

The Trump Foundation from the Perspective of its Partners

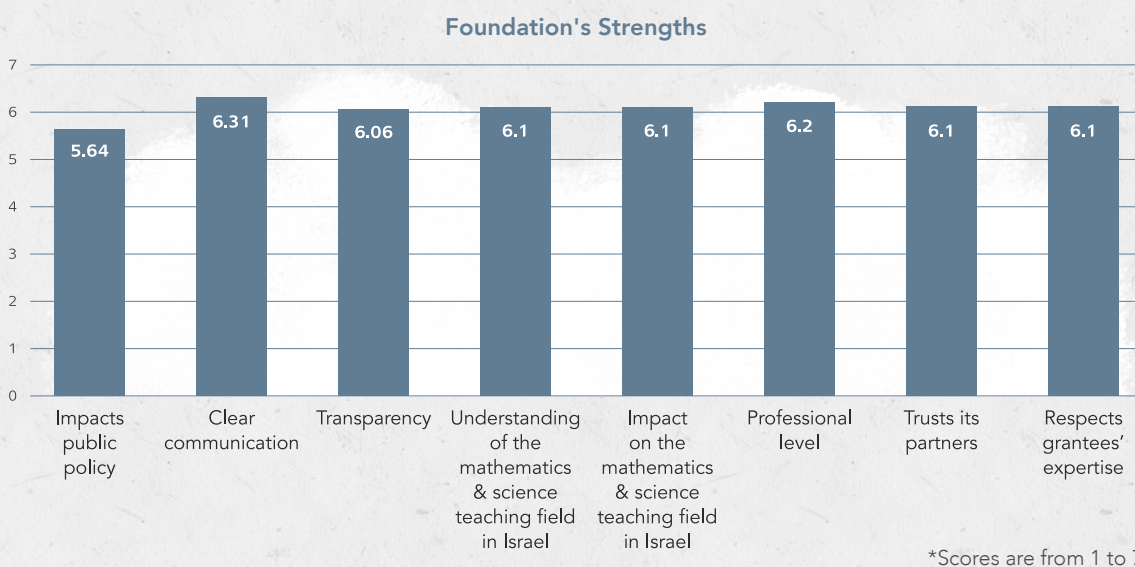
Feedback from grantee surveys

2018

Once every two years between 2014 and 2018, the Trump Foundation brought in the Center for Effective Philanthropy to conduct a comprehensive survey among the foundation's grant recipients.

Strengths

The foundation's partners describe it as focused, professional, excellence-promoting, clear and lucid, and as impacting mathematics and science teaching in Israel, and impacting public policy in the field.

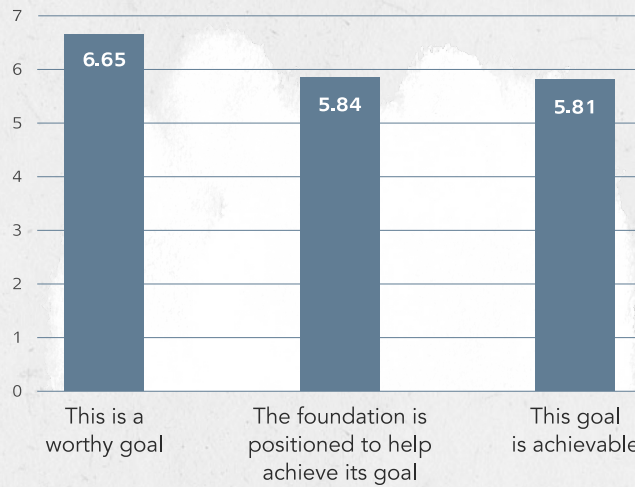


The foundation's grant recipients very favorably commend the convening the foundation conducts. More than 70% of grantees asked that the foundation continue and increase this practice with an emphasis on meetings in small groups that address specific professional skills.

Relations between the grant recipients and the foundation receive high marks and almost all its partners (99%) believe the foundation is capable of achieving the goals it set for itself.

Towards the foundation's next step in middle school, whose success will be measured by Israel making it to the top 15 countries excelling in mathematics, the foundation grantees responded that this goal is a very worthy one and there is a relatively good chance of attaining it because the foundation is quite well positioned to assist in this respect.

What do you think about the foundation working on its goal for middle schools, whose success will be measured by Israel being among the top 15 countries to excel in mathematics?



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Weak points

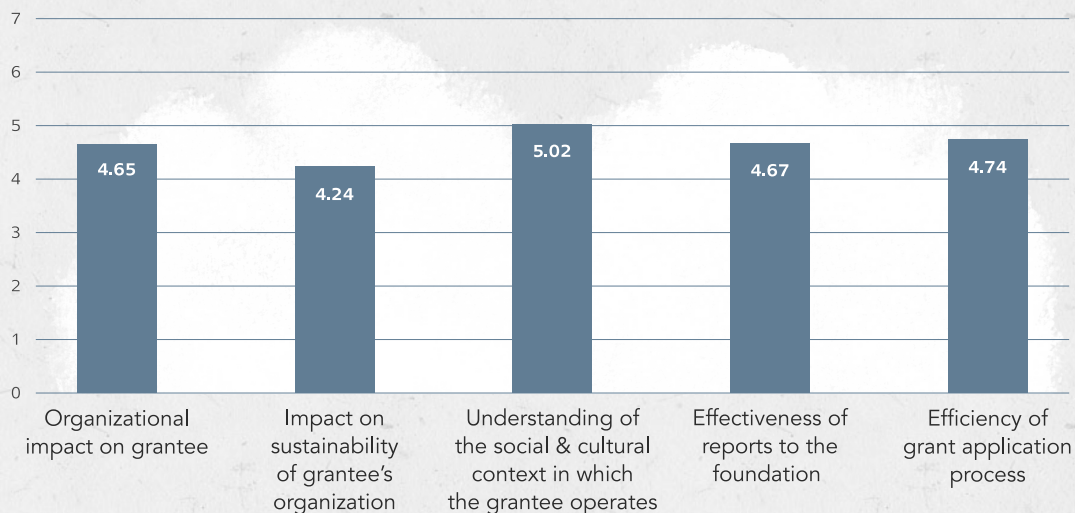
The foundation’s partners are critical of its focus and suggest that it expands its activities to many additional areas. They rank the foundation’s openness as low (4.52) when it comes to listening to ideas about new directions.

Grantees note that the organization in which they work is large with wide-ranging activities. Therefore they argue that due to the foundation’s focus, it does not have real impact on their organizational environment.

They also feel pressured by the foundation to plan their program in line with the foundation’s objectives and see its insistence that the application and the progress reports be based on data as obstinacy.

The closer the grant from the foundation was nearing its end, the more likely the grantee was to express concern over the future of their program and to give a lower score to the foundation.

Foundation's Weak Points



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The foundation's decision to establish a "professional infrastructure" was received with concern by its partners and grant recipients. They worry about the activity of new intermediary bodies and prefer for the foundation to continue to directly fund their programs and organizations.

About 60% of the foundation's grantees claim that the name of the foundation being the same as the name of the US president, creates confusion. Seven percent claim that this confusion causes a negative image and 21% believe that it generates unnecessary controversy. 34% of grantees recommend that the foundation change its name.