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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	New York, NY	<p>Energy and environment Research funding Goal: Grants in this program focus on advancing a series of interrelated strategies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. Attract Additional Resources: This program aims to seed new ideas that stimulate additional support for research on these topics by government, industry, and philanthropy. <p>Other grant examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$559K to Harvard University (2018) To examine the role of technology and knowledge spillovers in the development of novel clean energy technologies - \$600K to Stanford (2016) To develop and apply a framework that classifies, assesses, and compares the explicit and implicit subsidies provided for different energy sources - \$250K to the University of Iowa (2019) To assess the characteristics of different residential, commercial and industrial load types as potential demand response resources - \$300K to the University of Maryland (2019) To undertake a multidisciplinary study to assess the costs and benefits of installing electric heat pumps - \$250K to UC Davis (2019) To understand how future electric vehicle demand will impact the development of electricity distribution infrastructure
Bloomberg Philanthropies	NY	<p>To help address the mounting climate change crisis, Michael R. Bloomberg recently launched Beyond Carbon, the largest-ever coordinated campaign against climate change in the United States. Beyond Carbon is working with advocates around the country to build on the leadership and climate progress underway in our states, cities, and communities to maximize the progress on climate change. Beyond Carbon is working to get the country on the path to a 100 percent clean energy economy and ensure that after the 2020 election, the next Administration inherits a country already well on the way to a full clean energy economy.</p> <p>Win on state and local policy: Beyond Carbon will work with state and local organizations working to pass climate and clean energy policies, including 100% clean energy laws, targets and timetables to phase out climate pollution, and implementation of programs to expand low-carbon transit, speed up the deployment of electric vehicles, get pollution out of buildings, and promote low-carbon manufacturing.</p> <p>Grow the climate movement: Beyond Carbon will help to grow the climate movement through partnership at all levels including expanding support for grassroots organizations and frontline communities.</p> <p>Doubling down with Beyond Coal and Beyond Gas: Beyond Carbon will accelerate progress in moving the power sector Beyond Coal, aiming to retire all coal by 2030. Beyond Carbon will extend the successful strategies utilized in the Beyond Coal campaign to prevent a rush to increased reliance on oil or gas anywhere in our economy.</p> <p>Elect climate champions: Beyond Carbon will work to elect state and local climate champions. Elected representatives willing to lead on climate will drive progress from the local level.</p> <p>Funding Strategy/Mechanism have yet to be announced.</p>
Caldera Foundation	San Francisco, CA	<p>Established in July 2015, the Caldera Foundation formed when the Ayrshire Foundation split into two separate foundations. The directors working on grantmaking in the Los Angeles area and in Michigan kept the Ayrshire name, while the Northern California directors adopted this new name. Prior to July 2015, Ayrshire supported the following causes: youth, the elderly and disabled, science and the environment, health care, and community culture. Back then, Ayrshire focused on three geographic locations for these topics, including the Bay Area. The foundation's current areas of interest include all environmental topics, such as water and air quality, climate change, and renewable energy.</p> <p>How We Work</p> <p><u>Expanding the conversation on ways to move forward</u> 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><u>Proactively investing in promising ideas we encounter</u> 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.</p> <p>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>Grant examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$50K to Cal Matters for environmental journalism - \$50K to Project Drawdown To get to the next level of climate solutions. - \$50K to Union of Concerned Scientists

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David and Lucile Packard Foundation	SF Bay Area	<p>Climate change is an urgent, undeniable, and unique threat that has the potential to undermine everything we care about as a foundation. Its effects touch all cultures and geographies. Climate change disrupts earth's natural systems. It threatens public health, global development, and safety. And it hurts the world's most vulnerable people most of all.</p> <p>Reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the next 10 years is essential to stabilize our climate. It is a problem that can be solved in ways that provide economic and social benefits for all. Together, we can have a collective impact and measurable progress is already being made.</p> <p>In partnership with other funders, we have invested in the ClimateWorks Foundation and their network of hundreds of non-profit organizations worldwide. Together, we are focused on proven and emerging mitigation strategies that will make the biggest difference.</p> <p>We aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote clean power alternatives that reduce reliance on coal. Increase the availability of low carbon transportation options to minimize global oil consumption. Increase energy efficiency across all sectors. Minimize emissions from land use practices around the world by stopping deforestation and improving agricultural practices. Reduce emissions of potent greenhouse gases beyond carbon dioxide alone, including black carbon, methane, and hydrofluorocarbons. Identify breakthrough strategies that will change the trajectory of greenhouse gas emissions.
Doris Duke Foundation	NY	<p>The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) approaches conservation through an emphasis on climate change and how the environment is impacted by biodiversity issues, restoring and preserving natural habitats, land conservation and energy development.</p> <p>The foundation's environment program reflects Duke's view that climate change is the "greatest emerging threat to biodiversity." The program awards grants through its main areas of focus, which include Land Conservation in an Era of Climate Change, Wildlife & Energy Development, and Strengthening the Conservation Field. The foundation ultimately seeks to manage and protect wildlife habitats that have been threatened or depleted due to climate change, but also to create built environments that are energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable. Its environmental grant-making process outlines highly specific guidelines.</p> <p>LOI's are accepted, however their grants are extremely limited every year.</p> <p>Grant-seekers may be interested in exploring the following re-granting programs that are funded through the Environment Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund, administered by the Network for Landscape Conservation The Climate Adaptation Fund, administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society The Resilient Landscapes Initiative, administered by the Open Space Institute The Pacific Northwest Land Protection Grants, administered by The Nature Conservancy Climate Resilience Fund
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	SF Bay Area	<p>The Moore Foundation conducts its climate change grantmaking through its environmental conservation program. Offering seven separate initiatives, the program largely prioritizes work related to climate change through animal and wildlife conservation both in the United States and abroad.</p> <p>Initiatives include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amazon-Andes Initiative - Conservation and financial markets - Forest and Agricultural markets - Marine conservation - Oceans and Seafood Markets - Wild Salmon Ecosystems <p>The foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals</p>
Grantham Foundation	Boston, MA	<p>Founded by hedge-fund manager- Jeremy Grantham</p> <p>The Grantham Foundation seeks to raise awareness of urgent environmental issues and supports individuals and organizations working to find solutions. Our grantmaking supports communication and collaboration in environmental protection, with an emphasis on climate change.</p> <p>Communication: We focus on communications because we want the general public to better understand why environmental degradation poses grave risks and why it is imperative that we act now.</p> <p>Collaboration: We encourage organizations to collaborate with their peers in order to make efficient use of limited environmental philanthropic resources.</p> <p>Climate Change: We believe that climate change represents the world's primary environmental threat today – and that mitigating and adapting to a changing climate will lead us to a more sustainable and prosperous future.</p> <p>Closed foundation, invitation only.</p> <p>Grant Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imperial College: Grantham Institute for Climate Change (\$2M, 2017) London School of Economics: Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (\$3M, 2016) Yale University: Yale Forum on Climate Change and the Media (\$1M total, 2012 & 2013) Energy Foundation (\$1.5M, 2017) Environmental Defense Fund (\$1.8M, 2017) University of Sheffield (\$1.6M, 2017) To create the Center for Sustainable Futures

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Hewlett Foundation	SF Bay Area	<p>The Environment Program makes grants to protect people and places threatened by a warming planet by addressing climate change globally, expanding clean energy, and conserving the North American West.</p> <p>Climate and Energy</p> <p>Climate change is the defining issue of our day. It is an urgent global crisis that affects every problem philanthropy seeks to solve, whether it's improving health, alleviating poverty, reducing famine, promoting peace, or advancing social justice. To safeguard human health and the environment, the Hewlett Foundation supports work to ensure that energy sources are clean and efficient, and that global average temperature rise is kept well below 2° Celsius. 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>Western Conservation</p> <p>Since 1969, the Hewlett Foundation has been dedicated to preserving the vast open spaces of the West as unspoiled landscapes where wildlife thrives, communities flourish, and ranchers maintain their history of stewardship. Over the decades, mining, drilling, clear-cutting and expanding population have taken a harsh toll on the natural beauty, critical water sources and local habitats. Today, we make a wide range of grants to protect the extraordinary natural resources of the Western United States and Canada, and back efforts to build broad public support and empower citizens who care about the conservation of land, water and air in the West.</p>
JPB	New York, NY	<p>We know the environment measurably impacts the health and well-being of our human and natural systems. As such we strive to enable healthy and resilient communities by enriching and supporting the environment. All of JPB's Environment grant making is focused in low-income communities and underserved communities of color.</p> <p>We focus on three areas:</p> <p>Energy – Supporting a transition to a clean and just energy future by increasing the supply of clean power and its efficient and affordable use because access to affordable clean electricity is beneficial to the environment and helps people live better lives.</p> <p>Environmental Health – Ensuring natural systems and the built environment are free of toxic chemicals by detoxifying the indoor and outdoor environments because safe and clean communities are basic building blocks to healthy living.</p> <p>Green Infrastructure – Delivering the stacked benefits of natural spaces by delivering, improving, and maintaining parks, natural areas, and the routes to get there because flourishing natural systems protect against climate change and improve overall community health.</p> <p>JPB grant amounts vary widely. Foundation-wide, grants can range from \$10,000 to \$7.5 million. The majority of grants tend to fall in the \$150,000 to \$700,000 range.</p> <p>Their main grantees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$4M (2017) to the Energy Foundation - \$1.5M (2017) to the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative -\$3.5M (2017) to Natural Resources Defense Council - \$3M to Elevate Energy - \$1M to National Housing Trust
Kresge Foundation	Troy, MI	<p>Strategy focuses in helping cities transition to carbon neutrality in ways that reflect the needs, priorities, and knowledge of low-income communities and communities of color. Particularly 1) Connect urban leaders with information and peers to accelerate equitable energy system transformation.2) Strengthen the evidence base and develop the tools needed for equitable energy system transformation. 3)Advance elements of equitable energy system transformation with particular promise for community benefit. Although the foundation hopes to expand this strategy in the future, it currently is limited to testing new models for deployment of solar panels paired with energy storage systems in low-income communities.</p> <p>Grant Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$300K to Northeastern University to launch the Energy Justice Institute, designed to provide city and state policymakers with policy frameworks and tools that foreground equity in the transition to renewable energy. The Institute will draw on existing energy policies, the best available data and models from frontline advocates, and frameworks designed by the project team.\$487K to Southeast Sustainability Directors Network, a professional network of local government sustainability officials in the Southeast U.S. - \$1.2M Movement Strategy Center (Oakland, CA) This grant supports the Movement Strategy Center to launch, implement, and manage the Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Fund. The fund is a new, one-time grantmaking opportunity designed to support selected grantee organizations funded through Kresge's Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity (CRUO) Initiative accelerate place-based efforts as they transition beyond the CRUO Initiative's final year of support. - \$1M to the New Ventures Fund to support the Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund (Equity Fund) to strengthen the capacity of grassroots leaders to advance climate and clean energy policies grounded in equity. - \$175K Communities for a Better Environment to support the Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund (Equity Fund) to strengthen the capacity of grassroots leaders to advance climate and clean energy policies grounded in equity. - \$400K to Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Inc. - \$217K Innovation Network for Communities- This grant will enable the Building Electrification Initiative, a project of the Innovation Network for Communities, to help cities advance the electrification of buildings in ways that advance social and racial equity.

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Libra Foundation	San Francisco CA	<p>Environmental Justice: We are helping organizations mitigate the impacts of climate change, while also addressing the human rights and social justice issues that all too often intersect with this cause.</p> <p>Over the past 16 years, The Libra Foundation has done significant grantmaking in progressive causes and movements, with a multi-generational family being closely involved with the Foundation, setting its strategy and interacting with many of the Foundation's grantee partners.</p> <p>The Foundation is entering a new chapter in its evolution. While the family remains very engaged in the work of the Foundation, the move to San Francisco marks the beginning of "Libra 2.0". Having recently appointed a new Executive Director, the Foundation will heighten its support of advocacy and civic engagement efforts, and is in the process of building out its team.</p> <p>Grant examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$450K to As You Sow (San Francisco) - \$250K to CEJA (California Environmental Justice Alliance) - \$250K to CLIMA Fund (fmlly Grassroots Climate Solutions Fund) (fiscally sponsored by Thousand Currents) - \$450K to Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives <p>The Libra Foundation is not currently accepting unsolicited proposals.</p>
Macarthur Foundation		<p>Climate Solutions</p> <p>Goal: Limit global warming as close as possible to the scientifically endorsed goal of 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>Though global action is necessary, our grantmaking focus on the United States, India, and China is aimed at achieving the following outcomes:</p> <p>Globally, nations achieve robust implementation of the Paris Accord, which is the best option to begin the necessary steep greenhouse gas emissions reductions across the globe.</p> <p>Leadership by the United States, India, and China motivates and compels other countries, corporations, and citizens to contribute to substantive mitigation activities.</p> <p>Collectively, the nations of the world devise credible and durable mitigation strategies and, most importantly, show significant combined impact by 2025.</p> <p>In addition to the Paris Accord, nations undertake complementary efforts as well, including carrying out the Kigali Amendment as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>Concentration of heat-trapping substances stabilize at 450 parts per million CO2 equivalent or less in the atmosphere.</p> <p>FUNDING PRIORITIES</p> <p>Given the current and evolving approaches to address 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"> Place a price on carbon. Reduce methane emissions, especially from development and production of oil and natural gas. Alter the fuel mix for electricity generation by decreasing reliance on fossil fuels and increasing the use of renewable sources. Implement bilateral and international agreements with key developing countries on policies or programs to address climate issues. To enable and assist India's demonstrated and growing leadership on climate change, initial grantmaking supports efforts that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the capacity of non-governmental organizations to engage with the Indian government on climate policy. Build support for an emissions trading scheme. Catalyze renewable energy production by filling critical knowledge gaps. Encourage clean technology adoption through targeted capacity building. Initial grantmaking to support and strengthen China's leadership on climate change include efforts that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in tools, data, and policies to support a robust carbon emissions trading market. Advance implementation of environmental laws and regulations to incentivize a low-carbon economy. Build confidence in the China-India bilateral relationship and promote information sharing. Identify the metrics, approaches, and policies related to the Belt-Road Initiative that will result in more sustainable and less carbon-intensive infrastructure investments. <p>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.</p> <p>Climate Solutions grants are Invitation Only.</p>
Nathan Cummings Foundation	New York, NY	<p>Supports an inclusive clean economy that reduces harmful carbon emissions in replicable, scalable and equitable ways. Foundation supports "nurturing a more diverse and inclusive movement that builds power for frontline communities and shifts narratives from ones that undermine a clean inclusive economy to ones that feature more voices and hold those in charge accountable" Strategies include: 1) supporting frontline leaders advocating for a just and inclusive energy economy 2) amplify community stories demonstrating resolving climate crisis and sustainable economy go hand in hand 3) support models that deliver replicable and scalable climate and clean energy sector benefits concurrently with living wage jobs and inclusive wealth building. Funded (@\$70K) Berkeley's Labor Center report that provided recommendations to policymakers on how to create good jobs and inclusive opportunities as CA implements its climate policies.</p> <p>Other grant examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Capital Advisors \$85,000 - Political Economy Research Institute Fund \$63,000 - New Venture Fund (Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund) \$200K - Dēmos: A Network For Ideas And Action (Climate Equity Project) \$200K - University of Michigan (Environment and Sustainability for its Environmental Diversity Program) \$130K

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Pisces Foundation	San Francisco	<p>Pisces Foundation was co-founded in 2006 by Bob and Elizabeth "Randi" Fisher, who, along with Executive Director David Beckman, are the sole trustees. Bob Fisher is one of three sons to Donald and Doris Fisher, who cofounded Gap Inc. clothing company, and passed their assets to the sons in 2004 (Donald Fisher passed away 2009). Complicating matters somewhat, Pisces, Inc., is the Fisher family's investment management company. And the name Pisces Foundation was used previously by Donald and Doris Fisher for their philanthropy, which gave several million dollars to the school reform movement and Teach for America. One of the three sons, John, carries on that cause as a major charter school advocate. But Bob Fisher chose a different direction, himself a Democratic donor (Donald was active in Republican politics), and co-founder of his and his wife's incarnation of the Pisces Foundation, working solely on environmental issues. Pisces invests in climate & energy, water resources, and environmental education.</p> <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> <p>Climate and Energy We focus our climate grantmaking on reducing black carbon, methane, and hydrofluorocarbons. Controlling these short-lived climate pollutants along with carbon dioxide is one of the best ways to keep global temperature under critical thresholds needed to maintain secure, healthy communities.</p> <p>Environmental Education Our environmental education grantmaking seeks to prepare kids to make smarter decisions that lead to stronger communities and a greener planet by equipping them with environmental know-how and a lifelong connection to nature.</p> <p>Water Our water grantmaking aims to mainstream new thinking, technologies, and ready-to-go solutions that can provide all of us with safe water from the tap, farms that nourish us while using water wisely, and cities strengthened by reimagining their relationship to their waterways.</p> <p>The foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. Worth looking into for local connections since they are based in the Bay Area</p>
Pritzker Innovation Fund (Rachel Pritzker)	Chicago, IL	<p>Climate and Energy</p> <p>We support think tanks, academic institutions, and advocacy organizations driving new ideas in the climate and energy debate. In particular we focus on efforts that take seriously the need to create positive outcomes for both people and nature. We support research, communications, network-building, convening, and – when the time is right – advocacy. We seek to leverage our resources by focusing on areas of the climate and energy debate that are often overlooked and underfunded, including energy poverty, nuclear power, carbon removal, and sunlight reflection. We also support efforts to help understand and frame climate and energy issues more accurately and productively.</p> <p>Rachel Pritzker is President and Founder of the Pritzker Innovation Fund and is co-founder of Patriots & Pragmatists, a cross-partisan convening space for politically engaged individuals committed to defending, rebuilding, and sustaining fundamental democratic norms, values, and institutions. Rachel is chair of the board of the Breakthrough Institute, a global research center that identifies and promotes technological solutions to environmental and human development challenges, and is a board member and co-chair of the Energy Program at Third Way, a national think tank that champions modern center-left ideas. Rachel is also a board member of the Energy for Growth Hub, a new global network designed to promote energy solutions aligned with countries' own development ambitions by connecting data, research, and evidence with policymakers. Additionally, she is a board member of the Center for Global Development, which works to reduce global poverty and improve lives through innovative economic research that drives better policy and practice by the world's top decision makers.</p> <p>In addition to Breakthrough Institute, the fund's small portfolio of grantees includes the Center for Clean Energy Innovation, the Center for Global Development, the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, and Third Way, a think tank where Pritzker is a board member and co-chairs its clean energy program.</p> <p>Does not have a process for applying or sending inquiries</p>
Rockefeller Foundation	New York, NY	<p>Resilient Cities: The fdn is winding down their funding to the Resilient Cities Network. "The organization will create a new internal office focused on climate and resilience, which will make strategic investments in climate-change related projects and support disaster recovery work. Through a new U.S.-focused program, the Rockefeller Foundation will also support resilience projects that create local jobs. The Foundation is also ceding a \$30 million grant to the Adrienne Arsht Center for Resilience at the Atlantic Council, a nonprofit that focuses on global development. More on wind down of 100RC: https://www.citylab.com/environment/2019/06/climate-change-resilience-cities-rockefeller-foundation/589861/ The foundation is also hiring a new director of climate and resilience.</p> <p>Power: Building off the global momentum to bring sustainable energy to all, The Rockefeller Foundation is working with governments, the private sector, technologists, and other advocates to catalyze an energy transformation by accelerating electrification in environmentally and economically sustainable ways. Through our Smart Power for Rural Development initiative, our aim is to spark long-term economic growth and power opportunities for those left behind in the modern economy—empowering and bringing dignity to the lives of millions.</p> <p>Past Grant Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$600K to APCO Worldwide Inc in support of providing communication and stakeholder engagement support to the Smart Power for Rural Development India Foundation and Smart Power for Rural Development Initiative - \$1M to Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation in support of informing strong policy outcomes and providing policy, regulatory and utility planning solutions to accelerate energy access through the Smart Power model, which creates decentralized renewable energy power plants in India - \$1.3M to Cities of Service toward the costs of piloting Resilience AmeriCorps, a program to address social and environmental resilience challenges in ten U.S. cities - \$450K to CrossBoundary LLC in support of designing an East-African mini-grid facility to support energy service companies to accelerate energy access for poor and vulnerable people in rural areas

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Rose Foundation for the Community and Environments	Oakland	<p>California Watershed Protection Fund</p> <p>Rose Foundation administers numerous environmental grants funds, including two separate grassroots-oriented funds in California; watershed-oriented funds in California, Washington and Oregon; and place-based funds which generally operate on a county-specific level, as well as other specialized funds. Each fund generally has its own unique issue focus and/or geographic scope, and most funds have separate application processes. Prospective applicants should carefully review the following fund descriptions, and follow the application instructions for the fund which is the best fit for their program.</p> <p>The California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of many of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Due to funding fluctuations, the specific watersheds eligible for grants may vary – please check the list of currently eligible watersheds. Please understand that this funding process is very competitive, and most grants are awarded to well-established organizations with a strong track record of community-based water quality stewardship.</p> <p>The California Watershed Protection Fund is currently accepting applications related to the following watersheds: Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, San Francisco Bay, Russian River, Monterey Bay, Santa Ynez River, Santa Clara River, Santa Ana River, and watersheds and coastal waters of Southern California Bight in the Santa Barbara Channel, Los Angeles and Orange County areas. In order to make space for new applicants, grantees who received funding within the last 12 months are discouraged from applying this round</p>
Summit Foundation	Washington, DC	<p>The Summit Foundation believes that the pace and impact of current efforts must be dramatically increased if we are to achieve a world where people can thrive and nature can flourish. We aim to support cities' efforts towards effective and efficient sustainability through our Sustainable Cities Program.</p> <p>Common Framework and Indicators Helping cities establish baselines, targets, plans, policies, measures, and verification; Distilling best thinking into an understandable set of components; Illuminating how the components function to maintain sustainability; Detailing paths to success that are scalable and easily adaptable to local conditions; and Facilitating widespread adoption through collaboration and comparison.</p> <p>Inspirational Models Advancing practical, leveragable and transferable solutions; Establishing new model policies that increase city sustainability and; Demonstrating city sustainability at a systemic level.</p> <p>Visionaries Inspiring, informing and motivating city leaders; Triggering a movement for city sustainability; and Identifying trends, suggesting alternatives and inspiring best practice</p> <p>The Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) functions as a peer to peer professional network, connecting government groups seeking realistic and achievable solutions with economic and environmental challenges cities face.</p> <p>The USDN's main activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building connections among members to share and spread ideas -Convening members to learn about and work together on specific topics -Funding small groups of members to innovate together <p>Previous grants in their Sustainable Cities Program: \$50K to EcoDistricts (Portland), \$62K to Advancing the Protocol: Growing the Marketplace and Advancing Exemplary Urban and Community Development Project, \$100K to Coral Gables FL -Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities for \$175,000 to Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Innovation Fund & Game Changer Project \$200K to USDN (Chicago) \$64K to University of Virginia for Biophilic Cities Network</p>
Surdna Foundation	New York, NY	<p>The Surdna Foundation supports social justice reform, healthy environments, inclusive economies, and thriving cultures across the United States.</p> <p>The Sustainable Environments program seeks to support communities of color and low-wealth communities to direct infrastructure and land use investment dollars, drive decision-making processes and design policy solutions because those who are disproportionately impacted by environmental and climate inequity have the most powerful solutions to resolve these inequities. We support leaders and organizations who are building accountability within public and private infrastructure sectors, building knowledge about and access to alternatives to current infrastructure systems; and building democratic participation – particularly for low-wealth communities and communities of color which are politically marginalized. Significant supporter (\$3M recently) of Common Counsel Foundation in Oakland.</p> <p>Examples of grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - California Environmental Justice Alliance (2018; \$450K): to provide project support to the California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) to bring the voice and vision of communities of color into statewide environmental justice policy. - Rutgers University Foundation (2016; \$470K) to support the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program to expand statewide program that assists New Jersey communities in implementing green infrastructure solutions to stormwater challenges, targeting communities with combined sewer overflow systems. - UC Berkeley (2016; \$100K) To support research that will examine how the collaborations around US Dept of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Initiative emerge, evolve, and sustain themselves, with the idea of uncovering and documenting best practices. - Urban Sustainability Directors Network (2017; \$1M)- to support learning, collaboration and action among local governments to accelerate their advancements of urban sustainability and social equity.

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TomKat Foundation	San Francisco, CA	<p>Founded in 2008 by Tom Steyer, a San Francisco-based hedge fund billionaire who supports clean energy development and sustainable living, and his wife Taylor, the TomKat Charitable Trust predominately invests in energy and climate. Despite a stated climate program, Good Energy, the trust maintains a limited web presence which only broadly outlines its grantmaking interests and activities. The program broadly states that it "embraces organizations that are working to prevent climate disaster and preserve American prosperity." This suggests that the foundation invests in projects and organizations on a case-by-case rather than imposing strict grantmaking guidelines.</p> <p>The Tomkat Trust donated \$25 million to Yale University to establish the Energy Science Institute. While not channeled through the foundation, it's important to note that the couple also gave \$40 million to Stanford to create the TomKat Center for Sustainable Energy, plus another \$7 million to create the Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy.</p> <p>Tomkat's grants vastly range, but some fortunate grantees may receive up to several million over the course of several years. Past organizations focused on making clean, sustainable sources of power work, both financially and technologically. Past grantees include the Sacramento Area Electrical Workers, the Energy Foundation, the Clean Economy Network Education Fund, the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank that has received nearly \$2 million, at least in part for energy work.</p> <p>The funder also makes grants to encourage public engagement and broaden constituencies. The Center for Ecoliteracy has received regular grants for its work in support of education on sustainable living. Tomkat has supported two religious groups for their work in environmental engagement. While not strictly energy-related, they've also supported a local museum and science center for environmental education.</p> <p>GOOD ENERGY Working at every level, we are committed to supporting organizations and initiatives across the country that will take bold action on climate change. Our Good Energy grantmaking embraces organizations that are working to prevent climate disaster and preserve American prosperity. We support the unleashing of a new energy economy and emphasize partnerships for our direct energy efforts.</p> <p>Tomkat does not accept proposals</p>
V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation	New York	<p>Works 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: take stock of the scale of the environmental problems use a systems approach to achieve change link policy, advocacy, and practical solution have international significance and perspective – even if US based are based on original thinking and creative ideas</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Ecosystems Resilience, Protection and Restoration</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 Framework of Ecological Stability</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 Carbon negative strategies, including climate engineering governance issues Communication and Leadership</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> <p>Grant Examples: - \$200K to ASU in support of sustainable procurement practices in state and local governments - \$250K to American University in support of field building activities regarding international governance of climate engineering -\$150K to MIT in support of the Climate Co Lab, a climate solutions crowdsourcing tool</p> <p>No open submissions in 2018 and 2019.</p>
Wallace Global Fund	Washington, DC	<p>The foundation's grantmaking strategies are shaped by key trends that threaten global security including the rise of corporatocracy, ecological collapse, women's rights, governmental oppression, and the imbalance of power between government organizations and NGOs. Within each of the fund's key, strategic trends, the fund prioritizes several crosscutting themes in its grantmaking, which grantseekers should study closely. Wallace envisions a "fossil-free future" by supporting a variety of activities, programs and initiatives designed to mitigate the effects of natural resource depletion and system collapse, which are known factors contributing to climate change.</p> <p>Priorities for their Climate Change areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Break the Fossil Fuel Cartel, Divest from Fossil Fuel, Invest in Climate Solutions and End Dirty Energy Subsidies -Build Local Community Power to Confront Corporate Dominance (fracking, tar sands, etc.) -Confront deep anti-environment bias in our legal and political system -Frame new rights of individuals, such as access to water and protection for public health <p>Wallace offers support at the local, national and international levels. The foundation invests in programs that create sustainable systems; it specifically seeks bold, dynamic programs that push the envelope and active in trying to shape government policies surrounding climate change.</p> <p>The Wallace Global Fund invites prospective grantees to submit a short letter of inquiry via its online application system.</p>

