

Some Helpful Research Sources

Local and regional newspapers and magazines

Other organizations' materials and newsletters

Business directories, chambers of commerce, community groups

The Foundation Center—<http://www.fdncenter.org/> This is the best site for public, private and corporate foundation research. It is a great resource for learning more about grant writing and research. If you click on "researching philanthropy" and then "statistics" you can find information on international grants. Some of the available search options include:

"*Foundation Finder*"--(FREE) search by name for basic information on recent assets, giving, main contact, website link and 990 tax form search. **If you click on the tab that says "sector search" and then "advanced" you can specifically look for those foundations that fund environmental issues internationally.**

"*The Foundation Directory Online Subscription Service*" (subscription required)— Search the entire universe of U.S. foundations, corporate giving programs, and grant making public charities — over 65,000 funders in all. A one-click link takes you from the grant information to information on the foundation that awarded it. **This is a paid service, but highly recommended.**

"*FC's Philanthropy News Digest*"--(FREE) search current or archived newsletters for foundation news. **When searching the archives, you can specify articles dealing with international grants.**

Guidestar - <http://www.guidestar.org/> is a free searchable database of more than 640,000 nonprofit organizations (including foundations) in the United States. **It can be used to search for foundations that fund internationally (go to Advanced Search and in "keyword" type environment; in "category" select international.** Once you have found a possible funder (either through this site or another way), use this site to look up the 990 tax form of the foundation. The tax form usually lists the board members and all of the most recent grants made by the organization.

Grantsmart— <http://www.grantsmart.org/> is similar to Guidestar. I usually check both because one may have a more recent 990 than the other. It also has an option to search by keyword where I assume you could specify "international" but it's not working today so I can't check it out!

Chronicle of Philanthropy— <http://www.philanthropy.com/about/about.htm> This is the #1 newspaper of the nonprofit world and also worth a paid subscription. With a subscription, you can use the web site to get the complete contents of recent issues, an archive of articles from the past two years, and more than four years worth of grant listings -- all fully searchable.

The following has a way to search on both "environment" and "international" so could be useful:

<http://www.CCInet.org> is the Corporate Community Involvement site from the [Charities Aid Foundation](#). It demonstrates how businesses are supporting their communities by providing links to hundreds of company CCI web pages. It has extensive [search](#) facilities enabling visitors to find company giving web pages, searching by "environment" and "international", and the pages of various organizations working independently on corporate responsibility, in a number of ways.

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION CENTER (EFC): FUNDERS ONLINE

Europe's counterpart to the Foundation Center has debuted a new service, Funders Online. The service is positioning itself as a one-stop resource for "philanthropic information online." <http://www.fundersonline.org>

Two good sites with general information about research and some links to other sites:

University of Southern California Development Research Department –
<http://www.usc.edu/dept/source>

Internet Prospector – <http://www.internet-prospector.org/inter.html#Global> If you go back into general internet-prospector site, there is more general information on research.

Catalog of Federal Donor Assistance – www.cfda.gov

General search engines for research include: www.google.com and www.ask.com

Don't forget the websites for the foundations or agencies themselves!