

Report: Biggest Green Groups Get the Most "Greenbacks"

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The largest national environmental groups are getting the most charitable dollars, a new report says, while in many cases, important conservation projects taken on by smaller groups in California and across the nation are being overlooked.

People at the local level are often the ones most affected by their area's environment and climate challenges, according to the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), although its research found they receive only 15 percent of the grant money given by foundations for environmental work.

... In San Francisco, Mark Randazzo, executive director of Funders Network on Transforming the Global Economy, says support of organized grass-roots movements helped defeat Proposition 23, which would have blocked California's landmark global-warming legislation, Assembly Bill 32.

"Community-based organizations and communities of color and immigrant communities and poor communities up and down the coast did get some support and were able to mobilize and bring out voters who helped to soundly defeat Proposition 23."

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