

Mission

The de Beaumont Foundation believes that a strong public health system is essential. The Foundation works to transform the practice of public health through strategic and engaged grantmaking. Programs funded by the Foundation build the capacity and stature of the public health workforce, improve public health infrastructure, and advance the distribution and relevancy of information and data in the field.

Program Areas

The Foundation is committed to the following core program areas:

Workforce Development

Supporting training and education initiatives that help public health professionals be more efficient and better managers of people, money, and systems.

Building Infrastructure

Eliminating inefficiencies and testing new, innovative models of public health delivery. Working to encourage health departments, and the organizations that serve them, to collaborate and implement best practices.

Information & Data

Improving information and data management by funding effective campaigns and innovative technology.

History

Pierre S. de Beaumont started an independent, private foundation in 1998, with a broad health-related purpose. Mr. de Beaumont wanted his philanthropy to reduce human suffering from disease, but chose to give the Foundation's Board of Directors ultimate discretion in the choice of specific funding priorities.

Mr. de Beaumont believed in a broad mandate for the Foundation and supported a general concentration on public health, where he hoped the Foundation could make a significant impact. He was strongly interested in initiating programs that had the potential to become self-sustaining and particularly liked entrepreneurial projects that could be profitable.

Mr. de Beaumont encouraged the Foundation to follow sound corporate management principals, such as excellent customer service, and to be nimble and responsive to worthy requests. He believed in the concept of engaged philanthropy, which is why the Foundation has always worked closely with its grantees. Mr. de Beaumont preferred projects that had specific outcomes and would provide additional support to ensure that those outcomes could be expanded or taken to scale. As a result, the Foundation has worked with grantees to see an initial idea developed, implemented, and evaluated; as well as supported subsequent projects that grew out of initial grants.