

# Foundation Overview

**Established in September 2000**, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for future generations.

The Foundation's science-based, results-driven orientation stems from the principles and interests of Gordon and Betty Moore. The Foundation operates proactively in three specific areas of focus—environmental conservation, science, and the San Francisco Bay Area—where a significant and measurable impact can be achieved. Distinct Initiatives have been created within these three Program areas. An Initiative employs a portfolio of grants that are expected to help achieve targeted, large-scale outcomes in a specific time frame.

Each Initiative is grounded in a specific theory of change (a rationale for why strategies and activities are selected and a detailed explanation of how they will produce positive transformations) which informs the Foundation's grantmaking and mobilizes grantees and stakeholders to achieve shared goals. To make strides and show achievement at this scale requires strong partnerships with communities, government entities, other nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.

In addition to Initiative-based grantmaking, the Foundation is providing significant funding to the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, Conservation International, and the California Institute of Technology. These long-term funding Commitments (the sum of many inter-related activities that exist under one large long-term grant) have been made to support these three organizations that will lead to large-scale outcomes supporting the respective programmatic priorities of developing a larger, more highly-skilled RN workforce, conserving the environment, and fostering scientific progress.

Within the **Environmental Conservation Program**, the Foundation has three Initiatives, and one Commitment, including the Andes-Amazon Initiative, Marine Conservation Initiative, Wild Salmon Ecosystems Initiative, and Conservation International Commitment.

Within the **Science Program**, the Foundation has one Initiative, Marine Microbiology, and two Commitments to California Institute of Technology (Caltech), and to the Thirty Meter Telescope Project (TMT). The Foundation's Science Program seeks to fund in areas that have the potential to make a significant impact on the development of provocative, transformative scientific research, and increase knowledge in emerging fields.

Within the **San Francisco Bay Area Program**, the Foundation has one Initiative, the Betty Irene Moore Nursing Initiative, one Commitment, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Commitment, and two areas of focus, Land Protection, and Science and Technology Museums.

In addition to funding long-term initiatives and commitments, grant dollars are allocated to special and opportunistic projects with potential for high impact.

## Foundation Fast Facts

- Founded in September 2000
- Headquartered in San Francisco, California

### Program Areas

- Environmental Conservation
- Science
- San Francisco Bay Area

### Facts and Figures (as of 1/08)

- Endowment: \$6.4 Billion (10th largest foundation in U.S.)
- Annual Grants: 5% per year
- Employees: 76
- Grants awarded: 600
- Total value of grants awarded: \$1.5 Billion, \$1.2 Billion paid