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American Heart Association & Robert Wood Johnson Foundation			<p>The American Heart Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are working to create a culture of health with the Voices for Healthy Kids initiative. Through this collaboration, and in partnership with a team of experts across the healthy eating and active living movement, the initiative aims to engage, organize, and mobilize people to help all children grow up at a healthy weight. Voices for Healthy Kids will advance coordinated state, local, and tribal public policy issue advocacy campaigns focused on healthy eating and active living, and will utilize the American Heart Association's proven advocacy capacity to drive meaningful and widespread policy change. The goal of the grant opportunities within this initiative is to make effective strategic investments in ongoing state, local, and tribal public policy issue campaigns in order to increase public policy impact on healthy weight and living among children. Voices for Healthy Kids is focusing efforts in schools, community, and out-of-school time/early care and education.</p> <p>Open RFA Strategic Campaign Funds Open RFA opportunity aims to fund strategic issue advocacy campaigns focused on helping kids grow up at a healthy weight through state, local, and tribal public policy campaigns. The duration of these grants will vary but will generally be one year or less. Awards of up to \$125,000 are available. Applications must be specific to an individual campaign focused on changing public policy in one state, local, or tribal geographic location and must align with one of the Voices for Healthy Kids policy priorities.</p> <p>Incubator Grants Voices for Healthy Kids has made a commitment to ensure that we reach those populations most adversely affected by childhood obesity and has integrated a broad-based health equity approach throughout the design of our initiative. The goal of this funding opportunity is to engage equity partners and innovative strategies that will further the efforts of existing Voices for Healthy Kids campaigns, particularly by empowered engagement of priority populations most impacted by childhood obesity. All grants awarded within this opportunity will be 100% non-lobbying funding. Applications should support at least one Policy Areas.</p> <p>Strategically Directed Tools Strategically Directed Tools award opportunities are intended to support lobbying activities related to a strategic issue advocacy campaign focused on helping kids grow up at a healthy weight at the state, local, and tribal level. Applications and campaigns must align with the Voices for Healthy Kids' policy priorities.</p>
California Certified Organic Farmers Foundation	\$2,500	Application deadline: 5/15/2018	<p>Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund <u>Vocational and Higher Education Students:</u> The CCOF Foundation offers grants to higher education and vocational students pursuing organic agriculture programs to help with tuition and educational expenses. Applicants must be enrolled in educational programs in the United States that will benefit their careers in organic agriculture, including vocational training/certificate programs, junior college/two-year degree programs, and bachelor's/four-year undergraduate degrees. Graduate studies are not eligible for grant funding. Applicants' financial need is considered as part of the grant decision process.</p>
Cedar Tree Foundation	\$125,000		<p>The Cedar Tree Foundation's Children's Environmental Health Initiative supports campaigns and programs designed to reduce children's exposures to toxic chemicals in products and in their environments. The Foundation recognizes that toxic chemicals pose a threat to all people, especially children, and the government does not do an adequate job protecting children from these hazards.</p>
Cedar Tree Foundation	Previous funding ranged from \$10,000 to \$50,000		<p>Environmental Education Teacher Professional Development The Cedar Tree Foundation is interested in communicating the facts and urgency of environmental issues taught in schools in the United States by supporting organizations that provide in depth professional development opportunities for teachers. Our interest is focused on programs engaging teachers in a skill building, hands-on environmental education experience with a cohort of peers including networking and follow-up activities to support classroom implementation.</p>
Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation		The foundation has two funding rounds each year, typically in May or June and November. Next LOI deadline: 8/1/2018 (LOIs submitted after deadlines may be reviewed for next round of funding)	<p>Environment and Health Program Priorities To promote the long-term good health and viability of communities and regions: -by supporting programs to prevent harm to human health from toxic substances and other environmental hazards -by encouraging planning and development at the regional level, aimed at integrating economic and social goals with sound environmental policies -by supporting initiatives for sustainability in agriculture and food systems</p>
Clif Bar Family Foundation		Applications are reviewed 3 times a year w/ deadlines: 2/1, 6/1, 10/1	<p>By addressing one of our priorities, we can advance efforts in one or more of our other priority areas, leveraging the Foundation's resources in the process. For example: -A healthier food system improves our air and water quality, creates safer communities and fights climate change by keeping carbon and nitrogen in the soil and reducing the use of petrochemical-based farm inputs. -Preserving our wild, open places offers us opportunities for vigorous outdoor activity in clean air and water without leaving a large footprint on the land. -Reducing waste and advancing renewable energy conserves resources, reduces the threat of climate change, improves air and water quality, and creates green businesses and jobs. -Identifying environmental sources of chronic illnesses, such as breast cancer, can pave the way for action to shift toward organic farming and reduce our reliance on nonrenewable, polluting fossil fuels. -Bike and pedestrian routes build stronger, healthier communities by creating more green jobs and reducing traffic congestion, carbon emissions, and air pollution. Small Grants: These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects.</p>
Clif Bar Family Foundation		By invitation only	<p>Invitation-Only Grants <u>Capacity-Building Grants</u> We offer two types of Capacity-building Grants, both of which include multiyear funding. The first helps organizations expand their reach and impact on local and regional levels to the national level, and the second helps organizations with budgets of less than \$250,000 to implement strategic plans for substantially enhancing their missions. <u>Long-Term Partnerships</u> Over the years, we've established Long-term Partnerships with a few particularly visionary nonprofits that have earned our special admiration and respect. In recognition of their unique accomplishments, we have invited them to submit proposals for ongoing funding. <u>Consulting Grants</u> Outside experts with particular skills can often make significant contributions to nonprofits' abilities to fulfill their missions. Our Consulting Grants provide recipient nonprofits with funding to cover the cost of up to 100 hours of professional services from specialists in areas such as law, strategic planning, accounting, marketing, and web development.</p>
Farm Aid		-New applicants: 2018 application is full but usually accepts LOIs/proposals -Current/recent grantees: 8/1/2018	<p>Farm Aid's grantmaking is focused on work that enhances the viability of family farm agriculture in the United States. We issue grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations that serve family farmers in one of three funding areas: GROWING THE GOOD FOOD MOVEMENT: This funding area supports efforts that build local and regional food systems and connect family farmers directly with consumers. HELPING FARMERS THRIVE: This funding area supports efforts that provide family farmers with support and resources to start farming, transition to more sustainable farming practices, and/or continue farming in the face of financial crises and natural disasters. TAKING ACTION TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM: This funding area supports efforts that promote fair farm policies and organize grassroots campaigns to defend and bolster family farm agriculture on a local, regional or national level.</p>
Gaia Fund	\$5,000 to \$50,000	Initial inquiry accepted during application periods: 12/15-2/15, 5/15-7/15	<p>Sustainable Agriculture Gaia Fund's highest priority is to help California address its pressing environmental problems. California is our nation's most productive agricultural state and, as studies have consistently shown, prevailing practices related to the U.S. conventional food and farming system carry high environmental and human welfare costs. With this in mind, the Fund seeks to foster the transition of California's food and farming system to one that is sustainable, integrating the goals of best organic practices, responsible environmental stewardship, profitability, and social and economic equity. The Fund focuses on sustainable agriculture methods which, concurrently, produce nutritious food crops, mitigate climate change, protect natural resources, and promote biodiversity. The Fund considers requests for California initiatives that: -encourage farmers to adopt sustainable practices; -support sustainable farming that operates on a smaller commercial scale and that serves local markets; -train individuals for careers in sustainable farming; and -preserve land that will be farmed sustainably. The current focus is on the following food crops: vegetables, fruits, nuts, and grains. Meat and fiber production is not a current grantmaking priority. The Fund also does not currently consider urban gardens/agriculture, or garden-based education programs.</p>
Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation		By invitation only	<p>SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS -Advocate for public policies that advance sustainable farm and food systems and demand accountability from public agencies and officials and increased responsiveness to sustainable farming and food systems. -Increase community control over food systems to advance local food production, regional processing and distribution, just jobs, fair trade, and resource-efficient processes along the food value chain. -Counter the further corporate concentration of food production and the industrialization of agriculture. -Develop and implement a market place framework that includes the triple bottom line of economic, social and environmental indicators.</p>

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Lydia B. Stokes Foundation	\$2,500 to \$15,000	By invitation only	<p>Mission: The Lydia B. Stokes Foundation is committed to the Quaker philosophy of peace and justice. The Foundation supports building resilient, healthy communities by focusing on social and economic justice, regenerative organic agriculture, viable, healthy ecosystems, quality of life issues, development of local food systems, local energy security and peace initiatives.</p> <p>Grants are made to or for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Specific projects -General operating support -Professional and staff development -Agencies seeking to expand their services -Matching funds or challenge grants -Start-up costs for promising new organizations or programs that demonstrate sound management and clear goals relevant to the Foundation's mission
Organic Farming Research Foundation	Up to \$20,000	LOI deadline: 8/15/2018	<p>OFRF offers funding for research on organic farming and food systems and the dissemination of these research results to organic farmers and the greater agricultural and research communities. Proposals must involve farmers or ranchers in project design and implementation and must take place on certified organic land, ideally on working organic farms or ranches. Applicants should articulate how the proposed research project will foster the improvement or adoption of organic farming systems, as well as ways in which organic farmers or ranchers can utilize proposed results in their operations. OFRF encourages grants that address the resiliency of organic systems to challenges like climate change and/or have economic and social considerations to complement on-farm research. Research projects must include strong education and outreach components and contain measurable outcomes, yet projects that are purely outreach will not be considered. Project results should provide for short-term impacts due to the results or outcomes of the projects.</p> <p>This request for LOI is open to any agricultural production, social, economic, or policy-related topic of concern to organic farmers and/or ranchers. OFRF does not normally fund studies that compare conventional with organic systems as a primary objective.</p> <p>Priority Area: Production</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Soil Health. Topics of primary interest include carbon sequestration, reduced tillage systems, and fertility management focused on reducing environmental impacts and improving soil health. 2. Innovative Weed Control. Topics of primary interest include weed control strategies that integrate soil improvement practices. 3. Organic Insect Pest Management. Topics of primary interest include management of emerging insect pest issues. 4. Livestock Health. Topics of particular interest include livestock and crop production and best practices for grass based livestock production. <p>Priority Area: Social Science</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Social science research on the marketing, policy, and economic barriers to successful organic production and barriers to transition. <p>Priority Area: Emerging Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Research on critical emerging issues related to environmental, economic, or social challenges for organic growers.
Panta Rhea Foundation		By invitation only	<p>The Food & Democracy program works to foster greater equity, sustainability and health in our food system. We support the organizations and movement leaders catalyzing the bold change needed to transform the food system from a culprit of interlocking crises—from the climate crisis to environmental degradation, from chronic disease to growing corporate power and inequality—to a key part of the solutions. WE FOCUS ON THREE CORE STRATEGIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) we support urgent and impactful campaigns creating a more healthy, fair and sustainable food system and use a "cluster funding" model to invest in anchor groups alongside boots-on-the-ground grassroots organizations. (2) we support long-term movement building, helping to grow and strengthen key groups, including advocacy organizations in California (a key agriculture state) and nationally. As part of this work, we also focus on leadership development and movement building coalitions. (3) we support communications—from investigative journalism to narrative building initiatives—to shape public awareness about the impacts of industrial agriculture and the proven potential of agroecology and sustainable agriculture solutions.
Surdna Foundation		LOIs accepted continuously	<p>The Sustainable Environments Program is working to overhaul our country's outdated and crumbling infrastructure with a new approach that will foster healthier, sustainable, and just communities. We believe in the potential of what we call "next generation infrastructure" to improve transit systems, make buildings more energy efficient, better manage our water systems and rebuild regional food systems. Focusing on urban areas and their surrounding suburbs, we seek solutions that connect and improve these infrastructure systems in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic and social consequences.</p> <p>Our infrastructure systems are overburdened by increased demand, extreme weather, and shrinking public budgets. The urgency and opportunity behind this challenge is driving us to look at our past grantmaking efforts around smart growth, climate and energy, and green economies through a lens of next generation infrastructure. Currently, many decisions about infrastructure repair and replacement are disjointed, short on authentic community engagement, and limited to traditional engineering approaches that waste money, restrict opportunity and damage the environment. By taking a systems-based approach, we can deliver better services to more people to the benefit of the environment and economy.</p> <p>The Sustainable Environments Program seeks to create just and sustainable communities in four ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable transportation networks & equitable development patterns 2. Just energy: shifting power to people 3. Urban water management 4. Regional food supply
The 11th Hour Project		By invitation only	<p>We support efforts to build an agricultural system that improves soil, air, water, and animal and human health, recognizing that this goal also reduces the impact of human activity on climate change.</p> <p>By exposing the true costs of industrial agriculture, building power in affected communities, and advancing regenerative farming models, we can shift public and private investment into practices that enliven our soil, protect health, and connect thriving rural and urban communities in the U.S.</p> <p>Our work is guided by the belief that the complex problems facing our food system today require a systems approach to solve them and that resilient food systems, based in diversity, produce healthy food, economies and ecosystems for all. We are regionally focused in California, the Midwest, and the Southeast.</p>
The California Endowment		By invitation only	<p>The California Endowment's grantmaking is broadly guided by our Building Healthy Communities (BHC) work and by the guidelines of each of our grant types. We award single and multi-year grants and Direct Charitable Activity (DCA) contracts. Through our Program-Related Investment (PRI) program we provide financing that advances our programmatic goals via loans and other financial products.</p> <p>In collaboration with our grantees and partners, we seek to use our grantmaking to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.</p>
The California Wellness Foundation		LOIs accepted continuously	<p>Overview of the Advancing Wellness Grants Program</p> <p>In pursuit of our mission, the Advancing Wellness grants program includes four grantmaking portfolios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bridging the Gaps in Access and Quality Care -Promoting Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods -Expanding Education and Employment Pathways -Opportunity Fund <p>The establishment of these portfolios is grounded in research on the social determinants of health, which states that where people live and work, their race or ethnicity, and their income can impact their health and wellness. Our desire is to help level the playing field so that everyone has access to good-paying jobs, safe neighborhoods and quality health care services.</p> <p>Building on our past, we remain committed to the Wellness Approach: responsive, statewide grantmaking; core operating support; funding of direct services, public policy and capacity building; and prioritizing the health of underserved populations.</p>
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation		By invitation, but funding requests are accepted online	<p>The Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation initiative aims to promote sustainable agriculture in places with high biodiversity, while also improving social and economic development.</p> <p>The Foundation's Organizational Effectiveness team partners with grantees to strengthen an organization's fundamentals so they can focus on achieving their missions. Only current Foundation grantees are eligible to apply for Organizational Effectiveness funds.</p>
The Germeshausen Foundation		LOIs accepted continuously	<p>The Germeshausen Foundation is willing to accept letters of inquiry seeking support for new ideas for addressing challenges in our society within its fields of interest. The foundation seeks to support smaller organizations with the entrepreneurial capacity to develop and sustain an initiative or program.</p> <p>The foundation's fields of interest include innovative approaches to positive change in youth culture, leadership development for young adults, environmental and ecological values, and imaginative media projects on current issues. In all grants, the foundation seeks to advance the idea of interconnectedness among people, and between people and the environment. The Germeshausen Foundation strives to find individuals with a bold, innovative idea and the passionate spirit to carry it out.</p>

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The Kresge Foundation		LOIs accepted continuously	<p>Health We recognize that the path to healthy communities involves aligning and integrating systems to better serve the health of people with low incomes. Over the past 10 years, our Health Program has partnered with communities to make sure people have access to resources that support health such as safe, affordable housing, fresh food, clean air primary care and economic opportunities. To continue our work to increase health in America's neighborhoods, we will build equity-focused systems of health.</p> <p>An equity-focused system of health offers everyone an opportunity to have a healthy life regardless of race, gender or income. To achieve health equity in the United States, we must work across sectors to influence institutions, advance policies and develop leaders with the ability to transform systems to support the health and well-being for people of color in low-income communities.</p>
The Lumpkin Family Foundation		LOIs accepted continuously	<p>Good Food Policy The Lumpkin Family Foundation supports organizations working toward a more equitable, healthy, and environmentally sustainable food system. New in 2018, the Good Food Policy Program will make grants to advance policies that encourage and promote regenerative farming practices across the country.</p> <p>We will support efforts aimed at federal policy changes, whether place-based and grass roots or top-down and national in approach. Informed by and connected to our local and regional programs, we will invite applications aligned with our vision and mission that offer opportunities for learning and strengthen grantee organizations, their networks, and the good food movement overall.</p>
The Marcus Foundation		Not currently accepting unsolicited proposals but written inquiries are welcome	<p>The Marcus Foundation funds primarily in two areas: -Assisting organizations that work to increase awareness of hunger as a critical problem and/or deliver food resources to meet critical short-term needs; and -Supporting efforts to change underlying structural obstacles and incentives that hinder efforts to bring sustainable practices into the mainstream.</p> <p>Strategically, the Foundation now serves not only as a financial supporter of organizations, but also as a partner in order to enhance impact and reduce fundraising and operating expenses. -We collaborate with other funding organizations to multiply the resources available to grantees. -The Foundation serves as a broker between organizations and qualified vendors when this can advance the mission of grantees. -We offer the experience of Foundation officers on short-term assignments to tackle specific problems or seize timely opportunities when a grantee needs immediate help and we have the internal capacity to respond.</p>
United Natural Foods, Inc. Foundation		2017-2018 period ended, but have 3 cycles per year	<p>We are proud to fund innovative programs that expand organic acres and increase the number of organic farmers in the U.S. We support organizations that serve our local communities with organic food and farming projects. We are honored to help sustain projects that address our priorities to: -Increase organic agriculture by significantly increasing acreage and impact that is defined and measurable. -Foster the next generation of organic farmers by increasing the number of organic farmers with an impact that is defined and measurable on the National or regional level. -Provide research and science to develop organic farming practices, increase organic acreage and/or the number of organic farmers with an impact (defined/measurable) on the National or regional level. -Protect the biodiversity of our seed supply (protecting heirloom/breeding organic) and the stewardship of genetic resources of organic seed with an impact (defined/measurable) on the National or regional level. -Teach organic farming practices with programs (such as Farm to School) that are within 35 miles of one of our facilities.</p>