

Packard Foundation Sustainability Statement

Our Commitment to Sustainability

From its inception, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has been focused on promoting sustainability as part of its grantmaking and day-to-day operations. Our [Conservation and Science](#) program directly explores the links between action and ideas to help conserve and protect natural systems in the United States and around the world. From our support of efforts to slow climate change, to our partnerships with organizations to protect and restore threatened species, our grantmaking programs are committed to finding long-term solutions for some of our most vexing environmental problems.

Similarly, our commitment to sustainability extends to our Foundation's operations and to ensuring that we conduct our business in ways that will help promote the conservation of our environment and preserve our resources for generations to come. We believe that we can best serve our grantees and the communities we support by living the [values](#) that we espouse in our grantmaking, and by taking steps to minimize our impact on our natural world.

As a result, for many years we have implemented measures that help the Foundation use fewer resources so that we can actively contribute to the health and well-being of our planet. For example, all remodeling projects at the Foundation are completed using sustainable materials, such as 100% cotton insulation made from recycled blue jeans and Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood. In addition, office supplies are selected based on sustainability and recycled content.

Meeting AB 32 Standards

California adopted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) to help the state's residents reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. The goal of AB 32 is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Packard Foundation is using AB 32 goals as a benchmark for reducing its own energy consumption, and we have adopted internal measures to help us reduce our carbon output by approximately 30 percent in the next ten years.

As part of our efforts, we created a Sustainability Task Force composed of Foundation staff volunteers, to study and recommend how our Foundation can be more energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint. With the leadership of the task force, our staff are increasing their use of public transportation and carpooling to lessen our reliance on individual commuting; utilizing new technologies to replace or reduce their overall travel; converting our paper files

into electronic format for better efficiency; and, sharing tips on how to make changes to personal habits to reduce energy use.

Another part of our sustainability efforts has involved working in partnership with our local community to find common solutions. Our staff volunteer their time with local community groups and actively promote energy-saving measures among local community leaders.

We will continue to look for ways to share our experiences and to learn from others so that we all may improve our sustainability efforts and make long-lasting contributions to our communities and the world we live in.