

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for the Environment, circa 2006

Recipient Organization	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Conservation International	VA	\$74,655,480	39
2. Nature Conservancy	VA	46,171,822	88
3. Conservation Fund	VA	24,388,448	28
4. Columbia University	NY	22,366,647	6
5. Environmental Defense	NY	21,985,123	45
6. Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)	WA	17,102,129	1
7. Longwood Gardens	PA	14,000,000	1
8. New York Botanical Garden	NY	12,524,550	56
9. Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	MI	12,421,280	10
10. Pew Charitable Trusts	PA	11,882,000	5
11. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	DC	11,860,000	2
12. Duke Farms Foundation	NY	10,647,602	1
13. Mote Marine Laboratory	FL	9,576,506	5
14. Field Museum of Natural History	IL	8,765,000	8
15. Barnes Foundation	PA	8,549,486	11
16. National Parks Conservation Association	DC	8,303,916	21
17. Resources Legacy Fund Foundation	CA	8,064,034	4
18. Ichauway	GA	7,975,000	1
19. Natural Resources Defense Council	NY	7,891,500	70
20. University of California	CA	7,154,243	27
21. Trustees of Reservations	MA	7,077,048	15
22. Trout Unlimited	VA	6,725,000	19
23. Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy	MI	6,523,000	3
24. Turtle Bay Exploration Park	CA	6,244,302	10
25. Atlanta Botanical Garden	GA	6,170,000	5
26. Marine Biological Laboratory	MA	5,430,116	11
27. Piedmont Park Conservancy	GA	5,237,500	5
28. Big Sur Land Trust	CA	5,059,500	4
29. Shorebank Enterprise Group Pacific	WA	4,890,000	9
30. Resources Legacy Fund	CA	4,829,200	10
31. Trust for Public Land	CA	4,710,200	35
32. Smithsonian Institution	DC	4,470,193	6
33. Tides Foundation	CA	4,435,000	10
34. Western Resource Advocates	CO	4,362,000	12
35. Midwest Research Institute	MO	4,157,685	4
36. Wildlife Conservation Society	NY	4,122,344	12
37. Central Park Conservancy	NY	4,066,050	34
38. Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park	MI	3,998,601	17
39. World Resources Institute	DC	3,830,150	28
40. Chesapeake Bay Foundation	MD	3,662,756	17
41. Minnetrista Cultural Foundation	IN	3,636,103	2
42. Stonecrop Gardens	NY	3,600,000	1
43. SeaWeb	MD	3,478,017	16
44. Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy	KY	3,457,521	5
45. Indianapolis Zoological Society	IN	3,431,720	7
46. Natural Resources Defense Council	CA	3,354,000	10
47. Park People	CO	3,341,000	2
48. Oceana	DC	3,241,030	9
49. CARE	GA	3,194,320	3
50. Woods Hole Research Center	MA	3,167,182	6
Total		\$480,186,304	756

Source: The Foundation Center, 2008. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,263 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving and the top ten foundations in each state). 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.

Note: Environment grants are also included in the Environment and Animals table.