

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for the Environment, circa 2002*

Recipient Organization	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Garden Club of America Casey Trees Endowment Fund	DC	\$50,012,000	2
2. Peninsula Open Space Trust	CA	25,654,700	11
3. Conservation International	DC	24,181,405	30
4. Indian Land Tenure Foundation	MN	20,204,550	2
5. Environmental Defense	NY	12,001,594	47
6. Institute of Ecosystem Studies	NY	10,473,477	2
7. Nature Conservancy	VA	9,110,295	69
8. New York Botanical Garden	NY	9,013,964	52
9. Resource Legacy Fund Foundation	CA	9,000,000	1
10. Natural Resources Defense Council	NY	8,171,140	73
11. Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park	MI	7,901,206	4
12. Frederik Meijer Charitable Trust	MI	7,868,301	2
13. Wildlands Endowment Fund	CA	7,793,765	3
14. Longwood Gardens	PA	7,732,300	1
15. Ichauway	GA	7,000,000	1
16. Turtle Bay Museums and Arboretum on the River	CA	6,975,000	6
17. Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund	CA	6,220,000	12
18. National Commission on Energy Policy	DC	6,200,000	6
19. Audubon Society, National	NY	6,174,750	30
20. World Wildlife Fund/Conservation Foundation	DC	5,772,069	42
21. Oceana	DC	5,700,000	3
22. World Resources Institute	DC	5,536,685	33
23. Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	MI	5,500,000	1
24. Trust for Public Land	CA	5,150,658	26
25. Union of Concerned Scientists	MA	5,067,000	22
26. National Environmental Trust	DC	5,045,800	17
27. Vermont Land Trust	VT	5,025,000	2
28. Ducks Unlimited	TN	4,992,860	13
29. Brandywine Conservancy	PA	4,828,900	12
30. Pace University	NY	4,720,000	3
31. Great Valley Center	CA	4,458,500	3
32. Strategies for the Global Environment	VA	4,330,000	4
33. Conservation Fund	VA	4,307,750	24
34. Thanksgiving Point Institute	UT	4,153,280	1
35. Mote Marine Laboratory	FL	3,874,188	6
36. Center for Resource Economics/Island Press	DC	3,618,000	9
37. Ocean Futures Society	CA	3,591,174	13
38. University of California	CA	3,565,325	18
39. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	PA	3,459,300	8
40. Conservation Fund	GA	3,400,429	3
41. League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	DC	3,398,264	15
42. Nature Conservancy	CA	3,358,450	12
43. Partnership Project	DC	3,214,750	9
44. Minnetrista Cultural Foundation	IN	3,206,017	4
45. Midwest Research Institute	MO	3,050,000	2
46. Marine Biological Laboratory	MA	3,011,971	14
47. SeaWeb	DC	2,943,766	7
48. Trust for Public Land	GA	2,881,754	8
49. Cleveland Botanical Garden	OH	2,874,326	14
50. Barnes Foundation	PA	2,770,579	8
Total		\$368,495,242	710

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,005 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.