



Philanthropic Services

CEA helps strengthen the philanthropic community by designing, managing, and evaluating environmental grants and investments. CEA helps foundations and individual donors with both short-term projects and long-term engagements. Our expertise includes climate change, energy policy, fisheries and aquaculture, land preservation, sustainable agriculture, air quality, and chemical and waste management.

CEA draws upon our deep knowledge of the environmental challenges facing philanthropists as we provide tactical and strategic advice to our clients. We help donors and foundations leverage their investments, improve performance, and achieve their conservation goals.

Key Clients:

Packard Foundation
Walton Family Foundation
Hewlett Foundation
Roots of Change Fund
Oak Foundation
Fundors for Sustainable Food Systems
Environmental Defense Fund
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

Specific Service Offerings

Program and Fund Design: We have developed grant programs, led major research efforts, supported collaborative initiatives, and designed program-related investments to create and nurture innovative programs that address specific environmental problems.

Program Evaluation: CEA works with donors, foundations, and a variety of stakeholders to measure conservation benefits, identify ways to make programs more effective, and adapt to changing circumstances through periodic evaluation.

Nonprofit Strategy and Business Planning: CEA develops strategies and business plans for nonprofits and foundations.

Grantee Convening and Collaboration: CEA works with philanthropic organizations and their grantees to facilitate information sharing, relationship building, and project collaboration.

Conservation Finance and Facilitating Investments: CEA works with a broad range of private, foundation, and public investors to finance conservation initiatives through such tools as venture capital, program-related investments, and endowment funds. Working in partnership with foundations, multi-lateral organizations, and market-rate investors, CEA can access a wide spectrum of capital, including grant funding, concessional finance, and private investments.

Affinity Group Development and Management: CEA helps funders explore collaborative opportunities, develop the necessary organizational infrastructure, and administer programs that help philanthropists achieve their goals.

Funder Awareness Building: CEA helps philanthropic organizations, nonprofits, and other entities create learning opportunities and enhance awareness of environmental issues through research dissemination, educational symposia, learning tours, and other events.

Programmatic Research and Analysis: CEA has experience researching and analyzing policy, market-based incentives, the stakeholder landscape, funding opportunities, environmental impacts, and cost-benefit tradeoffs.

Creating Incentives for Conservation: CEA helps transform markets to achieve long-term conservation goals while simultaneously creating economic opportunities for local communities. CEA has the ability to design and implement programs that can build essential local capacity.

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