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The San Diego Foundation’s Climate Initiative

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Municipal agency partners: Local San Diego government agencies
County agency partner: County of San Diego
State agency partners: Department of Fish and Game, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
Federal agency partner: NOAA Coastal Training Center
Nongovernmental partners: CleanTECH San Diego, major regional universities, nonprofit organizations

In 2006, The San Diego Foundation commissioned its Climate Initiative to analyze how philanthropy could address issues related to climate change and invest in more sustainable economic growth and a higher quality of life. The initiative’s goals are to (1) spur regional action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, (2) deepen community awareness about the local impact of climate change, and (3) reduce the risks the region faces from those effects.

To date, the foundation has awarded more than $400,000 in grants to support transportation, equity, and environmental and public health advocates who integrate housing, land use, and transportation planning, especially those focused on low-income residents who may be most adversely affected by climate change.

Founded in 1975, The San Diego Foundation promotes and increases effective and responsible charitable giving. Since its inception, it has granted more than $750 million to the region’s nonprofit community.

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life in its community, the foundation works to build enduring assets and promote solutions that advance the common good.

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