

**Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for Environment, circa 2000\***

<b>Recipient Organization</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Dollar Amount</b>	<b>No. of Grants</b>
1. Peninsula Open Space Trust	CA	\$50,751,046	13
2. Nature Conservancy	VA	30,332,757	68
3. National Environmental Trust	DC	18,190,000	10
4. Leadership for Environment and Development International	NY	15,000,000	1
5. Conservation International Foundation	DC	13,299,978	26
6. Environmental Defense	NY	12,649,350	34
7. Longwood Gardens	PA	11,541,900	1
8. Beaverkill Conservancy	NY	10,550,000	1
9. World Wildlife Fund/Conservation Foundation	DC	10,316,657	32
10. World Resources Institute	DC	9,497,893	48
11. Conservation Fund	VA	8,717,833	34
12. Audubon Society, National	NY	7,853,058	25
13. Great Valley Center	CA	7,608,750	7
14. Ichauway	GA	7,350,000	1
15. Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund	DC	7,053,000	3
16. Sierra Business Council	CA	6,945,000	4
17. Nature Conservancy	GA	6,691,490	16
18. Nature Conservancy	FL	6,300,000	1
19. Trust for Public Land	CA	6,176,481	21
20. Fondo Mexicano para la Conservacion Fund	Mexico	6,000,000	2
21. Conservation Land Trust	CA	5,986,974	42
22. New York Botanical Garden	NY	5,905,500	51
23. Pacific Forest Trust	CA	5,525,000	5
24. National Park Foundation	DC	5,290,000	20
25. Trust for Public Land	GA	5,193,180	6
26. Elkhorn Slough Foundation	CA	5,000,000	1
27. Plant Science Institute	MO	5,000,000	1
28. Vermont Land Trust	VT	4,934,159	1
29. Pace University	NY	4,677,000	3
30. Strategies for the Global Environment	VA	4,623,000	4
31. Tides Center	CA	4,612,000	39
32. Missouri Botanical Garden	MO	4,610,217	22
33. University of California	CA	4,390,916	24
34. Utah State University	UT	4,200,000	1
35. Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island	RI	4,144,800	5
36. Poseidon	NY	4,032,000	1
37. Golden Gate National Parks Association	CA	4,025,000	3
38. League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	DC	4,020,249	11
39. Colorado College	CO	4,000,000	1
40. West Michigan Horticultural Society	MI	3,868,173	3
41. Natural Resources Defense Council	NY	3,760,000	45
42. Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	PA	3,677,948	5
43. H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment	DC	3,640,008	11
44. Northwest Ecosystem Alliance	WA	3,480,500	4
45. US Working Group	DC	3,460,000	6
46. Frederik Meijer Charitable Trust	MI	3,381,020	1
47. Wesleyan University	CT	3,290,000	2
48. Organization for Tropical Studies	NC	3,255,000	4
49. Ducks Unlimited	TN	3,254,150	17
50. Conservation Fund	GA	3,250,000	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$381,311,987</b>	<b>689</b>

Source: The Foundation Center.

\*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,015 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. The search set includes all grants to recipient organizations classified in this topic area and grants to other recipient types for activities classified in this topic area. Grants may therefore be included in more than one topic table, e.g., a grant to a university for its arts program is included in Education, Higher Education, and Arts.