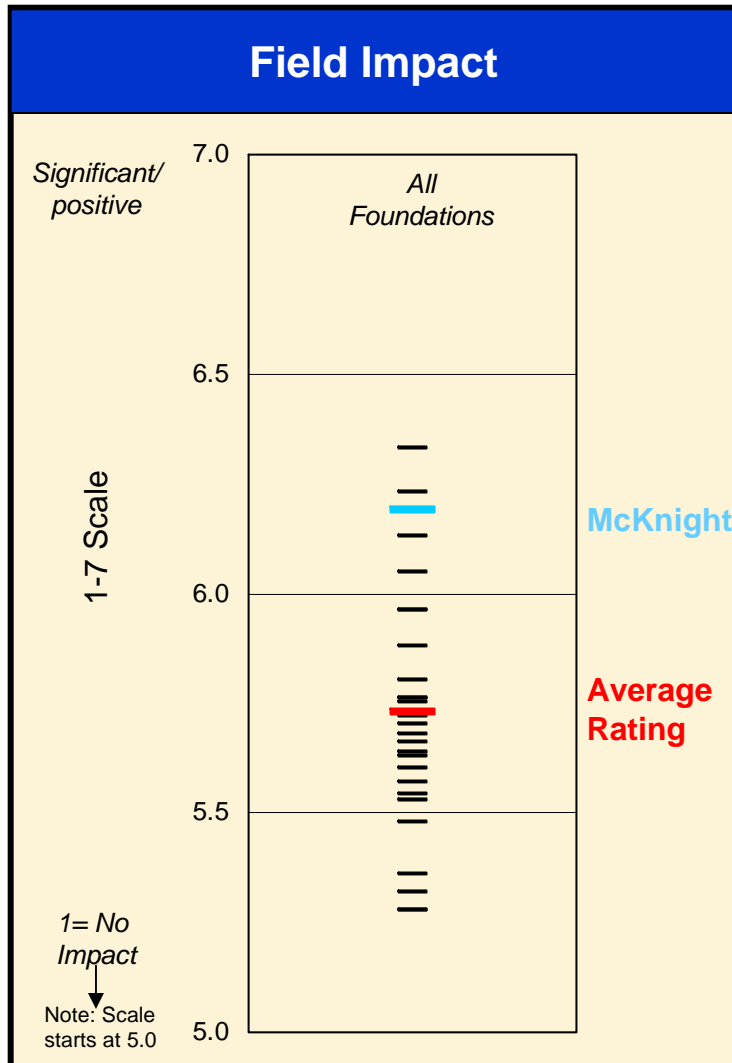
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Field Impact

The Field Impact Measure describes grantees' perceptions of a foundation's impact on the issues associated with the fields in which grantees operate.

- ◆ *Relative to other foundations, The McKnight Foundation (McKnight) grantees believe it has an above average effect on its fields of funding.*

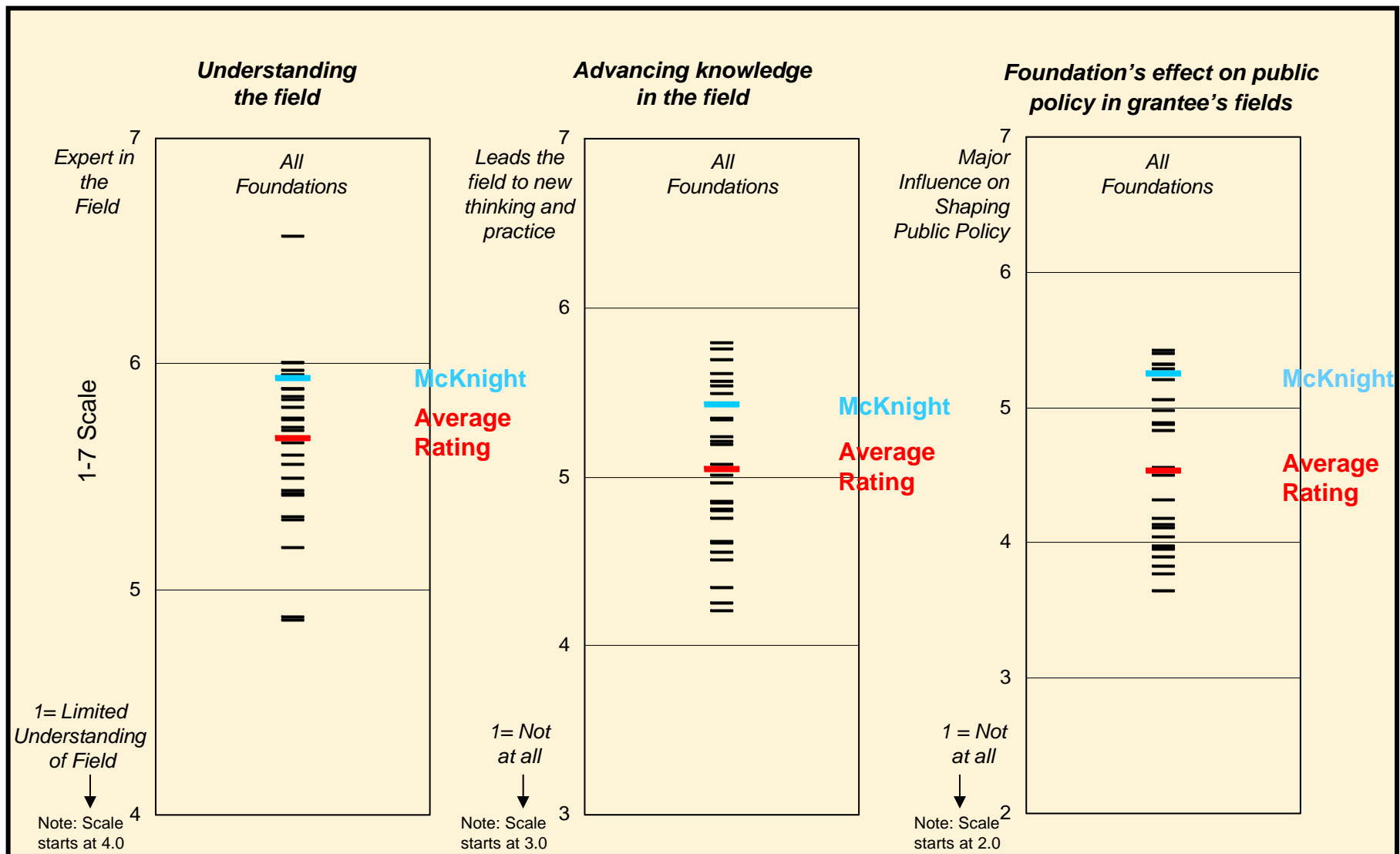


Selected Grantee Quotes

- ◆ *“The McKnight Foundation is one of the best foundations in the country. Their staff members are knowledgeable, they work hard to stay in contact with programs they fund, and they are continuously working to improve the field.”*
- ◆ *“Advice on program is very valuable. McKnight has had huge effect on the field and has leveraged significant local public money.”*
- ◆ *“[We] view the foundation as a leader in the policy field. Not only does it provide monetary support, but it also works with communities in developing partnerships, trainings and conferences.”*
- ◆ *“The foundation is serving as a catalyst to some key work for the field of youth development. With staff support, resources, etc., we are seeing a developing structure to support the field....”*
- ◆ *“Foundation impact on the field of income generation for war-wounded has been limited because lessons learned have not yet been extended to other possible projects.”*
- ◆ *“McKnight is seen as a thought leader and innovator.”*

Field Impact Measures

Grantees perceive McKnight to have an above average understanding of its fields of funding, effect on advancing knowledge in the field, and impact on public policy.



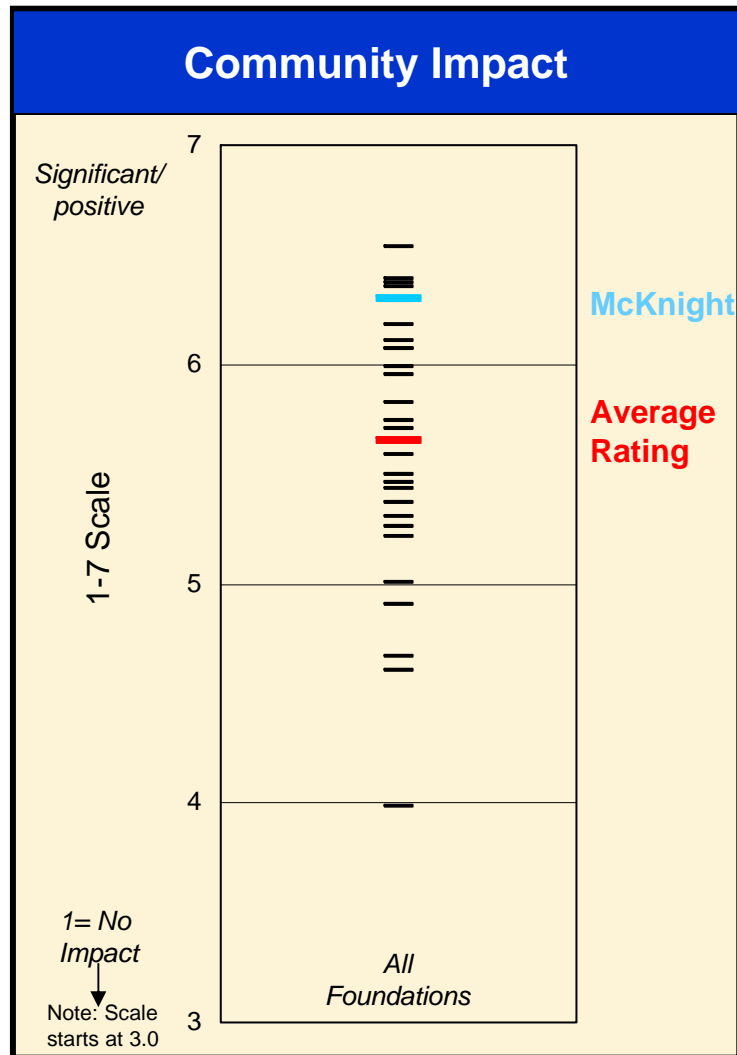
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Community Impact

This measure highlights grantees' perceptions of foundations' impact on their local communities.

- ◆ *McKnight is perceived by grantees to have an above average impact on grantees' communities, one of the highest average ratings in our survey.*

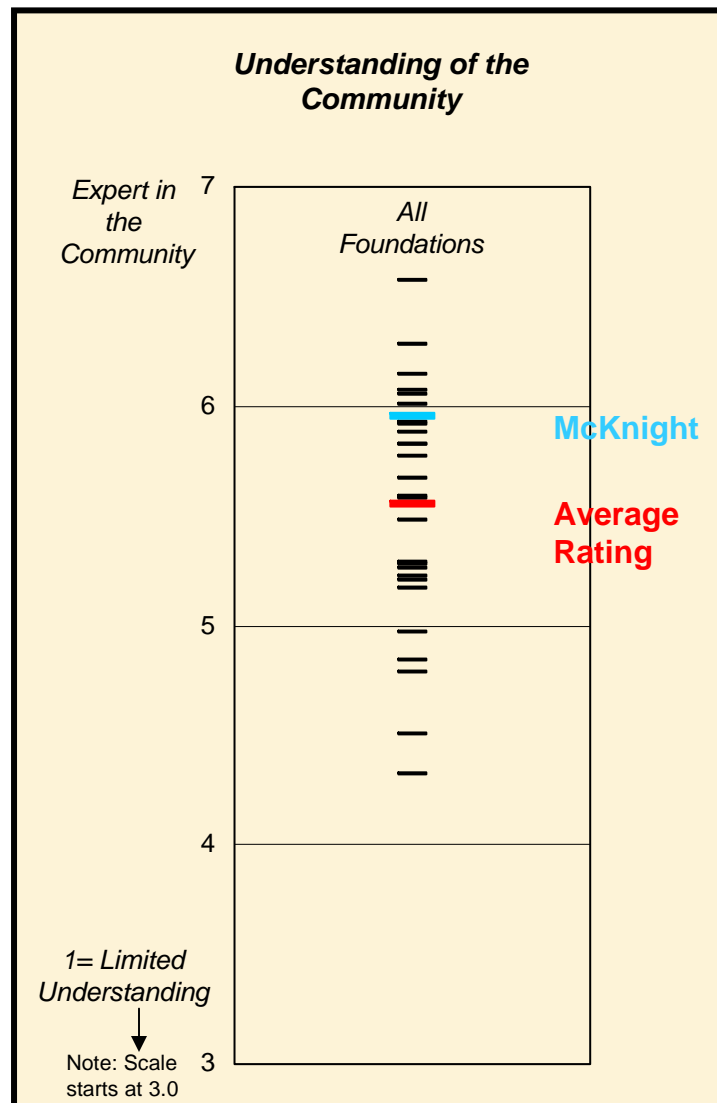


Selected Grantee Quotes

- ◆ *“McKnight Foundation is a crucial leader in the community. The guidance in long term planning, the advice on the condition of the funding community, the insights into what is going on in the field are only a few of the benefits that we receive.”*
- ◆ *“A leader in distributing research and applying it to create change in a positive manner within the community.”*
- ◆ *“When the foundation speaks, people listen very carefully.”*
- ◆ *“The McKnight Foundation is a key member of the twin cities community and certainly also in the community of organizations working with children and families. They do forecasting, they take chances, and they take the lead in areas like the environment.”*
- ◆ *“The foundation support has allowed agencies that serve small communities and grassroots organizations to test methods and determine what strategies work best for child abuse prevention.”*
- ◆ *“The foundation is a leader in focusing awareness, articulating issues, and developing strategies to continue development of the arts as a cornerstone for community building in our state.”*

Community Impact Measures

McKnight is perceived as understanding its grantees' communities better than average relative to other foundations in our sample.



Selected Grantee Quotes

- ♦ *“They are well informed about the community's needs because they seek input on an ongoing basis. They don't merely assume to know what's best or needed - they ask. There is a level of vision, backed by generous financial support of that vision, which is rare in the funding community.”*
- ♦ *“There is strong interest and investment by the foundation in local and regional communities. The difficulty comes when these communities are working at odds with one another. The foundation continues to support this work in a constructive and thoughtful way, making it dynamic and relevant to an array of stakeholders.”*
- ♦ *“Their willingness to remain committed to our community, even when organizations fray and/or fail, is a testament to the McKnight Foundation's understanding of communities such as ours. Their support helps to propagate hope when sometimes things can feel hopeless. And it can be the refining fire of fraying and failing organizations in a community that gives the community an opportunity for new life, rather than simply the experience of death.”*

Survey-wide Analysis Fact: Survey results show a trade-off between field and community understanding. Higher understanding of the field correlates strongly with lower understanding of (and impact on) grantees' communities. McKnight Foundation bucks this trend, rating highly in both areas.