

Environment





Environment: Grants

Alliance for Water Efficiency
(2009 grant)
Chicago, Illinois
\$100,000

Over the past two years, the alliance has established an international reputation for its expertise on water-efficiency programs and policy through its consulting, advisory and advocacy work with government agencies, utilities and conservation groups. Kresge’s two-year, \$200,000 grant will provide crucial core funding to this nascent force for water and energy conservation at a critical time.

Alliance to Save Energy
(2009 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$325,000

Through its wide-ranging research, programs, projects and partnerships, the nonprofit coalition supports energy efficiency as a cost-effective energy resource and advocates policies that minimize costs and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Assisted by Kresge’s two-year, \$650,000 grant, the alliance will develop a model for the evaluation, measurement, and verification of energy-efficiency programs, and build support for next-generation energy-efficiency policies.

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
(2009 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$400,000

The national nonprofit organization has a strong track record of leading and supporting improvements in the efficiency of America’s energy use through its publications, advisory work with federal and state policy makers, and development of appliance-efficiency standards and model building codes. Kresge’s two-year, \$800,000 grant will enable the council to expand into new areas of policy, consumer choice and communications.

American Rivers
(2009 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$400,000

The organization leverages science and policy to achieve its mission of protecting and restoring America’s rivers for the benefit of people, wildlife and nature. This two-year, \$800,000 grant will bolster the nonprofit’s capability to promote sustainable water-resources management programs and proactive climate-change policies at the state and federal level.

Architecture 2030
(2009 grant)
Santa Fe, New Mexico
\$200,000

Architecture 2030 spearheads cutting-edge efforts to reduce the energy demand of new buildings and major renovations, with a long-term goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030. Kresge’s two-year, \$400,000 operating grant supports its comprehensive work in research, education, coalition building, codes and legislation, and design education and practice.

To ensure a more sustainable future for the American West, Carpe Diem West engages water leaders to collaboratively develop innovative solutions for dealing with water scarcity in a changing climate. This two-year, \$450,000 grant renews Kresge’s support for Carpe Diem, an initiative to rethink how water is stored and delivered so that ecosystems are protected, agricultural economies are sustained and all residents have access to clean water.

Carpe Diem West
Sausalito, California
\$200,000

The center’s broad spectrum of research and policy-development work includes formulating energy and climate-change policy recommendations to increase public and private investments in clean, energy-efficient technologies and contribute to a sustainable, competitive American economy. With Kresge’s funding, the center will generate and distribute energy-related policy research reports, inform decision makers, and partner with clean-energy advocates to advance policy reforms.

Center for American Progress
Washington, D.C.
\$200,000

The independent think tank helps policymakers develop, promote and implement innovative, market-based solutions to major climate, air-quality and energy problems. Through this grant, the center will help state and local governments implement travel-efficiency policies aimed at reducing greenhouse-gas emissions while advancing accessibility, prosperity and equity.

Center for Clean Air Policy
Washington, D.C.
\$180,000

Dedicated to promoting more livable, sustainable communities, the nonprofit develops and pioneers strategies to use natural resources more efficiently and equitably. This two-year, \$350,000 grant will fund development of a one-stop, energy-efficiency retrofit model for Chicago’s two-to-four-unit, multifamily housing market as well as tools for assessing energy performance and financing and evaluating energy savings.

Center for Neighborhood Technology
Chicago, Illinois
\$172,000

The center champions strong rural communities that support social, economic and environmental equity while engaging residents in decisions affecting their quality of life and future. With Kresge support, the organization will analyze the rural issues associated with clean-energy-transmission development and outline policy options that unlock the wind-energy potential of the Midwest and Great Plains while protecting the legitimate interests of rural stakeholders.

Center for Rural Affairs
Lyons, Nebraska
\$100,000

Ceres leads a coalition of investors, environmental organizations and public-interest groups 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.

Ceres (2008 grant)
Boston, Massachusetts
\$400,000

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. Kresge’s two-year, \$550,000 grant will fund a program to foster climate-change adaptation planning and preparedness in coastal communities across the Northeast.

Clean Air-Cool Planet Inc.
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
\$290,000

An outgrowth of the Land Institute, the now-independent organization advocates reducing greenhouse-gas emissions in America’s heartland through the advancement of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Funding will support the nonprofit’s leadership of the Heartland Alliance for Regional Transmission and its efforts to engage diverse stakeholders in the dialogue about wind-energy generation and transmission needs in the region.

Climate and Energy Project
Lawrence, Kansas
\$150,000

Dedicated to conserving and restoring our planet’s biological diversity, this membership organization for foundations in environmental philanthropy also was home to the Health and Environmental Funders Network, a group of grantmakers working at the intersection of health and the environment. Kresge’s grant funded membership dues over two years to support both entities.

Consultative Group on Biological Diversity
San Francisco, California
\$87,500

The nonprofit advances economic and environmental justice by creating clean-energy careers for individuals with the greatest need. Kresge’s two-year, \$350,000 general operating support grant will support the expansion of the WeatherizeDC energy-efficiency retrofitting project from its pilot phase to a citywide scale and provide technical assistance to other communities across the country considering similar residential-weatherization programs.

The DC Project Inc.
Washington, D.C.
\$200,000

Defenders of Wildlife
(2009 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$400,000

Earthjustice
Oakland, California
\$200,000

EcoAdapt
Bainbridge Island, Washington
\$150,000

Ecotrust
Portland, Oregon
\$125,000

The Energy Foundation
San Francisco, California
\$1,500,000

Enterprise Community Partners (2009 grant)
Columbia, Maryland
\$500,000

Environmental Defense Fund Inc.
New York, New York
\$300,000

Environmental Grantmakers Association
New York, New York
\$20,000

Environmental Support Center Inc.
Washington, D.C.
\$68,000

Fresh Energy (2009 grant)
St. Paul, Minnesota
\$175,000

Fresh Energy
St. Paul, Minnesota
\$150,000

With climate change looming, the conservation organization has shifted its focus toward the challenges global warming poses to ecosystems and biological diversity. Using Kresge’s two-year, \$800,000 grant, the nonprofit will work with the U.S. Geological Survey’s new National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, the Obama administration and others to develop and implement a national climate-change adaptation strategy.

The public-interest law firm dedicates its legal expertise and resources to protecting the environment and defending the right of all people to live in healthy surroundings. Assisted by Kresge’s two-year, \$400,000 grant, Earthjustice will use advocacy and litigation to encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to raise the level of energy-efficiency standards for buildings, appliances and equipment and to improve enforcement and compliance with those standards.

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. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant for general operating support will enable the organization to grow its climate adaptation programs and services and continue its organizational development.

The conservation nonprofit supports the Economics for Equity and the Environment Network, which engages progressive economists in the development and promotion of sound economic foundations for environmental policy. With this two-year, \$250,000 grant, the network will develop economic analyses of the costs of climate change and the financial benefits of mitigation and mobilize network partners to communicate findings to policy makers.

The partnership of philanthropic investors assists in the transition to a sustainable energy future by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy. Kresge’s grant funding will be deployed in the American Southeast to organize clean-energy allies, revise utilities’ energy policies and encourage the adoption and enforcement of efficient building codes.

Through its Enterprise Green Communities program, this national nonprofit offers wide-ranging assistance to developers for creating affordable, environmentally responsible, low-income housing that meets high standards for green, healthy construction. With Kresge’s two-year, \$1,000,000 grant, Enterprise will expand its use of Green Communities Criteria for new construction and develop parallel criteria for green retrofits.

The longstanding, nonprofit, advocacy group links science, economics and law to create innovative, equitable and cost-effective solutions to the most urgent environmental problems. Kresge’s two-year, \$600,000 grant will support the fund’s Coastal Louisiana Restoration Project, a design competition for restructuring the Mississippi River diversion and navigation systems, restoring damaged wetlands and revitalizing underserved Mississippi Delta communities.

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. This grant will cover the cost of Kresge’s membership for two years.

The center has helped to bootstrap the environmental movement over the past 20 years by providing research, grants, technical assistance and technology to more than 2,300 organizing and advocacy groups. Funding will support follow-up activities to the “Everybody’s Movement” report addressing climate change and the environmental justice movement.

The organization provides research, advocacy, and innovative policy models, and engages citizen support for renewable energy. Kresge’s two-year \$350,000 grant will support the RE-AMP Media Center. A project hosted by Fresh Energy, the media center helps member organizations work more effectively with the media to advance climate-change strategies and improve energy policies in the Midwest.

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The nonprofit assists and supports grassroots watershed groups and citizens working locally to protect and restore aquatic habitats throughout the Great Lakes Basin. With this two-year, \$420,000 grant, Freshwater Future will establish a Great Lakes Community Climate small-grants program to inform grantees about climate-change adaptation science and restoration strategies.

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The nonsectarian, nonprofit 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. Funding will be used to plan and host a strategy session focused on best practices in bringing energy efficiency retrofits to scale.

Established in 1789, the academic and research institution oversees the State-Federal Climate Resource Center, which seeks to inform and advance effective climate and energy policies. Kresge’s three-year, \$600,000 grant will fund a project to engage two urban centers in developing comprehensive strategies for proactively addressing climate impacts from sea-level rise and extreme heat events.

The council operates four Girl Scout camps that offer weekend and daytime camping, outdoor sports, after-school activities, and outreach programs for 19,000 girls living in the tri-state area of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. Kresge’s grant helped to fund the construction of a science and technology lodge that met the environmental-sustainability building requirements for LEED certification. This grant is associated with a now-retired Kresge green-building initiative. This type of support is no longer available.

With its focus on the long-term economic, environmental and social well-being of the Northern Plains, the institute is working to accelerate the transition to a renewable, low-carbon energy system. Kresge’s funding will enable the organization to participate in wide-ranging policy, planning and development venues about the need for transmission lines to bring clean energy to market.

The national organization seeks to build an inclusive green economy while reducing unwanted environmental impacts and increasing large-scale employment opportunities for disadvantaged communities. This two-year, \$600,000 grant will be used to create and implement models for energy-efficiency retrofit programs that can be deployed in dozens of U.S. cities.

Through a combined approach of education, advocacy, outreach and technology, the nonprofit promotes green, healthy, efficient building and development. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant will advance development and implementation of the Sustainable Performance Institute Company Certification program to evaluate and encourage greater energy efficiency in building design, construction and operations.

Fresh Energy
St. Paul, Minnesota
\$100,000

Freshwater Future Inc.
Petoskey, Michigan
\$210,000

Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities Inc.
Coral Gables, Florida
\$60,000

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Coral Gables, Florida
\$75,000

Garrison Institute
Garrison, New York
\$38,500

Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.
\$290,000

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council Inc.
Newark, Delaware
\$150,000

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
\$150,000

Green For All
Oakland, California
\$300,000

Green Roundtable Inc.
Boston, Massachusetts
\$150,000

Gulf Restoration Network
New Orleans, Louisiana
\$350,000

Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy
(2008 grant)
Grand Ledge, Michigan
\$80,000

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability Inc.
Boston, Massachusetts
\$500,000

Innovation Network for Communities
Beaver Island, Michigan
\$75,600

Institute for Market Transformation Inc.
Washington, D.C.
\$150,000

Institute for Sustainable Communities
Montpelier, Vermont
\$50,000

Island Press – Center for Resource Economics
Washington, D.C.
\$183,621

Land Trust Alliance
(2008 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$75,000

Michigan Environmental Council
Lansing, Michigan
\$180,000

Model Forest Policy Program
Sagle, Idaho
\$300,000

Created in 1994, the diverse coalition of public-interest and environmental organizations remains committed to protecting and restoring the Gulf of Mexico coastal area. This three-year, \$700,000 grant will strengthen partnership efforts to develop a multifaceted approach to disaster preparedness that includes community resilience and sustainability as well as ecosystem restoration and climate-change adaptation.

With members from 27 local, regional, and statewide land conservancies and affiliates, the center is a policy voice for Michigan’s land trusts and addresses their 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.

The international association offers a wide range of resources to help cities and counties, including more than 600 U.S. member organizations, pursue climate-change mitigation and adaptation strategies. With grant assistance for general operations, ICLEI will expand its mitigation programs, pilot the STAR Community Index to help local governments set sustainability priorities and launch the ICLEI USA Green Business Challenge to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

The national nonprofit spearheads innovations in climate and energy planning, building retrofits, sustainable transportation, green-collar workforce development and other areas that transform the performance of community systems. Kresge’s grant will support an analysis of technical assistance for building energy-efficiency retrofits and the development of recommendations for strengthening the market for building energy-efficiency retrofits.

The institute seeks to improve energy efficiency in the built environment through research, education, policy change, program initiatives, and building-code regulations. This two-year, \$300,000 grant will support its efforts to facilitate energy rating and disclosure of commercial-building performance, revamp financing, promote stronger energy codes and enforcement and increase energy efficiency in federal buildings.

Since its founding in 1991 by former Vermont Governor Madeleine M. Kunin, the institute has led transformative community-driven projects worldwide to improve air and water quality and conserve resources. Grant funding will support the launch of the Climate Leadership Academy on Climate Preparedness and Resilience to educate practitioners of sustainability and climate adaptation from 16 U.S. cities.

Island Press’ titles in print, author programs and online presence make it a leading nonprofit publishing house of books on environmental issues and a communicator of environmental ideas. This grant will enable Island Press and its partner, EcoAdapt, to continue development of their Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange, an online information tool for climate-change adaptation.

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.

As a voice for Michigan’s environment over the past 30 years, the 60-member coalition of environmental, faith and public-health organizations works to advance adoption of clean energy technologies. Funding over 18 months will enable the council to support the implementation of clean-energy reforms, promote the development of wind power and pursue efficiencies in electricity transmission and distribution.

The national nonprofit is dedicated to promoting forest stewardship and sustainable forestry practices by public and private forest landowners. Kresge’s grant will fund the second year of the Climate Solutions University, a collaborative educational initiative aimed at developing and implementing forest and water climate-action plans in six rural communities in Idaho and Tennessee.

The center brings the knowledge of top research scientists to the natural-resource policy-making arena. Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant will fund the expansion of the center’s successful Climate Futures Forums—facilitated programs that inform and empower local decision makers to proactively respond to climate-change impacts, and provide support for the center’s advocacy for climate-wise policy at the state and national levels.

The organization works to ensure that federally subsidized and privately owned rental housing remains affordable, accessible and sustainable. This three-year, \$375,000 grant will allow the trust’s Green Preservation program to partner with government agencies on efforts to increase the number of affordable rental homes that are weatherized using federal economic-stimulus funds.

The National Trust provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to save America’s diverse historic places and to revitalize its communities. This three-year, \$1 million grant will support the implementation of a Sustainability Initiative that emphasizes the social and economic value of green historic preservation and the environmental benefits of preserving and reusing older buildings.

The conservation organization works to protect and restore wildlife habitats, confront climate change and connect people with nature. Kresge funding will support the federation’s participation in the Climate-Smart Restoration Partnership, a joint effort to educate and engage conservation and restoration groups in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watersheds.

The conservation organization works to protect and restore wildlife habitats, confront climate change and connect people with nature. Grant funding will enable the federation to co-host a workshop for diverse stakeholders from government, industry, academia and the community focused on how to integrate climate-change adaptation into the Great Lakes restoration agenda.

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Launched in 1970, the national organization has been a leader in building the environmental movement and helping formulate environmental laws. Kresge’s two-year, \$750,000 grant supports the council’s Center for Energy Efficiency Standards, which is working with multiple stakeholders to improve efficiency standards for buildings, equipment and appliances, reducing energy usage and lowering greenhouse-gas emissions.

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. The Nature Conservancy’s Michigan chapter will use Kresge’s grant to initiate and develop a regional program to test, demonstrate and implement climate-change adaptation strategies throughout the Great Lakes Basin.

The nonprofit focuses on improving the energy performance of commercial buildings. Supported by this two-year, \$500,000 grant, the Institute will research, develop, pilot and publicize tools that building owners can use to make decisions about comprehensive energy-efficiency upgrades to existing structures.

The U.S.-based international relief and development organization, one of 14 affiliates worldwide, creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice. With Kresge’s two-year, \$748,000 grant, Oxfam will initiate a five-year collaborative project to provide socially vulnerable communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast with access to resources that will increase their resilience to climate change and generate economic opportunities.

The nonprofit works with landowners, forest managers, public agencies, and local communities to sustain working forests. Assisted by Kresge’s grant funding, the organization will continue to build coalition support, and an economic case, for its climate-wise forest policy on the federal, regional and state levels.

National Center for Conservation Science and Policy (2009 grant)
Ashland, Oregon
\$250,000

National Housing Trust
(2009 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$125,000

National Trust for Historic Preservation (2008 grant)
Washington, D.C.
\$250,000

National Wildlife Federation
Reston, Virginia
\$200,000

National Wildlife Federation
Reston, Virginia
\$37,000

National Wildlife Federation
Reston, Virginia
\$125,000

Natural Resources Defense Council (2009 grant)
New York, New York
\$350,000

The Nature Conservancy
Arlington, Virginia
\$225,000

New Buildings Institute Inc.
White Salmon, Washington
\$250,000

Oxfam-America Inc.
Boston, Massachusetts
\$374,000

Pacific Forest Trust Inc.
San Francisco, California
\$200,000

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| Policy Sciences Center Inc. New Haven, Connecticut \$183,032 | The nonprofit foundation seeks to improve public and private decision-making processes through research, education and grantmaking for scholars and institutions. This grant will fund a project synthesizing innovations and lessons learned from case studies of community disaster preparedness, and develop new approaches to addressing climate impacts on communities and natural systems. |
| Progressive America Fund/ Center for Working Families New York, New York \$100,000 | The nonprofit, which works through community stakeholders to develop and implement policy reforms, created the concept for the Green Jobs/Green NY Act, a statewide program enacted to reduce costs and emissions through energy-efficiency retrofits. Kresge funding will allow the center to participate in the program's implementation to ensure its success as a driver of the state's cleaner, greener economy. |
| Resource Innovation Group (2009 grant) Eugene, Oregon \$250,000 | The group's Climate Leadership Initiative helps government, businesses and communities develop comprehensive climate-change preparation strategies. Kresge's three-year, \$750,000 grant will support local and regional preparation processes and the development of a network of climate-preparation practitioners. |
| Rockefeller Family Fund New York, New York \$1,100,000 | The philanthropic fund administers the RE-AMP network, a collaboration of nonprofits and foundations working to achieve meaningful reductions in regional greenhouse-gas emissions in the upper Midwest through research, information exchange, strategy making and advocacy. This grant will support RE-AMP activities and groups working in the Midwest on energy efficiency, renewable energy and vehicle electrification. |
| Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Inc. New York, New York \$700,000 | The nonprofit provides research and counsel on charitable giving, develops philanthropic programs and offers program, administrative and management services for foundations and trusts. Kresge's grant will further the work of the Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health, a community-led philanthropy serving the hurricane-damaged Gulf-South region. |
| Sierra Club Foundation San Francisco, California \$300,000 | The foundation provides financial support to the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations for charitable projects. This two-year, \$600,000 grant will advance 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 Tucson, Arizona \$145,000 | The grassroots nonprofit 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 will use Kresge's three-year, \$435,000 grant to engage academic, governmental and environmental-advocacy partners in the development of comprehensive, collaborative climate-adaptation strategies for the region. |
| Smart Growth America Washington, D.C. \$200,000 | 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. Kresge's renewed funding will support ongoing efforts to advance federal and state policies aimed at improving travel efficiency to achieve climate-mitigation goals. |
| Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (2009 grant) Atlanta, Georgia \$250,000 | The alliance promotes energy efficiency through advocacy, programs and events, and engages diverse stakeholders in fostering energy-efficiency policies and practices. Kresge's two-year, \$750,000 grant will help fund the award for an energy-efficiency program competition and enable the alliance to assist the winning city in developing the American Southeast's first comprehensive energy-efficiency program at the city level. |
| Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (2009 grant) Knoxville, Tennessee \$250,000 | The energy advocate, based in the American Southeast, collaborates with leading national and state-level nonprofits that work on climate and energy policy. Kresge's two-year, \$500,000 grant will advance efforts to implement strong energy-efficiency programs in the Carolinas, Florida and Tennessee, and to create a more favorable environment for the adoption of renewable energy. |
| Southern Environmental Law Center (2008 grant) Charlottesville, Virginia \$350,000 | Serving six Southeastern states, the center has been an effective legal advocate on energy, transportation, and coastal-protection issues. 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 strategies. |

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| The organization provides coordination, best-practices assistance and practice-based regulatory-reform leadership to its membership base of national nonprofit affordable-housing corporations. Kresge's two-year, \$600,000 grant for its Energy Program will support energy-efficiency activities, including educating building owners, improving federal policies, gathering data about energy use and retrofitting thousands of affordable-housing units. | Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (2009 grant) Washington, D.C. \$400,000 |
| The nonprofit social-change organization was home to the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor, business, environmental, and community leaders that promotes investments in energy efficiency, clean power, mass transit, next-generation vehicles, education, and green-collar job training. Combined grant monies, representing \$300,000 in second-year funding from a two-year, \$600,000 2008 grant and \$300,000 in new 2010 funding, will support the alliance's work in Michigan and Ohio to advance clean-technology manufacturing, clean-energy policy initiatives, and green economic development in urban centers. | Tides Center San Francisco, California \$600,000 |
| The 275,000-member organization combines independent scientific research and citizen action to develop innovative solutions to challenging issues and to achieve changes in government policy, corporate practices and consumer choices. This two-year, \$750,000 grant will launch an initiative to assess the collision of energy and water policy, investment and management in key U.S. regions. | Union of Concerned Scientists (2009 grant) Cambridge, Massachusetts \$300,000 |
| The citizen's organization is committed to empowering people in local communities to address quality-of-life issues. Its Environmental Health Sciences project bolsters public support for policies that reduce the societal burdens of environmental contaminants and climate change. Kresge's two-year, \$600,000 grant allows the project to expand its media coverage and readership in these critical areas. | Virginia Organizing Project (2009 grant) Charlottesville, Virginia \$300,000 |
| The foundation uses grantmaking, communication and outreach to ensure that the conservation values of the American West are reflected in public policy. Funding will jump-start a campaign to inform federal decisions about the appropriate siting of renewable-energy installations and transmission lines in the western United States. | Western Conservation Foundation Denver, Colorado \$250,000 |
| Working side-by-side with utilities, electric-transmission-grid operators, regulators and other stakeholders, the nonprofit organization aims to bring wind power to market in the Midwest. Kresge's two-year, \$350,000 grant renews funding for general operating support and advances planning, education and policy efforts to move clean-energy-infrastructure development forward. | Wind on the Wires St. Paul, Minnesota \$175,000 |
| The nonprofit promotes community ownership of wind-energy projects by educating landowners and residents, offering technical assistance to communities and building strong, supportive public policies. Kresge's grant will be used to support general operations. | Windustry Minneapolis, Minnesota \$75,000 |
| Founded in 1901, 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 will be used to convene a science panel that will develop a framework and demonstration projects to guide resource management, land-use planning and development decisions within the context of climate change and its impacts. | Yale University New Haven, Connecticut \$300,000 |