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# \$1.6 Million Awarded to Assess Options for Optimizing Federal Climate Policies

*Grants will enable three nonpartisan research organizations to analyze issues of interest to policymakers and respond to requests for input on policy design*

**NEW YORK** – The Climate Change Initiative of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) announced today three grants totaling more than \$1.6 million. The grants will enable three organizations – the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, Resources for the Future and the World Resources Institute – to conduct nonpartisan research on critical issues in the ongoing debate about cap-and-trade legislation and complementary federal policies.

“This research will delve into the details of how a comprehensive cap-and-trade system might be designed,” said Andrew Bowman, director of the Climate Change Initiative at DDCF. “With nonpartisan insights and timely analysis, these leading organizations will provide policymakers with research and recommendations they can use to make informed policy decisions and maximize benefits for the environment and the economy.”

As federal policymakers move closer to acting on climate change, these grants will allow for a detailed analysis of issues of concern that have already emerged, including those related to the design of a carbon market, the lessons to be learned from state and regional climate efforts, and the impact various policy approaches could have on the economy both nationwide and at a regional scale. At the same time, the grants also provide the recipient organizations with the flexibility they will need to respond quickly to policymakers as new questions emerge. Additional information on each of the grants follows:

### **Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University**

[www.nicholas.duke.edu/institute](http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/institute)

The Nicholas Institute has received a grant of \$301,727, which will enable further collaboration between its climate policy team and experts in finance and securities law on research related to the design of a carbon market under a cap-and-trade program.

The project will explore the unique financial aspects of a carbon market, evaluate regulatory structures and best practices, and propose a legal structure to regulate carbon allowances. The results will be disseminated among decision makers in the public and private sectors. As an initial step in this process, the Nicholas Institute soon will convene a workshop in Washington, DC, bringing together emitters, traders, policymakers, and former financial market regulators. The meeting will grapple with the fundamental elements of a carbon market, as outlined in the

Institute's recent working paper, *U.S. Carbon Market Design: Regulating Emission Allowances as Financial Instruments*.

For additional information, please contact Eric Roston of the Nicholas Institute, phone 202-797-6500 or [eric.roston@duke.edu](mailto:eric.roston@duke.edu).

### **Resources for the Future**

[www.rff.org](http://www.rff.org)

Resources for the Future will use a grant of \$598,227 to support three research initiatives aimed at answering some of the questions most commonly asked by policymakers.

Two initiatives focus on understanding the economic impacts that climate policies would have on different parts of the country. The first of these will focus on understanding the effects of carbon pricing on energy-intensive industries in terms of jobs and output. The second will examine the effects of carbon pricing on household costs, such as energy bills. A third initiative will look at the role that forests play in climate change, and the possibility that a new carbon market in the U.S. could advance efforts to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere by conserving tropical forests.

For additional information, please contact Stan Wellborn at RFF, phone 202-328-5026 or [wellborn@rff.org](mailto:wellborn@rff.org).

### **World Resources Institute**

[www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org)

A grant of \$750,000 will enable WRI to continue to contribute to federal climate and energy policy debates over the next 18 months.

WRI's priorities during this time period will be to analyze the economic implications and opportunities of proposed climate change policies; assess the greenhouse gas implications of non-climate federal policies (e.g., transportation, economic stimulus and energy policies that may be forthcoming); and identify specific lessons and best practices from state and regional climate efforts, translating them for federal policymakers.

For additional information, please contact Robin Murphy of WRI at [rmurphy@wri.org](mailto:rmurphy@wri.org) or 202-729-7600.

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*The goal of DDCF's Climate Change Initiative is to help build a clean-energy economy. Currently, the Initiative is supporting the design of optimal pricing policies for greenhouse gases, as well as the design of policies that accelerate the development and deployment of clean-energy technologies. [www.ddcf.org/environment](http://www.ddcf.org/environment)*