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<a href="#">Alfred P. Sloan Foundation</a>	<p>"Energy and Environment Program: To advance understanding about the economic, environmental, security, and policy trade-offs associated with the increased deployment of low- and no-carbon resources and technologies across the energy system and the resulting impacts on the quality of American life.</p> <p>Grants in this program focus on advancing a series of interrelated strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Generate Novel Research and Knowledge: The primary focus of this program is to build an impartial science, technology, engineering, economic, and policy knowledge base as a public good.</li> <li>-Train the Next Generation of Scholars and Practitioners: An important component of this program is introducing new voices into the field and training the next generation of individuals capable of anticipating and addressing energy challenges and opportunities.</li> <li>-Build Multidisciplinary Networks and Communities: Grantmaking aims to strengthen existing research networks and create longstanding communities of practice that will endure beyond the program's timeline.</li> <li>-Educate Stakeholders and Disseminate Information for Decision-Making: Appropriate grantees will be engaged to apply impartial research findings to inform the development of policies and practices that address the deployment of low- and no-carbon technologies and resources.</li> <li>-Attract Additional Resources: This program aims to seed new ideas that stimulate additional support for research on these topics by government, industry, and philanthropy.</li> </ul>	<p>LOI's accepted at any time</p>
<a href="#">Caldera Foundation (Northern CA branch of Ayrshire Foundation)</a>	<p>Caldera is a small family foundation that advances solutions to big global challenges. We focus especially on issues related to preventing climate disruption and making wise use of our natural capital. Our work is grounded in optimism, because we see progress being made and innovations unfolding all around us. Caldera's goal is to contribute, however modestly, to strategies that might help lift the world into a new era—one in which it's understood that green is good economics and being resource-smart enhances our way of life.</p> <p>How We Work</p> <p>Expanding the conversation on ways to move forward We are actively engaged in spreading good ideas and building connections among those pursuing practical solutions in our areas of focus. If you are part of that evolving global network, or want to be, we would love to hear from you.</p> <p>Proactively investing in promising ideas we encounter By providing seed funding at an early, pivotal stage, we help groundbreaking initiatives gain momentum and attract funding from larger social investors. You can find some examples of our investments described below. Please note that we do not solicit or accept grant proposals, but welcome the chance to learn about relevant initiatives around the globe.</p>	<p>Is not currently accepting unsolicited proposals. However, the foundation is relatively new, and open to building new relationships with programs.</p>
<a href="#">Clarence Heller Charitable Foundation</a>	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH PROGRAM PRIORITIES</p> <p>To promote the long-term good health and viability of communities and regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by supporting programs to prevent harm to human health from toxic substances and other environmental hazards;</li> <li>by encouraging planning and development at the regional level, aimed at integrating economic and social goals with sound environmental policies; and</li> <li>by supporting initiatives for sustainability in agriculture and food systems.</li> </ul>	<p>Various quarterly deadlines</p>
<a href="#">ClimateWorks</a>	<p>Through six philanthropic investment portfolios, ClimateWorks offers funders, grantees, and partners a range of opportunities to take action on climate change; supporting them with a combination of expertise, insights, and capacity to make our collective efforts more strategic and effective.</p> <p>These specialized portfolios: Clean Power, Transportation, Energy Efficiency, Forests and Land Use, Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Mitigation, and Cross-Cutting Strategies work both individually and collectively to target opportunities in areas that demonstrate the biggest potential for mitigating climate change's most damaging effects.</p> <p>In addition to our six portfolios, ClimateWorks has created the Global View — a strategic overarching program run by a team of experts that provides a range of ongoing actionable data and insights into the scientific, political, socioeconomic, and philanthropic landscapes.</p> <p>The Global View's insights help ClimateWorks and our partners shape, monitor, evaluate, and refine our ongoing efforts. As a result, we are able to more effectively prioritize opportunities to transform energy systems, forestry and land use practices, urban development, and other arenas — focusing on accelerating climate action in the highest emitting geographies around the world with high or growing energy demand, deforestation rates, and ecosystem loss.</p>	<p>Does not accept unsolicited proposals.</p>
<a href="#">David and Lucile Packard Foundation</a>	<p>The foundation aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Promote clean power alternatives that reduce reliance on coal.</li> <li>-Increase the availability of low carbon transportation options to minimize global oil consumption.</li> <li>-Increase energy efficiency across all sectors.</li> <li>-Minimize emissions from land use practices around the world by stopping deforestation and improving agricultural practices.</li> <li>-Reduce emissions of potent greenhouse gases beyond carbon dioxide alone, including black carbon, methane, and hydrofluorocarbons.</li> <li>-Identify breakthrough strategies that will change the trajectory of greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ul> <p>As part of their climate change program, the foundation is a heavy supporter of the ClimateWorks Foundation and their network of hundreds of non-profit organizations worldwide.</p>	<p>Open to inquiries by submitting a short description to the relevant Program Officer or using online form</p>
<a href="#">EarthWatch</a>	<p>Various grants and awards for sciences/citizen scientists. For more than 20 years, we have enhanced the skills and experience of talented environmentalists in the early stages of their careers.</p> <p>Through vital conservation research training on our projects, research grants and a global business mentoring scheme, more than 760 scientists have been empowered to take strides in their careers. Our training opportunities equip early-career researchers, conservationists and environmental professionals with the skills and experience needed to further their careers in environmental science, education and/or community engagement.</p> <p>We are continually developing programmes to support early career scientist development.</p>	<p>Makes various open calls</p>

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<a href="#">Energy Foundation</a>	<p>The Climate Program seeks to build support for effective policies that would put a price on carbon and help us avoid the most serious impacts of climate change.</p> <p>We support work to advance policy solutions at both the federal and state levels. Our grantees work on building carbon markets in leading states and regions such as California and the Northeast, and at the national level on a carbon cap or tax. We are working to build bipartisan support for policies that can help achieve this goal. Our grantees are leaders from a range of constituencies, as well as leading analysts and communicators who share our vision of using the power of markets to reduce carbon pollution.</p>	Does not accept unsolicited proposals.
<a href="#">Goodman Family Foundation</a>	<p>Environment: (All requests should include an eco-systems management approach) The Foundation intends to award 2-3 grants in the range of \$10,000 each that support science-based work to improve the Oregon and San Francisco Bay marine systems through protection, planning, and/or restoration. Examples include: a) studying and mitigating climate change and how it affects marine life, shoreline erosion, coastal flooding, and/or water pollution; b) protecting and restoring tidal wetlands; and/or c) estuary restoration.</p>	Fall and Spring LOI Cycles
<a href="#">Hewlett Foundation</a>	<p>The Hewlett Foundation has been investing for a number of years in various strategies to avoid the worst effects of climate change and spare human suffering by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Our grants focus on cleaning up power production, using less oil, using energy more efficiently, preserving forests, addressing non-CO2 greenhouse gases, and financing climate-friendly investments. Our grantmaking is focused in developed countries with high energy demand and developing countries with fast-growing energy demand or high deforestation rates.</p> <p>Five strategic imperatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Support work to reduce fossil fuels: We must continue to support current efforts to peak global use of fossil fuels as early as possible, including defending recent successes.</li> <li>-Support work on energy systems: We must pivot from narrowly focusing on specific sub-elements of the energy sector to looking for systemic shifts that are potentially transformational. For example, instead of resting on the field's success at bringing renewable electricity generation to market, we must now support work to overcome the complex, persistent, and interrelated regulatory, legal, social, and political barriers to deploying it at scale.</li> <li>Support work integrating across sectors: The work we support needs to be more broadly integrated across different problems and solutions. For example, transforming the transportation sector will require going beyond vehicle improvement and integrating it with the electricity, information, and land-use sectors.</li> <li>-Support work to store carbon in the land: Climate models suggest that nearly a third of global emissions reductions must come from managing our lands, our agriculture, and our forests. To date, only a very small share of government or philanthropic resources has gone to support this work. Our society must increase that amount dramatically.</li> <li>-Support and promote innovation: Climate philanthropy needs to invest more in research, analysis, and advocacy for policies that drive innovation in advanced energy systems and technologies. This includes finding ways to unlock public funding for the early stages of innovation and encouraging private investment for the commercial deployment of viable new technologies.</li> </ul>	The program is no longer accepting unsolicited letters of inquiry.
<a href="#">John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation</a>	<p>Given the current, and evolving, approaches to address climate change, Climate Change grants focus on building and sustaining sufficient leadership in the United States, India, and China.</p> <p>In the United States, grants aim to assist the United States to meet its own responsibilities to address climate change and reduce emissions by supporting efforts that help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Place a price on carbon.</li> <li>-Reduce methane emissions, especially from development and production of oil and natural gas.</li> <li>-Alter the fuel mix for electricity generation by decreasing reliance on fossil fuels and increasing the use of renewable sources.</li> <li>-Implement bilateral and international agreements with key developing countries on policies or programs to address climate issues.</li> </ul> <p>To enable and assist India's demonstrated and growing leadership on climate change, initial grantmaking supports efforts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Improve the capacity of non-governmental organizations to engage with the Indian government on climate policy.</li> <li>-Build support for an emissions trading scheme.</li> <li>-Catalyze renewable energy production by filling critical knowledge gaps.</li> <li>-Encourage clean technology adoption through targeted capacity building.</li> <li>-Current and future grants will promote efforts within and between the United States, China, and India, among other nations, for leadership, policy development, best practices, and innovations designed to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions</li> </ul> <p>Climate Solutions grants are made by invitation only.</p>	Not accepting unsolicited proposals at this time but open to inquiries
<a href="#">Joseph &amp; Vera Long Foundation Grants</a>	<p>The Joseph &amp; Vera Long Foundation seeks to conserve the natural environment of Northern California and Hawaii by supporting efforts in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-habitat preservation</li> <li>-access to public lands</li> <li>-environmental education</li> <li>-scientific research</li> </ul> <p>The Foundation prefers projects that demonstrate some of the following characteristics:</p> <p>Tangible Results - The Foundation prefers capital projects and ones that result in permanent habitat protection, e.g., land acquisition, conservation easements, lasting habitat preservation, or scientific work product.</p> <p>Matching Funding - Projects that will leverage the Foundation's funding to obtain additional private or public support.</p> <p>Innovation - Projects that are innovative in terms of goals, scientific approach, funding, or relationships among stakeholders.</p> <p>Catalysis - Projects that catalyze additional support and conservation-related activities ancillary to the project's primary focus, such as scientific research conducted on land acquired with the Foundation's support.</p> <p>Education:</p>	Two open LOI periods annually, Summer and Winter

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<a href="#">Nathan Cummings Foundation</a>	<p>NCF sees enormous potential in the ingenuity of diverse communities and enlightened leaders to chart a new course for a sustainable future.</p> <p>We support a just transition to an inclusive clean economy, which reduces carbon emissions and mitigates the adverse effects of climate change on future generations while addressing the needs of people who are already feeling the impact. We encourage creative leadership in communities on the front lines, and support investments and cross-sector collaborations to spur more equitable resource distribution, sustainable development and job creation.</p> <p>Specifically, we will focus on innovative ideas and programs that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Make communities – particularly those most often left behind – safer and more resilient against the growing threat of climate change;</li> <li>-Provide clean energy to everyone and spur more democratic and localized energy opportunities;-</li> <li>-Develop a range of policy solutions that will reduce emissions and promote equitable and sustainable economic growth in the U.S.;</li> <li>-Support and amplify religious, cultural and community leaders working to change the narrative and revitalize community spirit in the face of a changing climate;</li> <li>-Hold corporate leaders and policymakers responsible to all constituencies, not just financial interests, for their roles in mitigating the devastating consequences of climate change; and</li> <li>-Use grants and impact investments to develop local economies and sustainable climate solutions that can spread nationally or globally.</li> </ul>	LOI's accepted
<a href="#">Pisces Foundation</a>	<p>The Pisces Foundation supports organizations working to advance environmental education; improve the stewardship of water resources; and reduce global climate change. We support environmental literacy because we believe it yields a range of important benefits to people and communities today—and is an indispensable building block of an environmentally sustainable future. We work to forge new approaches and solutions to protect water resources because the threats posed by increasing demand and pollution put at risk safe and sufficient water for people and the environment. And we support efforts to reduce global warming because without a stable climate our health, communities, and our economy are threatened by profound impacts.</p>	Does not take unsolicited proposals
<a href="#">Surdna Foundation</a>	<p><b>SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS &amp; EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS</b></p> <p>Funding for programs that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Strengthen and expand the use of transportation project performance standards that improve transportation options, increase access and mobility, reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, and advance climate resilient strategies;</li> <li>-Strengthen procurement and other policies so that the public funds spent on transportation help create quality jobs and deliver the broadest possible public benefits to nearby communities;</li> <li>-Support innovative revenue models to build out sustainable transportation networks and ensure public benefits;</li> <li>-Promote regional transportation and land use practices that integrate light rail, transit, and urban-suburban connections.</li> </ul> <p>Preference to efforts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve conditions and opportunities for communities that rely on public transportation;</li> <li>Integrate transportation system improvements with other infrastructure needs (for example, transportation solutions that provide for stormwater management and/or help with regional food supply distribution and delivery);</li> <li>Build next generation infrastructure capacity and expertise among state and local leaders;</li> <li>Collect and distribute success stories and lessons learned to key leaders.</li> </ul>	LOI's accepted
<a href="#">The Unger Vetlesen Foundation Grants in Natural and Earth Sciences</a>	<p>The G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation makes grants for research and operational support in marine and ocean conservation, earth sciences, climate change, and wildlife management. Grants are to nonprofit organizations, mainly in the U.S., for projects ranging from local to international. Supports research, program development, and general support grants throughout the U.S.</p>	Letters of inquiry accepted anytime
<a href="#">V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation</a>	<p>The urgency of dealing with climate change, unsustainable consumption, and loss of biodiversity are the overall themes for the V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation. We work primarily in the United States, but only on national and international level issues. Any non-US funding must be multinational in scope and not focus on any specific country, region, or continent.</p> <p>We favor projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-take stock of the scale of the environmental problems</li> <li>-use a systems approach to achieve change</li> <li>-link policy, advocacy, and practical solution</li> <li>-have international significance and perspective – even if US based</li> <li>-are based on original thinking and creative ideas</li> <li>-Our typical grantees are small or midsize organizations with demonstrated leadership in developing strategy, communicating vision, and effective project performance. We do not provide core funding. Currently, we only evaluate projects that fall within one of the following categories:</li> </ul> <p><b>Ecosystems Resilience, Protection and Restoration</b></p> <p>Ecosystem services - research and tools of relevance to large scale geographic areas including many countries and continents            Natural greenhouse gas sequestration and storage with large-scale impact potential            Agro-biodiversity</p> <p><b>Framework of Ecological Stability</b></p> <p>Economic models of living within global limits and practical implementation of change to a stable global ecosystem            Sustainable consumption, production, and land use</p> <p><b>Communication and Leadership</b></p> <p>Communicating value-based living with sustainable use of water, energy, and food resources            New innovative initiatives to enhance international cooperation and knowledge-sharing            Next generation leadership</p>	No open submissions for 2018 or 2019. Inquiries accepted

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<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Society, Climate Adaptation Fund.</a>	<p>With funding managed by the Wildlife Conservation Society, the WCS Climate Adaptation Fund will provide up to \$2.5 million in competitive grants in 2017. Grants will be one to two years in length. Awards will be made to non-profit conservation organizations for applied, on-the-ground projects focused on implementing priority conservation actions for climate adaptation at a landscape scale.</p> <p>Eligibility: This program provides grants to U.S.-based non-profit conservation organizations with approved IRS 501(c)(3) status. Grants can be awarded for projects only within the 50 U.S. states and six U.S. territories. The WCS Climate Adaptation Fund is unable to make grants to for-profit corporations, individuals, universities, public agencies, municipalities or other types of government entities. Public agencies, tribal governments and universities may partner on proposals submitted by an eligible non-profit conservation organization or work as paid contractors on funded projects. We encourage and expect that many project proposals will emerge from collaborations between the applicant organization and any number of partners from academia, public agencies, and other non-profit organizations.</p> <p>To apply: Information and applicant guidelines will be distributed in February 2017. Subscribe to our mailing list to find out more.</p>	<p>Various</p>