

ENVIRONMENT

CASCADIA REGION GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Portland, Oregon

\$250,000

Cascadia, the U.S. Green Building Council's oldest and largest chapter, is creating advanced building-performance standards and educational programs that represent the next generation in sustainable buildings, materials, and infrastructure. This 15-month grant will help Cascadia strengthen its organizational fabric and accelerate programs to encourage greener choices by consumers and industry.

CENTER FOR CLEAN AIR POLICY

Washington, D.C.

\$250,000

The independent think tank helps policymakers develop, promote, and implement innovative, market-based solutions to major climate, air-quality, and energy problems. This two-year, \$500,000 grant will fund a project to develop and refine policy approaches for reducing the growth in vehicle miles traveled, a key strategy for lowering greenhouse-gas emissions.

CERES INC.

Boston, Massachusetts

\$400,000

Ceres leads a coalition, comprising investors, environmental organizations, and public-interest groups, that is addressing global climate change and other sustainability challenges. This \$1,200,000 grant over three years will support the efforts of its Investor Network on Climate Risk project to promote better understanding of the financial risks and investment opportunities posed by climate change.

THE CHEWONKI FOUNDATION

Wiscasset, Maine

\$850,000

The environmental organization offers numerous educational programs, including wilderness expeditions, summer camping, and residential academic studies, and acts as a land trust and promoter of conservation stewardship. Challenge-grant monies will be used for the green renovation and expansion of several buildings on its 400-acre campus.

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

Corvallis, Oregon

\$1,020,000

The institute has developed the Data Basin database, an open-access, Web-based framework for storing, combining, and downloading data about climate change and ecosystem impacts. This grant will support two years of development of the Data Basin Climate Center, providing researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders with an accessible, centralized database and analytical tools.

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

San Francisco, California

\$50,000

The affinity group of grantmakers works to identify the needs, emerging issues, strategic opportunities, and alliances that address the accelerating threats to global biological diversity; and fosters partnerships among member foundations focused on critical environmental issues, including climate change and health. This two-year, \$50,000 grant will provide general operating support.

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Lexington, Kentucky

\$500,000

The council's regional Midwestern Governors Association is spearheading efforts to develop policies aimed at mitigating climate change. Grant funding will be used over 18 months for research, facilitation, and policy development leading to the implementation of a Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Accord and an Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform for the Midwest.

THE DAVID BROWER CENTER

Berkeley, California

\$1,000,000

Honoring environmental conservationist and activist David Brower, the center will operate a LEED-rated community center where nonprofits dedicated to environmental and social change can find affordable office space, share services, and collaborate with other resident organizations. Challenge-grant monies will go toward construction of the multi-tenant space.

ENERGY FOUNDATION

San Francisco, California

\$5,000,000

The foundation supports the transition to a sustainable-energy future by awarding grants to research and advocacy nonprofits working to influence energy-related public policies. This grant, covering a two-year period, will enable the foundation to direct more resources to grantees engaged in critical greenhouse-gas reduction, energy-efficiency, and renewable-energy policy venues.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CENTER (2007 grant)

Chicago, Illinois

\$800,000

This leading public-interest, environmental-advocacy organization focuses on supporting clean-energy resources, protecting ecosystems, and promoting efficient transportation and land-use approaches in the Midwest. This second-year funding of a four-year, \$2,500,000 grant will enable the center to expand its operations and staffing in an accelerated effort to advance the region's role in developing innovative technological and policy solutions on energy and global warming.

FUNDERS' NETWORK FOR SMART GROWTH AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Coral Gables, Florida

\$250,000

Working at the intersection of health, community development, and environment, the network of funding organizations addresses the root causes of sprawl and promotes sustainable, socially equitable, economically sound land-use decisions leading to smarter growth policies and practices. Grant funding will support its operations for a two-year period.

HEART OF THE LAKES CENTER FOR LAND CONSERVATION

Lansing, Michigan

\$90,000

With members from 27 local, regional, and statewide conservancies and affiliates, the center is a policy voice for Michigan's land trusts and addresses common concerns. This three-year, \$250,000 grant will support a new program to strengthen land trusts' operations, prepare them for national accreditation, and position them for greater conservation success.

ICLEI – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Oakland, California

\$625,000

ICLEI is an international association of local governments and national and regional government organizations that are committed to sustainable development and the mitigation of climate change. Grant funding over 15 months will enable the organization to build its national network, develop additional tools and benchmarks for greenhouse-gas reduction, and expand the policymaking role of local governments.

ISLAND PRESS – CENTER FOR RESOURCE ECONOMICS

Washington, D.C.

\$600,000

Island Press' titles in print, author programs and events, and growing online presence make it a leading nonprofit publishing house of books on environmental issues and a communicator of environmental ideas. With funding support, the publisher will collaborate with nonprofit EcoAdapt to develop printed and online materials to share information and strategies for adapting to climate change.

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE

Washington, D.C.

\$600,000

The national organization promotes land conservation by providing research, policy, advocacy, and training to 1,700 land trusts across the nation. This \$1,000,000 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 by 2012.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Washington, D.C.

\$370,000

The National Trust provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to save America's diverse historic places and to revitalize its communities. This three-year, \$870,000 grant will support the implementation of a new Sustainability Initiative that emphasizes the social and economic value of green historic preservation and the environmental benefits of preserving and reusing older buildings.

PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY INC.

Atlanta, Georgia

\$1,500,000

The conservancy manages, enhances, and preserves Piedmont Park as a vital urban greenspace and recreational resource, and oversees park-focused community and educational activities. Challenge-grant funding will be used for the LEED-rated restoration of a historic bathhouse for use as a multipurpose community center and the restoration of a pool for public use.

RECONNECTING AMERICA

Oakland, California

\$1,000,000

The national nonprofit organization works to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve in ways that improve economic and environmental efficiency. As co-chair of the Transportation for America coalition, an alliance dedicated to reforming federal transportation policy, Reconnecting America will use grant funding to build coalition membership and momentum for policy change.

ROCKEFELLER FAMILY FUND

New York, New York

\$2,100,000

The philanthropic fund administers the RE-AMP project, a collaboration of nonprofits and foundations working to achieve meaningful reductions in regional greenhouse-gas emissions through research, information exchange, strategy making, and advocacy. Grant funding of \$2,100,000, paid in full in 2008, will be used over three years and will enable environmental groups to participate in Midwestern regional and state-level climate-change policy forums.

SMART GROWTH AMERICA

Washington, D.C.

\$250,000

The coalition of national, state, and local organizations works to improve land-use planning and to identify strategies for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions produced by the U.S. transportation sector. This two-year, \$500,000 grant will enable coalition partners to advance climate-change policies focused on smart growth and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Charlottesville, Virginia

\$350,000

Serving six southeastern states, the center has been an effective legal advocate on energy, transportation, and coastal-protection issues, enforcement, and policy making related to climate change. With \$1,050,000 in grant funding over three years, the center will increase staffing and open a Washington, D.C., office, better positioning it to advance climate-change solutions.

TIDES CENTER

San Francisco, California

\$300,000

The nonprofit social-change organization established its Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor, business, environmental, and community leaders, to promote investments in energy efficiency, clean power, mass transit, next-generation vehicles, education and job training. This two-year, \$600,000 grant will expand its organizational work in Michigan and Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, Michigan

\$10,000

The University's School of Natural Resources and Environment has pioneered research, teaching, and outreach aimed at achieving a sustainable society. Grant monies funded a workshop where scientists, agency representatives, nonprofit leaders, and philanthropists assessed the likely impacts of climate change on the Great Lakes ecosystem and explored adaptive responses.

GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVE

The Green Building Initiative, which began in 2003 and was retired in May 2009, encouraged environmentally responsible construction and renovation in the nonprofit sector. The initiative awarded green planning grants of up to \$100,000 to cover the incremental costs associated with the integrated design process, a collaboration essential to efficient, cost-effective outcomes. The Environment Program's strategic priorities (described on page 29 in the front section) extend the aims of the Green Building Initiative by working to advance the policy and practice of environmental sustainability in the built environment. The following green planning grants were awarded in 2008:

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Decatur, Georgia
\$80,000

ALICE FERGUSON FOUNDATION

Accokeek, Maryland
\$75,000

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

New York, New York
\$50,000

AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Long Beach, California
\$75,000

ARTSPACE

Salt Lake City, Utah
\$80,000

BALTIMORE MEDICAL SYSTEM INC.

Baltimore, Maryland
\$100,000

CAMBRIAN COLLEGE

Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
\$25,000

CENTER IN THE SQUARE

Roanoke, Virginia
\$50,000

CHRIS KIDS INC.

Atlanta, Georgia
\$60,000

CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER

Cortez, Colorado
\$50,000

DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER

Los Angeles, California
\$50,000

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Davenport, Iowa
\$90,000

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

Portales, New Mexico
\$65,000

ERIE ART MUSEUM

Erie, Pennsylvania
\$50,000

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Boca Raton, Florida
\$50,000

FOUNTAIN HOUSE

New York, New York
\$75,000

FRUIT & FLOWER CHILD CARE CENTER

Portland, Oregon
\$60,000

GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan
\$60,000

GRASS RIVER NATURAL AREA INC.

Bellaire, Michigan
\$60,000

GUADALUPE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Austin, Texas
\$100,000

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY – FORT WAYNE

Fort Wayne, Indiana
\$75,000

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

Laguna Beach, California
\$80,000

MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

Fairfield, Iowa
\$50,000

MARS HILL COLLEGE

Mars Hill, North Carolina
\$60,000

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee
\$100,000

**NORTHWEST DETROIT NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT INC.**

Detroit, Michigan
\$50,000

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Portland, Oregon
\$50,000

PRETERM

Cleveland, Ohio
\$47,500

PROGRESSIVE REDEVELOPMENT INC.

Decatur, Georgia
\$75,000

SU TEATRO INC.

Denver, Colorado
\$50,000

TOWN OF NORMAL

Normal, Illinois
\$75,000

WATERLOO REGION GREEN SOLUTIONS

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
\$50,000
