

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for the Environment, circa 2003*

Recipient Organization	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Conservation International	DC	\$34,261,250	28
2. Peninsula Open Space Trust	CA	25,564,800	12
3. Nature Conservancy	VA	24,547,917	71
4. Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	MI	15,030,000	2
5. Outward Bound	NY	12,664,673	6
6. Longwood Gardens	PA	12,500,000	1
7. Barnes Foundation	PA	12,094,998	11
8. National Environmental Trust	DC	11,970,600	18
9. Resources Legacy Fund	CA	11,725,500	4
10. Hanover College	IN	11,452,404	1
11. Environmental Defense	NY	11,226,394	47
12. Conservation Fund	VA	10,732,118	24
13. Duke Farms Foundation	NY	10,599,812	1
14. World Wildlife Fund/Conservation Foundation	DC	9,482,636	38
15. Indianapolis Zoological Society	IN	8,656,720	4
16. Nature Conservancy	MI	7,811,370	9
17. New York Botanical Garden	NY	7,764,000	54
18. Sierra Club Foundation	CA	7,673,709	23
19. Oceana	DC	7,408,583	9
20. Ichauway	GA	7,000,000	1
21. Resource Legacy Fund Foundation	CA	6,500,000	1
22. League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	DC	5,870,000	7
23. Thanksgiving Point Institute	UT	5,432,632	1
24. Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) International	NY	5,000,000	1
25. Pace University	NY	4,935,000	5
26. Ducks Unlimited	TN	4,883,025	10
27. Union of Concerned Scientists	MA	4,572,500	24
28. Strategies for the Global Environment	VA	4,549,500	5
29. Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund	CA	4,451,375	16
30. Georgia Department of Natural Resources	GA	4,310,000	7
31. Vermont Land Trust	VT	3,754,832	7
32. Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy	MI	3,700,000	3
33. Citizens for Pennsylvanias Future	PA	3,645,000	5
34. Iowa State University	IA	3,613,346	2
35. Trout Unlimited	VA	3,517,000	12
36. Save the Redwoods League	CA	3,500,000	5
37. Natural Resources Defense Council	NY	3,467,050	51
38. Central Park Conservancy	NY	3,451,492	49
39. Minnetrista Cultural Foundation	IN	3,318,934	2
40. Columbia University	NY	3,307,700	10
41. World Resources Institute	DC	2,934,630	23
42. University of Miami	FL	2,923,000	1
43. Natural Resources Defense Council	CA	2,907,750	10
44. Field Museum of Natural History	IL	2,875,000	4
45. New Jersey Conservation Foundation	NJ	2,835,000	10
46. Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE)	NY	2,785,405	2
47. Missouri Botanical Garden	MO	2,755,038	11
48. American Rivers	DC	2,703,500	19
49. Trust for Public Land	GA	2,676,315	6
50. Audubon Society, National	NY	2,625,000	17
Total		\$373,967,508	690

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,010 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.

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