# Funding \& Conducting Advocacy: Flashpoints for Private Foundations 

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## Agenda

- Lobbying
- IRS Rules
- Case Study Applying the Rules
- What can private foundations do?
- Funding organizations that lobby (charities and expenditure responsibility grantees)
- Additional Federal and State Lobbying Laws
- Elections
- Basic Rules
- Grant Making Activities and Elections
- Government Officials Gifts and Ethics Rules
- A Private Foundation Compliance Program

IRS Rules on Lobbying:
Public Charities vs. Private Foundations

## Public Charities

IRS Rules on Electioneering:
Public Charities vs. Private Foundations


## CASE STUDY: Early Childhood Education

> \$2 million grant to a charity that advocates at the state level to change the state's funding formula for schools and to get more money appropriated for early childhood education


## Purpose of the Grant:

- Educating parents about how the funding formula works in the state and how that impacts local school budgets
- Meeting with state legislators and their staff to discuss changes to the state budget appropriations and funding formulas for public school education
- Meeting with school teachers' associations and unions to educate them about the funding formula and its impact on their ability to provide high quality instruction

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