

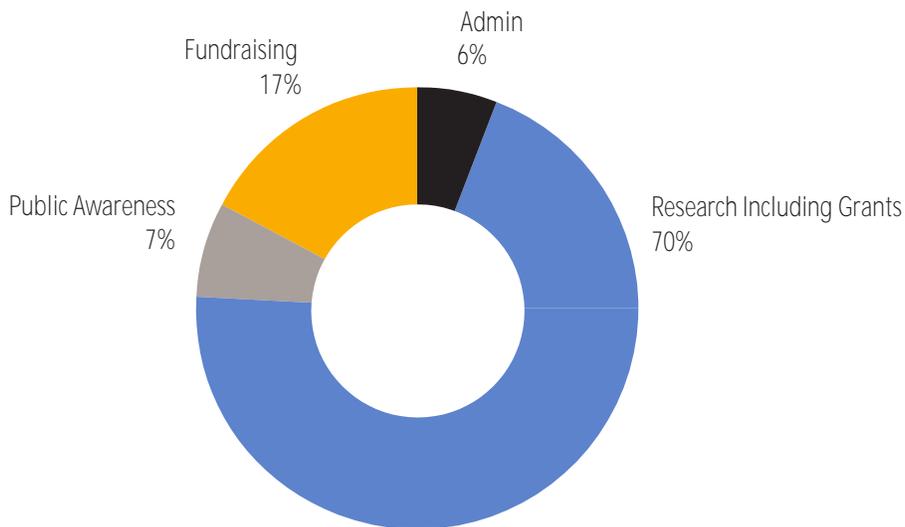
## What Does Your Donation Fund?

Since 1971, the Foundation has raised over \$725 million in support of its mission to end blindness caused by retinal degenerative diseases. Throughout our history, we have maintained a steadfast commitment to directing the highest possible proportion of revenue to research to find treatments and cures for the entire spectrum of retinal degenerations, including retinitis pigmentosa, age-related macular degeneration, Stargardt disease, and Usher syndrome. During the Foundation's 47-year tenure, nearly \$500 million has been committed to retinal research and over \$50 million to public health education programs.

During the Foundation's current fiscal year (2018), we are funding 77 research projects overseen by 65 investigators at 67 research institutions worldwide. Thanks to accelerated progress in clinical and translational research, more funds are being invested in the latter end of the research continuum; that is, in the safety and efficacy testing of specific treatments and cures.

### Fiscal Year 2018

Over our history FFB has, on average, directed about 75 percent of its annual revenue budget to research and public awareness programs, maintaining our high average investment in these key program areas.



The Foundation Fighting Blindness is an Accredited Charity by the Better Business Bureau's BBB Wise Giving Alliance. We are also pleased to be rated as four stars (top rating) for accountability and transparency by the Charity Navigator website. Our overall Charity Navigator rating is three stars.

We are extremely proud of the Foundation's contribution to advancing retinal disease science. When the Foundation began its work, there was virtually no research on retinal diseases and no treatment options for people who were losing or had lost their sight to these diseases. Now, as the field enters Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials for many new treatments, our strategy of early and sustained investment in promising or emerging research, often with the hope of attracting later industry investment, has proven to be highly effective.