

In 2012:

\$17.6 Million
54 Awards



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Alliance for Water Efficiency (2011 grant)
Chicago

\$120,000 / The alliance of stakeholders from utilities, manufacturers, academic institutions, environmental groups and government agencies works through education, advocacy, technical assistance and the development of codes and standards to promote efficient, sustainable water use in the United States and Canada. This two-year, \$240,000 grant provides operating support for the organization.

Alliance to Save Energy (2011 grant)
Washington

\$325,000 / The coalition leverages its connections with corporations, industry groups, utilities, financial institutions, government agencies and environmental organizations to create broad-based support for energy-efficiency policies and programs. This two-year, \$650,000 grant supports the alliance's work in advancing innovative policies, consistent energy-efficiency evaluation approaches and better building operations.

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (2011 grant)
Washington

\$400,000 / The national organization has a strong track record of leading and supporting improvements in the efficiency of America's energy use through its publications, advocacy work in Congress and development of appliance-efficiency standards and model building codes. This two-year, \$800,000 grant underwrites the council's general operations, enabling it to pursue its work in critical areas such as policy, behavior, transportation, water and communications.

American Rivers (2011 grant)
Washington

\$250,000 / As a national leader in climate change adaptation, American Rivers seeks to build resilience in human and natural communities by prescribing climate-smart practices and policies that can be implemented to promote healthy rivers. This two-year, \$500,000 grant enables the organization to continue its demonstration projects and national legislative and regulatory advocacy work.

Carpe Diem West
Sausalito, Calif.

\$200,000 / To ensure a more sustainable future for the American West, Carpe Diem West engages water leaders to develop innovative solutions for dealing with water scarcity in a changing climate. This two-year, \$360,000 grant provides continuing support for the organization's efforts to advance improved water-resources policies and practices.

Center for Neighborhood Technology
Chicago

\$171,649 / Dedicated to promoting more livable, sustainable communities, the center develops and pioneers strategies to use natural resources more efficiently and equitably. This two-year, \$350,000 grant funds the development of a one-stop energy-efficiency retrofit model for Chicago's two- to four-unit multifamily housing market and the expansion of the model to incorporate water efficiency and environmentally sustainable methods of storm-water management.

Center for Planning Excellence
Baton Rouge, La.

\$50,000 / The organization helps communities create and enact master plans for transportation and infrastructure, equitable housing, environmental sustainability and the built environment. This two-year, \$100,000 grant underwrites the formation of a Coastal Planning Consortium and publication of a Comprehensive Coastal Resource Guide to advance local planning and zoning strategies that increase climate preparedness in Louisiana's coastal communities.

Center for Rural Affairs (2011 grant)
Lyons, Neb.

\$110,000 / Since it was established in 1973, the center has evolved into one of the nation's leading rural organizations, known for its pioneering work to rebuild rural America and reform federal policy. This two-year, \$210,000 grant bolsters the center's efforts to provide a strong rural voice in clean-energy transmission policy and planning for large-scale wind farm development in the Upper Midwest and Great Plains.

The Center for Social Inclusion
New York

\$150,000 / The center identifies causes of racial inequity at a systems level and works with partners to promote equity and fairness. This grant furthers the expansion of the center's Energy Democracy project and its role as a catalyst for racial inclusion in green-economy solutions by funding research and reporting on innovative energy-efficiency and renewable-energy models being deployed by communities of color.

Ceres (2011 grant)
Boston

\$200,000 / The advocacy organization works to integrate sustainability into day-to-day business practices to improve the health of the planet and its inhabitants. Assisted by this two-year, \$500,000 grant, Ceres is launching an initiative that creates incentives for the insurance industry and other capital-market investors to embrace policies and practices that mitigate climate change.

City and County of San Francisco (2011 grant)
San Francisco

\$60,000 / In 2011, San Francisco adopted the Existing Commercial Buildings Energy Performance Ordinance, requiring commercial-property owners to benchmark their buildings' annual energy use and make that information publicly available. This 18-month, \$180,000 grant supports the San Francisco Department of the Environment's implementation of the city's new rating and disclosure policy, which drives greater energy savings and strengthens the case for early adoption by other cities.

Clean Air-Cool Planet (2010 grant)
Portsmouth, N.H.

\$260,000 / The organization, known as CA-CP, has ramped up efforts to help its partners in colleges, universities, community groups, government agencies and other stakeholder organizations develop and implement strategies to reduce carbon emissions. This two-year, \$550,000 grant funds a program to foster adaptation planning and preparedness for climate change in coastal communities across the Northeast.

Clean Energy Group Inc.
Montpelier, Vt.

\$150,000 / The national advocacy organization works in the United States and internationally on innovative technology, finance and policy programs related to clean energy and climate change. A two-year, \$300,000 grant supports an initiative that will assist communities to use municipal bonds and other types of public debt financing for clean-energy projects.

Climate and Energy Project (2011 grant)
Lawrence, Kan.

\$175,000 / The regional organization advocates reducing greenhouse-gas emissions in America's heartland through the advancement of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Funding from this two-year, \$350,000 grant bolsters organizational efforts to build public demand and policy support for the development of wind energy and infrastructure in that region.

Climate Central Inc.
Princeton, N.J.

\$250,000 / The organization conducts scientific research on climate change and informs the public of key findings related to climate science, energy and impacts such as sea-level rise. This two-year, \$500,000 grant enables Climate Central to develop an online mapping resource that depicts the threat of sea level rise to socially vulnerable U.S. coastal areas in support of adaptation efforts.

The Community Foundation
for the National Capital Region
Washington

\$150,000 / The foundation is home to nearly 700 donor-advised and field-of-interest funds formed by individuals, families and corporations that seek to bring about positive change in the Washington metropolitan area. This two-year, \$200,000 grant is being used to pilot a commercial property-assessed clean energy finance program that encourages real-estate owners to make energy-efficiency improvements to their commercial and multifamily buildings in the nation's capital.

Conservation Biology Institute (2011 grant)
Corvallis, Ore.

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Earthjustice
San Francisco

\$200,000 / The public-interest law firm dedicates its expertise and resources to protecting the environment and defending the right of all people to live in healthy surroundings. Funding advances Earthjustice's work to encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to raise the level of energy-efficiency standards for buildings, appliances and equipment and to improve labeling, enforcement and compliance with those standards.

EcoAdapt
Bainbridge Island, Wash.

\$70,000 / EcoAdapt brings together diverse constituents from the conservation, policy, science and development communities to reshape the response to climate change and support the implementation of adaptation strategies. Funding enables EcoAdapt to become the sole manager of the Web-based Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange, or CAKE.

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\$350,000 / EcoAdapt brings together diverse constituents from the conservation, policy, science and development communities to reshape the response to climate change and support the implementation of adaptation strategies. This two-year, \$675,000 grant for general operations enables the organization to expand and deepen its climate-change adaptation programs and services.

The Energy Foundation
San Francisco

\$150,000 / The partnership of philanthropic investors assists in the transition to a sustainable energy future by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy. Through this grant, the foundation is exploring opportunities to build strong energy-efficiency retrofit markets in five building sectors and developing a coordinated agenda for philanthropic action and investment.

Environmental Defense Fund Inc.
New York

\$270,000 / The longstanding, independent advocacy group links science, economics and law to create innovative, equitable and cost-effective solutions to the most urgent environmental problems. Funding from this two-year, \$540,000 grant supports its multifaceted strategy for strengthening the economy of Mississippi River Delta communities, restoring degraded natural wetlands and shaping the activities of public agencies.

Environmental Grantmakers Association
New York

\$41,230 / The association helps member organizations increase their effectiveness as environmental grantmakers by sharing information on their different experiences and perspectives, collaborating to tap into synergies and networking to strengthen their common bonds. Grant funding provides membership support for its operations over the next two years.

Environmental Law and Policy Center (2011 grant)
Chicago

\$350,000 / The center is a leading environmental public interest and legal advocacy organization in the Midwest. This two-year, \$750,000 grant advances the group's efforts to increase the adoption, effective implementation and expansion of strong, successful energy policies throughout the Midwest.

Fresh Energy (2011 grant)
St. Paul, Minn.

\$125,000 / The organization provides research, advocacy and innovative policy models, and engages citizen support for renewable energy. This two-year, \$250,000 grant enables Fresh Energy to participate in policy and planning for electricity infrastructure and helps to bring renewable energy to market in the Midwest.

Freshwater Future
Petoskey, Mich.

\$210,000 / The organization supports grassroots watershed groups and citizens working locally to protect and restore aquatic habitats throughout the Great Lakes Basin. This two-year, \$420,000 grant enables Freshwater Future to provide climate-change information, training and technical assistance to urban leaders at community climate symposia in four Great Lakes cities and to continue its Great Lakes Community Climate small-grants program, which supports local projects.

Funders Network for Smart
Growth and Livable Communities Inc.
Coral Gables, Fla.

\$100,000 / Working at the intersection of health, community development and environment, this network of funding organizations promotes sustainable, socially equitable, economically sound land-use decisions leading to smarter growth policies and practices. This combined grant from our Environment, Community Development and Health programs provides additional support for the organization's general operations.

Futurewise
Seattle

\$100,000 / The statewide public interest group works to promote healthy communities and cities while protecting farmland, forests and shorelines. This grant is being used to assist communities in King County with the implementation of the STAR Community Rating System, a tool for evaluating and improving the social, economic and environmental sustainability of U.S. cities.

Garrison Institute
Garrison, N.Y.

\$100,000 / The nonsectarian organization supports program initiatives that give teachers, caregivers, environmentalists and other stakeholders working on the frontlines of social and environmental engagement the rigorous, innovative, contemplative-based tools and approaches they need to succeed. It is using a two-year, \$195,000 grant to support the Climate, Mind and Behavior Program, which seeks to develop effective people-centered approaches for addressing climate change.

Geos Institute
Ashland, Ore.

\$10,116 / The organization uses science to help people predict, reduce and prepare for climate-change effects. This increase to a grant originally made in 2011 supported organizing a two-day workshop in Portland, Ore., in early 2012, where our grantees and other practitioners were tasked with synthesizing lessons learned from three years of climate-change adaptation work.

Geos Institute
Ashland, Ore.

\$200,000 / The organization uses science to help communities predict, reduce and prepare for climate-change effects. This two-year, \$400,000 grant enables Geos to amplify, diversify and strengthen its ClimateWise scientific-consulting unit, which specializes in helping communities project the local effects of climate change and develop actions to minimize and prepare for them.

Global Philanthropy Partnership
Chicago

\$75,000 / The organization works to promote international giving, raise awareness of global development issues and instill greater understanding of the field of global philanthropy. Funding provides support for the partnership's Urban Sustainability Directors Network, which encourages the sharing of best practices by sustainability directors representing North American communities with nearly 50 million residents, and contributes to the increased sustainability and resilience of urban centers.

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Green Building Alliance
Pittsburgh

\$150,000 / Through its programs and initiatives, the alliance promotes the creation of healthy, high-performing places for everyone while providing leadership that connects knowledge, transformative ideas and collaborative action. This grant is being used to develop the Pittsburgh 2030 District, a downtown area targeting aggressive improvements in the energy performance of new and existing buildings as well as transportation.

Green For All
Oakland, Calif.

\$200,000 / The national organization seeks to build an inclusive green economy while reducing environmental harm and increasing large-scale employment opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Funding is being used to develop, pilot and replicate innovative energy- and water-efficiency models that strengthen community resilience while generating economic and quality-of-life benefits for low-income individuals.

Groundswell Inc.
Washington

\$150,000 / The organization leverages community demand and purchasing power to make clean energy and energy-efficiency upgrades affordable while creating investment, jobs and local entrepreneurial opportunity. Funding supports its general operations.

Gulf Restoration Network (2010 grant)
New Orleans

\$350,000 / The coalition of public-interest and environmental organizations is committed to protecting and restoring the Gulf of Mexico coastal area. A two-year, \$700,000 grant strengthens partnership efforts to advance ecosystem restoration and nonstructural approaches that increase the climate preparedness and sustainability of communities in coastal Louisiana and the greater New Orleans region.

Headwaters Economics Inc.
Bozeman, Mont.

\$200,000 / The organization works to improve community development and land management agendas in the western United States by conducting cutting-edge research and informing key decision-makers. Assisted by a two-year, \$400,000 grant, Headwaters Economics is creating customized economic and fiscal-analysis tools to help western U.S. communities develop and implement cost-effective climate-adaptation plans.

Institute for Market Transformation Inc.
Washington

\$150,000 / The institute seeks to improve energy efficiency in the built environment through research, education, policy change, program initiatives and building-code regulations. This grant bolsters the organization's work to improve municipal energy policy, remove financing barriers for energy efficiency, strengthen energy codes and compliance, and promote green leases to instill best practices in energy conservation.

Institute for Market Transformation Inc.
Washington

\$1,200,000 / The institute seeks to improve energy efficiency in the built environment through research, education, policy change, program initiatives and building-code regulations. A three-year, \$3.23 million grant supports the launch of the City Energy Project to accelerate the creation and implementation of local energy-efficiency policies and programs in 10 U.S. cities.

Institute for Sustainable Communities (2011 grant)
Montpelier, Vt.

\$300,000 / The institute leads transformative community-driven projects worldwide to improve air and water quality, conserve resources and strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate disruption. This two-year, \$700,000 grant supports both the Climate Leadership Academy and the Urban Sustainability Leadership Academy, which prepare local leaders to spearhead development and implementation of climate-action plans in their communities.

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Montpelier, Vt.

\$100,000 / The institute leads transformative community-driven projects worldwide to improve air and water quality, conserve resources and strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate disruption. Grant funding is being used to establish a national professional association for practitioners in the field of climate-change adaptation.

Institute for Sustainable Communities
Montpelier, Vt.

\$310,000 / The institute leads transformative community-driven projects worldwide to improve air and water quality, conserve resources and strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate disruption. A three-year, \$975,000 grant supports the implementation of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, a groundbreaking project to coordinate greenhouse-gas reduction and climate-change adaptation across cities in four Florida counties.

International Living Future Institute
Portland, Ore.

\$200,000 / The institute offers green-building and infrastructure solutions for buildings, neighborhoods and cities. Funding from a two-year, \$400,000 grant supports the expansion of the Living Building Challenge, the built environment's most rigorous performance standard, and helps strengthen its relevance to affordable housing owners and developers.

Island Press – Center for Resource Economics (2010 grant)
Washington

\$150,000 / Its titles in print, author programs and online presence make Island Press a leading publishing house of books on environmental issues and a communicator of environmental ideas. This two-year, \$500,000 grant renews Kresge's support for the Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange website infrastructure and incentivizes fundraising efforts.

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\$200,000 / Its titles in print, author programs and online presence make Island Press a leading publishing house of books on environmental issues and a communicator of environmental ideas. Assisted by a two-year, \$300,000 grant, its Built Environment Program is developing a new series of books focused on climate-change resilience, with an emphasis on urban aspects and social justice.

Land Information Access Association
Traverse City, Mich.

\$214,000 / The association provides technical, scientific, informational and educational services to citizens, nonprofit groups and local governments for land use planning, resource management, emergency management planning and environmental protection. This two-year, \$384,000 grant funds the development and testing of approaches that can help Michigan communities prepare for and adapt to the challenges of climate change.

Land Trust Alliance (2008 grant)
Washington

\$500,000 / The national organization promotes land conservation by providing research, policy, advocacy and training to 1,700 land trusts across the nation. This \$1 million endowment grant (half of which is subject to a challenge requirement) and three-year, \$250,000 program grant will help the alliance's subsidiary, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, implement a new land-trust accreditation program and achieve financial self-sufficiency.

Local Government Commission
Sacramento, Calif.

\$280,000 / The nonpartisan membership organization provides technical and networking services to elected officials, city planners and other key leaders committed to achieving more livable, prosperous and sustainable communities. Funding from a two-year, \$485,000 grant enables the commission to establish a cross-sector consortium to implement a climate-resilience agenda for the San Joaquin Valley and headwaters region of central California.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
New York

\$37,500 / The organization serves as a vehicle for foundations, corporations and individuals to contribute to the city's public programs. This grant provides additional funding for a project to implement more stringent energy-saving building codes in New York City, which has set a goal to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions to 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Oakland, Calif.

\$85,700 / The agency oversees the planning, coordination and financing of transportation in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. This grant funds a planning process, administered by the Bay Area Joint Policy Committee, to engage stakeholders in designing and organizing a collaborative on climate and energy resilience that supports local and regional action.

Model Forest Policy Program Inc.
Sagle, Idaho

\$300,000 / The national organization is dedicated to promoting forest stewardship and sustainable forestry practices by public and private forest landowners. A two-year, \$600,000 grant helps to expand the Climate Solutions University, a collaborative educational initiative that trains leaders of rural communities to prepare for climate-change impacts by developing climate-wise local land- and water-use management strategies.

Environment Program

National Housing Trust

Washington

\$125,000 / The organization works to ensure that federally subsidized and privately owned rental housing remains affordable, accessible and sustainable. Through this grant, the trust is establishing collaborative partnerships with utilities, state agencies and energy-conservation advocates to develop initiatives for channeling additional funding toward energy-efficiency retrofits of affordable, multifamily rental housing in eight states and the District of Columbia.

National Wildlife Federation

Reston, Va.

\$150,000 / The conservation organization works to protect and restore wildlife habitat, confront global warming and connect people with nature. This two-year, \$300,000 grant renews support for the Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition, cofounded by the federation to help promote policy reform to restore the lakes’ health and to foster climate-smart uses of federal funding.

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Natural Resources Defense Council

New York

\$300,000 / The national organization has been a leader in building the environmental movement and helping formulate environmental laws. This two-year, \$625,000 grant supports the council’s Center for Energy Efficiency Standards, which collaborates with a broad coalition of stakeholders to achieve reductions in energy use by increasing the efficiency of appliances, equipment, electronics and lighting.

The Nature Conservancy

Arlington, Va.

\$200,000 / Since 1951, the organization has protected more than 119 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of rivers worldwide and established chapters in 30 countries. This two-year, \$400,000 grant continues support for the Nature Conservancy’s Climate Change Adaptation Program, which is working to develop and strengthen adaptation strategies around the globe.

New Venture Fund

Washington

\$125,000 / The organization provides project-implementation and intermediary services to the philanthropic sector for public interest projects focused on conservation, global health, education, music, the arts and other areas. This two-year, \$250,000 grant supports the PACENow initiative to promote the use of Property Assessed Clean Energy financing to drive energy retrofits of homes and commercial buildings.

New York City Energy Efficiency Corp.

New York

\$200,000 / The corporation was established in 2010 to develop financing products to fund energy-efficiency retrofits in commercial, institutional, nonprofit and multifamily buildings. This two-year, \$500,000 grant support for general operations allows the corporation to advance New York City’s energy and climate goals.

Oxfam America Inc.

Boston

\$200,000 / The U.S.-based international relief and development organization, one of 14 affiliates worldwide, creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice. A three-year, \$600,000 grant bolsters Oxfam’s efforts to provide socially vulnerable communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast with access to resources that increase their resilience to climate change and generate economic opportunities.

People United for Sustainable Housing Inc.

Buffalo, N.Y.

\$140,000 / The grassroots community organization mobilizes residents to create strong neighborhoods with high-quality affordable housing, expand local hiring opportunities and advance economic justice on Buffalo’s West Side. A two-year, \$280,000 grant helps to strengthen and replicate the Green Development Zone model, a multifaceted effort to build a robust, sustainable community and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a 25-block area of the city.

Portland Sustainability Institute

Portland, Ore.

\$100,000 / The organization brings together business and sustainability leaders to incubate partnerships, drive innovation and solve tough problems on a metropolitan scale. This grant, recommended by the Environment and Community Development teams, is being used to establish and support EcoDistricts, which are neighborhoods that commit to achieving ambitious sustainability-performance goals, guiding district investments and community action and tracking the results over time.

Progressive America Fund/Center for Working Families

New York

\$200,000 / The public-policy research and advocacy organization, which does business as the Center for Working Families, is shaping the implementation of the Green Jobs/Green NY Act to ensure that low-income communities benefit from a statewide energy-efficiency retrofit program. This grant enables the center to monitor, evaluate and communicate the program’s success.

Public Health Institute

Oakland, Calif.

\$350,000 / The independent organization is dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life for people in California and elsewhere in the nation. The institute is using a two-year, \$650,000 grant from the Environment and Health programs to engage public-health leaders and organizations in government and grassroots efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve the climate resilience of communities and bridge the climate gap for disadvantaged areas.

The Regulatory Assistance Project

Montpelier, Vt.

\$200,000 / The organization pursues its goal of decarbonizing the U.S. energy sector by educating and technically assisting government officials, promoting adoption and implementation of environmentally favorable energy policies, and ensuring the accessibility of clean energy. This two-year, \$400,000 grant provides general support for its U.S.-based programs.

Resource Innovation Group Inc.

Eugene, Ore.

\$100,000 / The independent research and consulting organization fosters the development and application of innovative thinking and approaches to complex social-ecological problems, including global climate change. Grant money supports Climate Access, an online resource intended to build the communications knowledge, skills and abilities of climate practitioners.

Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

New York

\$150,000 / The organization provides research and counsel on charitable giving, develops philanthropic programs and offers program, administrative and management services for foundations and trusts. This two-year, \$375,000 grant for the Sustainability Endowments Institute, hosted by Rockefeller, supports the Billion Dollar Green Challenge to encourage colleges and universities to invest a combined \$1 billion in “green” revolving-loan funds that finance energy-efficiency improvements on their campuses.

Grants

Clean Air-Cool Planet

Portsmouth, NH

\$260,000



Clean Air-Cool Planet has ramped up efforts to help its partners in colleges, universities, community groups, government agencies and other stakeholder organizations develop and implement strategies to reduce carbon emissions. The second year of a two-year, \$550,000 grant funds a program to foster adaptation planning and preparedness for climate change in coastal communities across the Northeast. Here, a storm surge crashes over coastal New Hampshire.

Photo by Clean Air-Cool Planet

Rutgers University Foundation
New Brunswick, N.J.

\$214,000 / The foundation advances Rutgers University’s pursuit of excellence in education, research and public service. This two-year, \$400,000 grant underwrites the development of the New Jersey Climate Alliance, a broad-based collaborative of policymakers, practitioners, nonprofit organizations, business leaders and academic experts focused on addressing the impacts of climate change at the state and local levels.

Sierra Club Foundation (2010 grant)
San Francisco

\$300,000 / The foundation provides financial support to the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations for charitable projects. This two-year, \$600,000 grant advances the Sierra Club’s expansion of its Resilient Habitats Campaign, a broad-based initiative to establish strongholds for biodiversity and natural-systems conservation in 10 U.S. regions.

Sky Island Alliance (2010 grant)
Tucson, Ariz.

\$145,000 / The grassroots organization is dedicated to protecting and restoring the rich natural heritage of native species and habitats in the Sky Island region of the American Southwest and northwestern Mexico. The alliance is using this three-year, \$435,000 grant to engage academic, governmental and environmental advocacy partners in the development of comprehensive, collaborative climate change adaptation strategies for the region.

Stewards of Affordable Housing
Washington

\$250,000 / The organization provides coordination, best-practices assistance and practice-based regulatory-reform leadership to its membership base of national nonprofit affordable-housing corporations. Grant money supports Stewards’ ongoing role as an “idea lab” in pioneering innovative energy-efficiency and clean-energy programs in affordable multifamily rental properties for low-income families, seniors and disabled individuals.

Tides Canada Foundation (2011 grant)
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

\$200,000 / Tides Canada provides innovative philanthropic, financial and project-management services to help philanthropists, foundations, activists, civil organizations and other change-makers address environmental and social challenges. Assisted by this three-year, \$600,000 grant, Tides Canada is coordinating the implementation of the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement to protect 36 million acres of boreal forest in six Canadian provinces.

The University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

\$100,000 / The university promotes a learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world. It is using this grant to develop an academically sound, practically grounded understanding of the concept of regenerative neighborhoods, or EcoDistricts, and to oversee two projects planned for the campus.

University of Central Florida (2011 grant)
Orlando, Fla.

\$250,000 / The nation’s second-largest university serves more than 58,000 students. With funding from this three-year, \$700,000 grant, the university is conducting a statewide study to assess the threats that sea-level rise poses to nature and people in the state, and to develop adaptation strategies for mitigating climate change effects.

University of Michigan (2011 grant)
Ann Arbor, Mich.

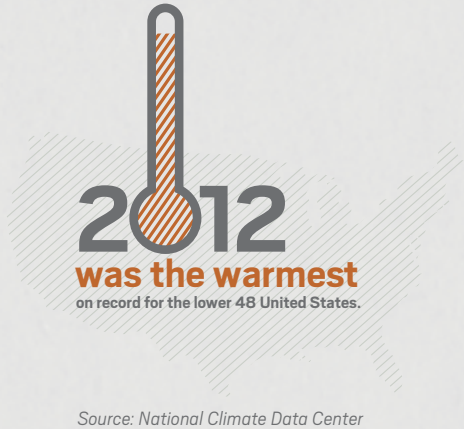
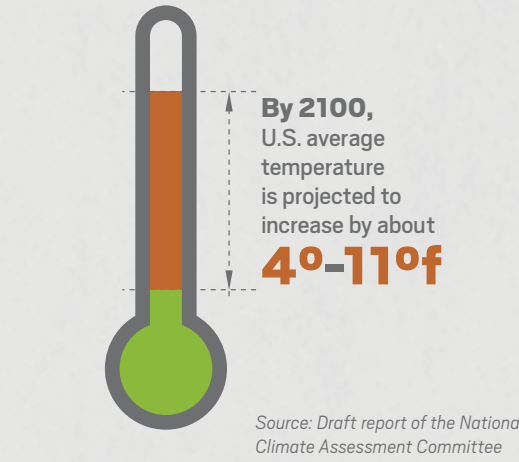
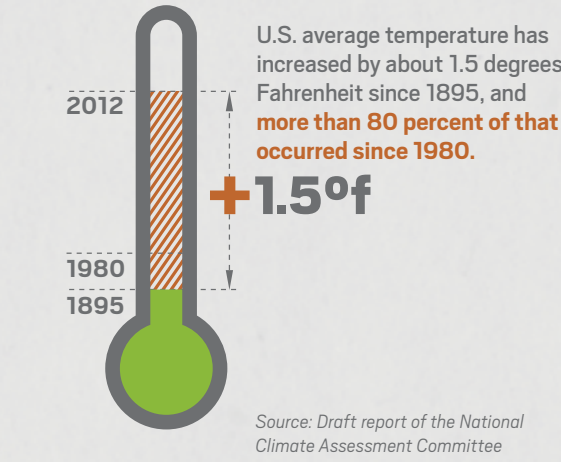
\$250,000 / The nation’s leading university for research spending is home to the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, which fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration to create a better understanding of complex sustainability issues and solutions. This three-year, \$600,000 grant funds the Great Lakes Adaptation Assessment for Cities, an initiative to develop and expand urban climate-adaptation and sustainability projects in five Great Lakes-area cities.

The University of Montana
Missoula, Mont.

\$466,244 / The public research university houses the School of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, which coordinates the Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent, a 150-member coalition dedicated to advancing sustainability objectives for the 18 million-acre region. This grant advances the Roundtable’s collaborative work with member communities, tribes, landowners and federal and state agencies to implement climate-change adaptation projects.

Vermont Energy Investment Corp.
Burlington, Vt.

\$180,000 / The organization designs and delivers programs that reduce the economic and environmental costs of energy consumption through the use of energy-efficiency and renewable-energy technologies. Grant money funds the development of a viable business plan for a nonprofit Public Purpose Energy Services Company, which targets the underserved market of small and midsize commercial, industrial, institutional and multifamily-residential buildings.



Wildlife Conservation Society (2011 grant)
Bronx, N.Y.

\$350,000 / The world’s oldest and largest conservation organization operates five zoological parks, manages 500 projects worldwide and educates millions of visitors. This two-year, \$600,000 grant allows the society to develop and implement landscape-specific climate change adaptation strategies in Ontario’s boreal forest while continuing its current planning work in Arctic Alaska, the Yellowstone Rockies and Adirondack Park.

Wildlife Conservation Society
Bronx, N.Y.

\$40,250 / The world’s oldest and largest conservation organization operates five zoological parks, manages 500 projects worldwide and educates millions of visitors. The society, which administers the Climate Adaptation Opportunity Fund, is using this one-year grant to support communications and outreach to inform applicants to the climate-adaptation fund about the scientific information and guidance resources available to them.

Wind on the Wires
St. Paul, Minn.

\$175,000 / Working side by side with utilities, operators of electric-transmission grids, regulators and other stakeholders, the organization aims to bring wind power to market in the Midwest. This grant funding for general operations supports planning, education and policy efforts to advance the development of clean-energy infrastructure.

Yale University (2010 grant)
New Haven, Conn.

\$200,000 / The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies offers graduate-level degree programs and serves as a locus for environmental research. This two-year, \$500,000 grant is being used to convene a science panel that is developing a framework and demonstration projects to guide resource management, land-use planning and development decisions within the context of climate change and its effects.

Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

\$26,000 / The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies offers graduate-level degree programs and serves as a locus for environmental research. This grant increases the original funding amount and extends the two-year time period of a 2010 grant to convene a science panel that is developing a framework and demonstration projects to guide resource management, land-use planning and development decisions within the context of climate change and its effects.