

Foundation Overview

Established in September 2000, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation seeks to advance environmental conservation and scientific research around the world and improve the quality of life in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is one of the largest funders of environmental conservation and non-biomedical science in the world.

The Foundation is devoted to the inspirational vision articulated by our founders: “creating positive outcomes for future generations.” This vision guides our mission: “to achieve significant, lasting and measurable results in environmental conservation, science and the San Francisco Bay Area.” A set of core values—impact, integrity, disciplined approach, and collaboration—directs our work.

The Foundation carries out its work through the following frameworks:

Initiatives. Initiatives are built around well-developed strategies for concentrated investments, focused on the long-term and achieving significant impact. Initiatives are characterized by a portfolio approach to grantmaking, and other engagements of the Foundation, to pursue ambitious, large-scale outcomes. Initiatives constitute about 80% of the Foundation’s grantmaking.

Standalones. The Foundation devotes about 20% of its grantmaking to experimentation, focused innovation, and agile response to time-sensitive, high-impact opportunities in its three areas of focus.

Foundation Fast Facts (as of 8/2010)

- Founded: September 2000
- Headquartered: Palo Alto, California
- Endowment: over \$5 billion in assets (among 10 largest Foundations in U.S.)
- Annual Foundation budget: ~\$250 million
- Employees: ~80
- Three program areas: Environmental Conservation, Science, San Francisco Bay Area

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