

OUR COMMITMENT TO HALT CLIMATE CHANGE

the David &
Lucile Packard
FOUNDATION

Climate change is the defining issue of our day. It is a global problem that demands action while we still have time. It is a challenge that can be solved.


As a family foundation, our priorities reflect those of our founders, David and Lucile Packard: improving the lives of children and families while protecting the earth's natural systems for future generations.

The Packard Foundation is deeply committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions because global climate change uniquely undermines everything we care about as an organization. So in 2007, we examined the science, devised a strategy, and committed to a multi-year investment in climate mitigation that far exceeds any other pledge in our 50-year history.

Why such a big bet? We know that climate mitigation efforts over the next 10 to 20 years will help stabilize the health of our planet. After that, stopping the worst effects of climate change on children, families, communities, and the wider ecosystem will be much harder.

To do our part, the Packard Foundation is focused on outcomes that will make the biggest difference: reducing dependence on oil, cutting coal use, increasing efficiency, protecting forests, and cutting climate pollution. ***We know we can have an impact because measurable progress is already being made.***





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For example, in partnership with other funders we have invested in the ClimateWorks Foundation. Their support for hundreds of non-profit organizations worldwide has contributed to public policies that may reduce annual carbon emissions by approximately 25% of the total currently estimated to be needed in 2020. We also conduct direct grantmaking through our Climate and Land Use Subprogram, as part of our commitment to the Climate and Land Use Alliance. And we are now developing an Innovation in Climate Solutions Subprogram to help push change further, faster.

Collectively, the Packard Foundation's grantees and partners have helped reduce deforestation in Brazil, strengthened greenhouse gas emission targets in Mexico, increased vehicle fuel efficiency standards in the US, and created new models for mass transit in China.



While we all must do much more, investments focused on regions and sectors with the largest potential to reduce emissions have demonstrated that philanthropy can have a major positive impact on climate change mitigation.

To solve a challenge as big as climate change all parties need to align around common goals, starting with global greenhouse gas reduction targets. While specific strategies for meeting these targets may vary across organizations, success demands an ability to think big, a unique tolerance for risk and the capacity to invest for the long haul.

Climate change is more than an environmental issue. It is a societal issue. And it is everyone's concern. There are important roles for everyone to play—no matter what issues you care most about, where you focus your efforts, or how you choose to act. ***What matters most is that we all do our part while there is still time to make a difference.***

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