



# TripleMinds

Resource Guide:

“10 Foundations funding climate change projects worldwide”

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## Introduction



This is a short guide on a selection of 10 Foundations that are giving grants to non-profit organisations for programs focusing on climate change.

These Foundations are open all year for application and represent a great opportunity for NGOs to attract funding at any given point of time.

They do not have any focus countries but are funding projects worldwide. This is especially helpful for organisations seeking funding in many different parts of the world.

For more details on each Foundation please visit our donor database.



## 1. Indosuez Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Medium – up to \$5,000,000 annual funding volume  |
| Funding ratio: | Co-financing preferred  |
| Donor base:    | Switzerland   |
| Link:          | <a href="https://www.ca-indosuez.com/switzerland/en/indosuez-in-switzerland/csr-our-foundation">https://www.ca-indosuez.com/switzerland/en/indosuez-in-switzerland/csr-our-foundation</a> |

### Description

The Foundation's strategy is centred on respect for their clients, employees and the environment and financial support is provided for multi-annual projects in Switzerland. Internationally, the Foundation aims to improve forest conservation and preservation, boost economic development in combination with reforestation and educate local communities. The Foundation also runs an employee volunteer program that promotes the implementation of employee initiatives to improve their environmental footprint.

### Application procedure

Eligible for grant funding are international and local non-profit organisations that align with the Foundation's mission. There is no formalised application procedure and interested organisations are advised to contact the Foundation staff directly in the Foundation's global network (in Europe, Americas, Asia Pacific and Middle East).

## 2. Petzl Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Small – up to \$500,000 annual funding volume   |
| Funding ratio: | Co-financing preferred  |
| Donor base:    | France  |
| Link:          | <a href="https://www.petzl.com/fondation/fondation-petzl?language=en#.V-_ohRzpSV">https://www.petzl.com/fondation/fondation-petzl?language=en#.V-_ohRzpSV</a> |

### Description

Founded in 2005, the mission of the Petzl Foundation is to support or initiate projects which serve the public interest. Its three main areas of work are: (1) education in risk management techniques to prevent accidents; (2) promotion of the conservation of ecosystems which have difficult or vertical access; and (3) support of best practices through knowledge generation. The Foundation supports non-profit organisations through financial and equipment grants, as well as consultation and training.

### Application procedure

Interested organisations whose project fits with the Foundation's thematic areas of work and eligibility criteria are requested to complete the online application form and send it via email. Applications in paper are not accepted. The Board meets on a monthly basis. In addition to funding, the Foundation can also provide technical assistance throughout the project. They have an annual funding value of around €350,000 and fund approximately 40 to 50 projects per year. Average grants sizes differ, depending on the nature of the project (around half of the grants are below €5,000).



### 3. Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Medium – up to \$5,000,000 annual funding volume        |
| Funding ratio: | Co-financing prepared                                   |
| Donor base:    | Denmark   |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.avjcf.org">http://www.avjcf.org</a> |

#### Description:

The objective of the Foundation is to contribute to the preservation of nature in all its diversity, and at the same time to open the eyes of the public to all that nature has to offer. Through the acquisition of conservation areas, and through the participation in projects, the Foundation is committed to preserving, protecting and developing natural values. The vision is to enhance active nature conservation and nature restoration by way of more careful landscape utilisation and at the same time to promote and heighten the local population's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of natural values.

#### Application procedure:

Interested organisations should get in touch if they feel that this Foundation is a good prospect and aligns well with their mission. Potential applicants could also use their networks and/or send a letter or email that introduces their organisation and explains how it connects with the Foundation's giving interests. Preference is given to projects that show a strong local engagement, uncover local knowledge or improve access and the experience of the surrounding nature.

### 4. Threshold Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Small – up to \$500,000 annual funding volume   |
| Funding ratio: | up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | United States of America  |
| Link:          | <a href="https://www.thresholdfoundation.org/">https://www.thresholdfoundation.org/</a> |

#### Description

The Threshold Foundation is a grant-making foundation. Their programmatic focus areas are: (1) to reduce the causes of climate change by stopping greenhouse gas emissions and by protecting carbon sinks; (2) to transition from destructive farming policies and practices towards a regenerative model of agriculture; (3) to produce documentaries addressing the most important issues facing the world today with a plan of action that is powerful, innovative, and unexpected; (4) to identify, support, and link efforts in Palestine and Israel committed to nonviolence, community building, full civil rights, dignity, security, and transformation of the occupation into robust, resilient societies; and (5) to build leadership and capacity for communities to address their own strategic needs in the face of energy, climate, economic, and social challenges.

#### Application procedure

The Foundation's grants programs are identified as Funding Circles and interpreted as Giving Circles. The five funding circles are divided into their five thematic area of interests. Funding Circles have a single, 6-month grant-making cycle from February to August. Specific funding circle guidelines and mission statements are posted on their website by early December. All funding circles issue invitation-only Requests for Proposals (RFPs) at the beginning of February every year. Grant amounts have historically ranged between \$1,000 and \$100,000. An average grant ranges between \$15,000 and \$30,000.



## 5. Waitt Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Small – up to \$500,000 annual funding volume                       |
| Funding ratio: | Up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | United States of America  |
| Link:          | <a href="http://waittfoundation.org">http://waittfoundation.org</a> |

### Description

The Waitt Foundation's mission is to protect and restore ocean health and therefore funds initiatives globally that aim at ending overfishing, the creation and expansion of Marine Protected Areas, and public awareness raising. The Foundation has grant programs with larger and smaller funding volumes. The Rapid Ocean Conservation (ROC) Grants Program provides grants to local NGOs on a global scale. The National Geographic Society/Waitt Grants Program targets projects in the cultural and social sciences at the cutting edge of technology and exploratory research.

### Application procedure

For the larger funding volumes, the Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. Regarding the ROC Grants Program, during open funding cycles, proposals for grants up to \$10,000 are reviewed on a monthly rolling basis. Applicants are required to submit their proposal online, including a detailed budget plan, a project timeline and a proof of non-profit status.

## 6. Wallace Genetic Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Medium – up to \$5,000,000 annual funding volume                            |
| Funding ratio: | Up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | United States of America  |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.wallacegenetic.org/">http://www.wallacegenetic.org/</a> |

### Description

The Wallace Genetic Foundation is particularly interested in far-sighted groups and individuals with innovative ideas, and seeks to fund organisations whose work promises to provide long-term national or global benefit. Henry A. Wallace believed that "the greatest private pleasure comes from serving the general welfare of all". In order to improve the quality of life for all people, he urged long-term conservation of the soil and of the environment, rather than exploitation of natural resources for temporary profits.

### Application procedure

Grants commonly fall in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range. Their annual grant budget is around \$9,000,000. They fund US organisations only. They are not accepting unsolicited proposals or letters of inquiry. If invited, applicants may initially submit either a letter of inquiry or a full proposal. All applicants should limit the proposal summary to two pages. The proposal summary is the narrative portion of the proposal describing the organisation and the project or projects for which the grant money is being requested. All letters of inquiry and proposals should be submitted in hard copy. Faxed or e-mailed letters of inquiry or proposals will not be accepted.



## 7. ISO-Elektra Heinrich Piepho Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Small – up to \$500,000 annual funding volume   |
| Funding ratio: | Co-financing preferred  |
| Donor base:    | Germany   |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.iso-elektra.de/stiftung/index.php?url=home">http://www.iso-elektra.de/stiftung/index.php?url=home</a> |

### Description

Founded in 2005, ISO-ELEKTRA Heinrich Piepho Foundation aims to contribute to nature conservation and preservation. For this, the Foundation has the following programmatic aims and support areas: (1) biotope protection; (2) climate change; (3) support for people in crisis; (4) support for disadvantaged children in education and health; and (5) monument protection. Relevant for development projects in the Global South are support areas (3) and (4).

### Application procedure

Eligible for funding are non-profit organisations worldwide. There are no standard application procedures or formats. Potential applicants should first contact the Foundation with a short outline of their project idea (see contact details on the website). The Foundation's assets are around €500,000. Individual grant sizes vary, depending on the nature of the project.

## 8. David & Lucile Packard Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Large – more than \$5,000,000 annual funding volume           |
| Funding ratio: | up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | United States of America                                      |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.packard.org/">http://www.packard.org/</a> |

### Description

For more than 50 years, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation has worked with partners around the world to improve the lives of children, families, and communities and to restore and protect the planet as a whole. Their international grant making includes (1) conservation and science (ocean and land conservation, climate change mitigation, and scientific research); (2) population and reproductive health (expand access to and improve the quality of essential services, including comprehensive sexuality education, voluntary family planning/contraception, and safe abortion); (3) organizational effectiveness (build core strengths in areas like strategic and business planning, financial management, board and executive leadership); and (4) program-related investments (generate both social and environmental returns).

### Application procedure

They have a yearly budget of \$150 million for international grants for about 400 grants (average grant size app. \$350,000). Interested grant seekers may submit an email inquiry, not to exceed one page, via Email. Only inquiries that clearly support a particular subprogram strategy and fall within the subprogram's geographic priorities are considered. Every attempt is made to review and respond to inquiries within 4-6 weeks.





## 9. Minor Foundation for Major Challenges

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| Donor size:    | Small – up to \$500,000 annual funding volume                                 |
| Funding ratio: | Up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | Norway  |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.minor-foundation.no/">http://www.minor-foundation.no/</a> |

### Description

The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges is a Norwegian trust that funds communication projects which mitigate anthropogenic climate change. The board grants support to the projects they believe have the greatest impact on influencing public opinion and increasing political support for cutting green house gas emissions. Their ultimate goal is to reach as many people as possible in the hope of limiting and helping to prevent global climate changes. Most of their funding goes to Europe. So far they have supported around 20 projects.

### Application procedure

The application process is conducted online anytime throughout the year on the electronic application form provided on the Foundation's website. First successful applicants receive a grant letter from them, which will serve as the contract. After the grantee has signed and returned the grant letter, he will receive 90% of the approved amount. They also require that their logo is used and to mention them in the material they help to fund. To obtain the last 10% of the grant, the grantee needs to send a final report and accounts.

## 10. G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation

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| Donor size:    | Large – more than \$5,000,000 annual funding volume                                 |
| Funding ratio: | Up to 100%  |
| Donor base:    | United States of America  |
| Link:          | <a href="http://www.vetlesenfoundation.org/">http://www.vetlesenfoundation.org/</a> |

### Description

The Foundation's mission is voluntarily aiding and contributing to scientific achievement resulting in a clearer understanding of the Earth, its history, and its relation to the universe. The Foundation makes annual grants at the amount of app. \$6,000,000 with grants ranging up to \$850,000 (average grant size around \$180,000). The Vetlesen prize is awarded for scientific achievement resulting in a clearer understanding of the Earth, its history, or its relations to the universe. It consists of a cash award of \$250,000 and a medal.

### Application procedure

An application can be sent anytime online via their website. If the application is met with a positive response, the Foundation will request a detailed proposal and, if helpful, schedule a meeting with the prospective grantee. Proposals are to be submitted only upon invitation. Unsolicited proposals are not reviewed.