

Non-Government funding sources

United States

Environment

- **Sunny Walter's Links to Foundations and Other Organizations that Provide Funding for Environmental Projects** <http://www.sunnywalter.com/Envir-Grants.html> Lots of potential great funding opportunities
- **Alaska Conservation Foundation** <http://www.akcf.org/>
- **Brainerd Foundation** <http://www.brainerd.org/>
The Brainerd Foundation protects the environment of the Northwest and builds broad citizen support for conservation. We make grants, provide guidance, leverage funding and encourage collaboration within the philanthropic community. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory constitute our geographic funding region.
- **Bullitt Foundation**
- **Kongsgaard-Goldman Foundation** <http://www.kongsgaard-goldman.org/>
Helps fund the building of grassroots organizations with the power to change their communities and improve their lives; priority program area is Environmental Protection and Restoration. The Kongsgaard-Goldman Foundation is a small, private foundation formed in 1988. The Foundation provides support to a wide range of nonprofit organizations in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana and British Columbia, Canada).
- **Laird Norton Endowment Foundation** <http://www.lairdnorton.org/Welcome.html> The Laird and Norton families, related to each other from their pioneer origins in Pennsylvania, settled in Winona, Minnesota, in the mid 1850s. There, William Harris Laird and his cousins Matthew George Norton and James Laird Norton formed the Laird Norton Company. This was the first of several family-owned companies engaged in the lumber business, first in the Midwest, later in the Pacific Northwest, and finally all over the West including Alaska.
- **The Mountaineers Foundation** <http://www.mountaineersfoundation.org/>
The Mountaineers Foundation promotes the study, protection, and enjoyment of natural areas. The Mountaineers Foundation is dedicated to passing the best possible environmental legacy to ensuing generations. The Foundation serves The Mountaineers and others who are committed to the responsible stewardship and active enjoyment of the beauty and diversity of our natural resources. The Foundation promotes the long view of stewardship by building and maintaining strong relationships with both donors and grantees based on mutual trust and openness.
- **Wilburforce Foundation** <http://www.wilburforce.org/> Wilburforce Foundation protects wildlife and targeted wildlands in Western North America by actively supporting organizations and leaders advancing conservation solutions. We are a private, philanthropic foundation that supports efforts to create a network of protected core reserves, corridors and buffer zones across Western North America that will support ecologically effective landscapes and viable wildlife populations.

- **Nature Conservancy** <http://www.nature.org/>
- **National Audubon Society** <http://www.audubon.org/>
- **BP Conservation Program** <http://conservation.bp.com/>
- **Harry Chapin Foundation** <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/harrychapin/>
- <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/harrychapin/> Provides funds for environmental programs that promote a safe and sustainable environment.
- **Charles A. and Anne M. Lindbergh Foundation** <http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/> Each year, The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation provides grants of up to \$10,580 (a symbolic amount representing the cost of the *Spirit of St. Louis*) to men and women whose individual initiative and work in a wide spectrum of disciplines furthers the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the advance of technology and the preservation of the natural/human environment.
- **Paule G. Allen Family foundation** <http://www.pgafoundations.com/>
At the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, our vision for building healthy communities includes nurturing the arts, engaging children in learning, addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, and advancing scientific/technological discovery. In more than two decades of charitable giving, we have learned that in order to make the greatest impact in these four areas, we must employ a variety of strategies.
- **Surdna Foundation** <http://www.surdna.org/>
Welcome to the Surdna Foundation Website. Surdna is a family foundation established in 1917 by John Emory Andrus. The foundation makes grants in the areas of environment, community revitalization, effective citizenry, the arts and the nonprofit sector, with annual grantmaking of approximately \$37 million
- **Oak Foundation** <http://www.oakfnd.org/activities/climate.php> Addressing global climate change by advocating for renewable energy and energy efficiency in the power and transport sectors through education, research, and policy change in Europe, Canada, and the Northeastern United States.
- **RFS Social Finance** <http://www.rsfsocialfinance.org/> RSF Social Finance provides socially responsible investors, donors, for-benefit organizations, and social enterprises innovative investing, lending, and philanthropic services to promote environmental, social, and economic sustainability. When you join us, your investment, gift, or loan is leveraged to impact a broad spectrum of issues and to support projects that ensure a better future. So we need a sustainability and human component. Native communities and indigenous peoples have highly sophisticated knowledge of the natural world (land, water, plants, and animals) and have a legacy of sustainable environmental stewardship.
- **Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation** www.noyes.org Committed to protecting and restoring Earth's natural systems and promoting a sustainable society by strengthening individuals, institutions, and communities. General support for a statewide organization working for environmental health and justice through support and assistance to communities and Native tribes in Alaska.
- **Whole Systems Foundation** <http://www.whole-systems.org/> We are seeking projects that include at least one and preferably more than one of the following factors: 1. Address root causes of environmental degradation rather than

- secondary issues. 2. Facilitate increased awareness of the interdependence of human well being with the health of the rest of the ecosystem. 3. Have the support of the local community or grass roots organizations
- **Marion Foundation:** <http://www.marioninstitute.org/matriarch/default.asp>
Ecology, Environment & Sustainable Living
Turn the tide...communicate the bigger issue...unite common minds... show the madness of ignorance... articulate the choices...reverse the trends... halt the destruction... show the connections... nurture the habitat... simplify the story... enlist school support.
 - **Bullitt Foundation:** <http://www.bullitt.org/> Cascadia, the Northwest corner of the United States and the Southwest corner of Canada, is ground zero for sustainable development.
 - **Laird Norton Family Foundation** <http://www.lairdnorton.org/Welcome.html>
Climate Change To address the consequences of climate change, this fund advisory committee is focusing on two energy-related initiatives that offer significant, efficient, and cost effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions - increased conservation and efficiency and the development of clean and sustainable technologies.
 - **Flintridge Foundation** <http://www.flintridgefoundation.org/home/home.html>
We are designing a brand new website for Flintridge Operating Foundation. In the meantime, information about programs and services will be hosted on this website.
 - **The Lawrence Foundation** <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/> The Lawrence Foundation is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, education, health, human services and other causes. The Lawrence Foundation was established in mid-2000. We make both program and operating grants and do not have any geographical restrictions on our grants. Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - **The GEF Small Grants Programme**
[http://sgp.undp.org/index.cfm?module=ActiveWeb&page=WebPage&s=climate change_publication](http://sgp.undp.org/index.cfm?module=ActiveWeb&page=WebPage&s=climate_change_publication) This publication is a result of a review of 65 sustainable transport community projects funded by the GEF Small Grants Programme. Lessons and experiences documented in the publication demonstrate that community initiatives play an important role in testing new approaches, raising awareness of new ideas, piloting innovative strategies, and informing and stimulating policy dialogue in a cost-effective way.
 - **George C. Marshall Institute** <http://www.marshall.org/> The George Marshall Institute (GMI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1984. Our mission is to improve the use of science in making public policy about important issues for which science and technology are major considerations. Our current program emphasizes issues in national security and the environment.
 - **Cooperative Institute for Arctic Research (CIFAR)**
<http://www.cifar.uaf.edu/education/education.php> The annual competition is announced in December, proposals are due in late February and awards are

announced in May. Students can request a maximum of \$10,000 for two years (not to exceed \$5,000 in either year).

- **Duke Charitable Foundation (Duke)** <http://www.ddcf.org> This foundation strives to improve the quality of people's lives by preserving natural environments, seeking cures for diseases, nurturing the arts, and helping to protect children from abuse and neglect. The Foundation welcomes two-page letters of inquiry from nonprofit organizations working in the Foundation's areas of interest. There is no deadline for letters of inquiry. For more information, call Joan Spero at 212-974-7000.
- **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** <http://www.ornl.gov/orise/edu/ornl/ornl-pdpm/about.htm> Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is the largest of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) multiprogram, nonweapons national laboratories with a staff of 4,000 scientists, engineers, and other professional, technical, and support personnel.
- **ACS Petroleum Research Fund Grant Programs** http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_SUPER_ARTICLE&node_id=1251&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1 ACS PRF awards grants for advanced scientific education and fundamental research in the petroleum field, including chemistry, the earth sciences, chemical and petroleum engineering, and related fields such as polymers and materials science. Membership in the American Chemical Society is not a requirement or a factor in awarding ACS PRF grants.
- **Max and Anna Levinson Foundation** <http://www.levinsonfoundation.org/> Next Round of Proposals Due April 1, 2008 Private foundation making grants for the protection of ecosystems and biological diversity; alternative energy and conversion from the oil economy; alternative agriculture and local green economic development; breaking the link between resource extraction, civil and international conflict and markets; and the development of environmental movements.
- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** <http://www.mott.org/> Funding for unsolicited proposals is limited throughout the program. Those interested in applying for funding are strongly encouraged to submit [letters of inquiry](#) instead of a full proposal.
- **Rockefeller Brothers Fund** <http://www.rbf.org/> Rockefeller Brothers' program areas are Sustainable Development and Combating Global Warming. The fund supports advocacy to accelerate biofuels development as a means to combat global warming. An additional focus is on democratic practice to ensure that this transition is made in a sustainable and transparent way. Sustainable development accounted for 70% of RBF 2005 grant making, or nearly \$15.8 million. Over the next two years RBF will invest roughly \$500,000 in biofuels work. Average grant size in sustainable development is about \$63,000.
- **Alaska Conservation Foundation** http://www.akcf.org/_pages/grants_amp_award/types_of_grants/small_grants.php Small grants are for discrete projects, generally one to two months in duration, that require less than \$2,500 to complete.

- **Global Environmental Facility** <http://www.gefweb.org/> Adaptation: The Climate Convention guidance to the GEF on adaptation has evolved through a series of staged approaches. Originally, the GEF supported initial studies, vulnerability and adaptation assessments, and capacity building. More recently, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change asked the GEF to support pilot and demonstration projects in the field of adaptation. Under its strategic priority Piloting an Operational Approach to Adaptation, the GEF supports projects that provide real benefits and may be integrated into national policies and sustainable development planning. In addition, the GEF supports adaptation activities through the Least Developed Country Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund.
- **Earthwatch Institute** <http://www.earthwatch.org/site/pp.asp?c=dsJSK6PFJnH&b=392425>
Preliminary proposals are accepted and reviewed year-round and should be submitted 18 months in advance of the anticipated fieldwork. To discuss potential projects, please contact the research department at research@earthwatch.org.
- **Community of Science (COS)** <http://fundingopps.cos.com/topten/> A list of various possible funds.
- **Wenner-Gren Foundation** <http://www.wennergren.org/> The Wenner-Gren Foundation has two major goals – to support significant and innovative anthropological research into humanity's biological and cultural origins, development and variation and to foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology.
- **Leakey Foundation Grants** <http://www.leakeyfoundation.org/> The Leakey Foundation was formed to foster research into human origins. Recent priorities include research into the environment, archeology, and human paleontology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene; the behavior, morphology, and ecology of the great apes and other primate species; and the behavioral ecology of contemporary hunter-gatherers.
- **Harry Frank Guffenheim** <http://www.hfg.org/> The Harry Frank Guffenheim Foundation sponsors scholarly research on problems of violence, aggression, and dominance. Research areas include youth, family media, crime, biology, war and peace, terrorism, religion, ethnicity, nationalism.
- **Research Corporation** <http://www.rescorp.org/grants.php> A brief pre-proposal due 60 days in advance of proposal target dates will be required for all applicants to the single-investigator program. For example, pre-proposals for the May 15, 2008 target date will be due on March 17, 2008. Details for the submission of pre-proposals will be made available on the Research Corporation website on February 1, 2008.
- **American Anthropological Association Funding List** <http://www.aaanet.org/resources/links.cfm#funding>
- **ArcticNet** is a [Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada](#) that brings together scientists and managers in the natural, human health and social sciences with their partners in Inuit organizations, northern communities, federal and provincial agencies and the private sector to study the impacts of climate change in the coastal Canadian Arctic. Over 100 *ArcticNet* researchers from 27 Canadian

universities and 5 Federal departments collaborate with research teams in the USA, Japan, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Poland, the United Kingdom, Spain, Russia, Greenland and France.

- **Social Science Research Council** <http://programs.ssrc.org/> Work at the SSRC is focused on four program areas: Global Security and Cooperation; Migration; Knowledge Institutions; and the Public Sphere. These program areas support working groups, conferences, and fellowships, and a wide range of other research activities.

Past funding sources for IAB:

- **NARSAD** Charity dedicated to Mental Health Research and supports scientific research to find better treatments and ultimately prevent severe mental illnesses.
- **NSF**
- **NIH**
- **AHA** (American Heart Association)
- **NASA**
- **VECO**
- **NPS**
- **USFWS**
- **JFSP** (Joint Fire Science Program) http://jfsp.nifc.gov/JFSP_AFPs.htm
- **ADF&G**
- **EPA**
- **Alaska Reforestation Council, Inc.**
- **Teck Cominco**
- **USGS**
- **UA Foundation President's Special Project Fund**
- **NPER** (National Parks Ecological Research)
- **SDJV** (Sea Duck Joint Venture)
- **Burroughs Welcome Foundation**
- **Philip Morris**
- **YIFA** (Youth Interceding for America)
- **PFPF** (Preparing Future Physics Faculty)
- **DEPSCoR** (Department of Defense (DoD) EPSCoR)
- **Alaska DEC** (Division of Environmental Conservation)
- **UA Foundation**
- **Yukon Government**
- **AYKSSI** (Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative)
- **Goldman Partnerships**
- **USDA**
- **NPRB** (Northern Pacific Research Board)
- **Murdock Trust**
- **USDI_NPS**
- **BP Alaska**
- **NIAID- NIH**

- **CIPM** (Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement)
- **PNW** (Pacific Northwest)
- **Academy of Applied Science**
- **USGS-USDA Forest Service**
- **CIDR**
- **North Slope Borough**
- **Woods Hole**
- **Bering Sea Fisherman's Association**
- **University of Vermont**
- **Coastal Marine Institute**
- **Toyota**
- **North Pacific University**
- **Neuronascent Inc.**
- **Yukon College**
- **Bonneville Power Administration**
- **American Honda Foundation**
- **DoD**
- **Department of Energy**
- **NFWF** (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)

General notes from Leah Swasey sent at UAF:

Compiled a list of funding opportunities that may be applicable to you. This list is certainly not exhaustive, but I hope it helps you.

The majority of UAF's research funds come from NSF and NSF has many funding opportunities in your area of research. NSF's funding search engine:

<http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

I've also included URL's to specific NSF funding opportunities that may be of interest:

Ecological Biology: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12823

Ecosystem Science: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12822

Population and Evolutionary Processes:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12824

For post-docs:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5179&org=OISE&from=fund

Keep an eye out for future International Polar Year (IPY) solicitations. I don't see any open right now, but it's a good idea to keep an eye out:

<http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/ipy/ipyinfo.jsp>

If you are considering tenure-track positions, the NSF CAREER program is for new tenure-track faculty: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5262

USDA National Research Initiative (NRI):

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1606> NRI supports research in many topic areas. Many may not be related to your research area, but there is a Managing Ecosystems topic. Here is a list of all the NRI topic areas and there specific due dates:

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/nri/nri_topics.html

Joint Fire Science Program: http://jfsp.nifc.gov/JFSP_AFPs.htm

CIFAR does fund some climate research.

<http://www.cifar.uaf.edu/proposals/proposals.php> Take a closer look at their research priorities to see if any are related to your field:

<http://www.cifar.uaf.edu/research/research.php>