



MANIFESTING ABUNDANCE:

Championing Community Power
Rooted in Resilience

2025 Impact Report



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Greetings Community!

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026. I hope you are entering this year feeling restored and grounded for what lies ahead.

As I reflect on 2025, I am struck by both how challenging it was for so many of us and by the quiet strength with which our movements and communities endured. We held grief and gratitude at the same time, even as external forces sought to diminish our humanity, our work, and our right to exist. Navigating these conditions often felt like carrying a second full-time job. And still, we found ways to pause, quiet the noise, act with intention, and chart a path forward.

This was not “business as usual.” It was something deeper and more essential: the human instinct to remain grounded, committed, and present in the pursuit of justice, even when doing so feels difficult or uncertain. Through it all, People’s Climate Innovation Center (Climate Innovation) did not waver in its commitment to community, or in our belief that lasting climate solutions must be rooted in the lived realities and priorities of those most impacted.

Despite the challenges, 2025 also offered clarity. It gave us space to reassess our strategies and align more fully with the world we are working to build. We do this with a clear-eyed understanding that the current political moment is not accidental. It reflects long-standing patterns that threaten democratic values and concentrate power. In these moments, I often think of my ancestors, who endured immense hardship without the resources and access many of us have today. And yet, they found ways to create joy, to imagine, and to plan for futures they might never see.

That legacy matters. It is what uniquely positions Climate Innovation to do the work of building the capacity of frontline communities to design, govern, and benefit from just climate solutions. As we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, we remain clear-eyed about the systems we are navigating and the role our strategies play within them. A system not designed by us, for us will not transform itself. That work requires intention, courage, and community-driven leadership.

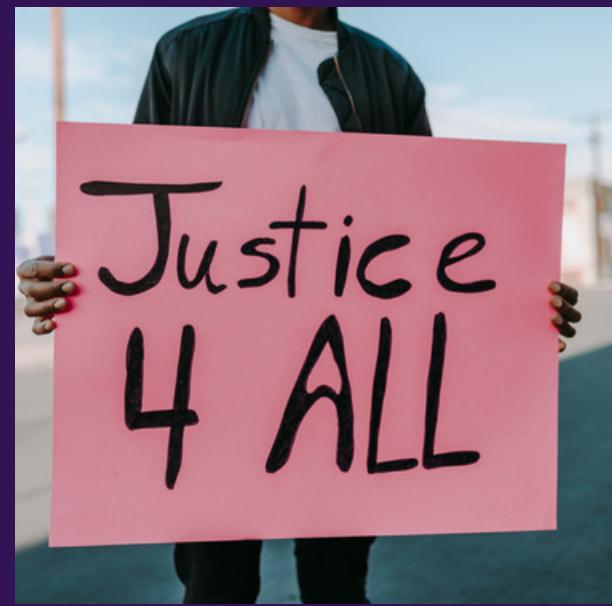
Now, as always, is the time to lead with community-driven planning. To take a whole-systems view. To move from planning into action, and to let learning emerge through doing. By interrupting patterns that too often stall progress, we can unlock new possibility and strengthen the collective agency needed to act, both individually and together.

Through our pathway to impact, centered on people power, manifesting abundance, and expanding impact, we have continued to refine our approaches to meet this moment with clarity and purpose. Challenges will persist, and obstacles will arise. But they do not define us, nor do they deter our commitment to justice, community, and shared prosperity.

I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished and hopeful for what lies ahead. As we settle into the year before us, we remain focused on the work required to build the world anew.

In solidarity,
Corrine

Moving Beyond the Moment



The political context of 2025 made it a year of heightened polarization that exacerbated challenges in the climate and environmental justice sectors, as well as for nonprofits generally and across philanthropic organizations. According to the Center for Effective Philanthropy's 2025 State of Nonprofits [report](#), nonprofit leaders reported that the 2025 political context, combined with abrupt changes in federal and state funding, was among the top drivers affecting productivity in the sector. For climate organizations in particular, the urgency of climate chaos remained overwhelming, as communities already disproportionately experiencing the harms of climate change were also largely affected by resource and funding rollbacks initially put in place to level longstanding inequities that render them more vulnerable.

Alternatively, the reality saw nonprofits and climate/environmental justice organizations also having to navigate being targeted, potential threats to individual and organizational safety and security, funding losses, stripping of government resources, and scrutiny of equity and justice work. Furthermore, an overall posturing that broadly and strategically utilizes climate denial to confuse, redirect, and justify more environmental degradation fueled by extractive economic greed to propagate data as currency and AI as the future of “so-called” progress we need. These challenges, unfortunately, are ongoing; yet by acknowledging them, we have unveiled many opportunities to continue making progress toward our unwavering commitment to community-driven climate solutions. As we look ahead, we remain grounded in our work and believe that, to be effective amid anticipated ongoing and rapid change, we must be rooted in amplifying community power and in the profound systems-level change required to make it sustainably self-determined.

About People's Climate Innovation Center



People's Climate Innovation Center (Climate Innovation) strengthens the capacity of frontline communities to design, govern, and benefit from equitable climate solutions. As a Black- and women-led organization with national reach and impact, Climate Innovation supports community-driven planning, narrative power, and intergenerational leadership development that shifts decision-making to those most impacted by climate inequities.

Our strategies are grounded in our [Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning](#) (CDCRP) Framework and applied in the evolving design and growing infrastructure our core programs make possible: the National Association of Climate Resilience Planners (NACRP), Young Black Climate Leaders (YBCL), and Young Climate Leaders of Color (YCLC). Learn more at www.climateinnovation.net.



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Climate Innovation's Pathways to Impact Overview



Climate Innovation's Pathways to Impact are rooted in the same strategic areas that illustrate our work: people power, manifesting abundance, and expanding impact. This pathway is our strategic compass, guiding the work we do to build the capacity of frontline communities to create impactful climate solutions.

As you move through this impact report, we invite you to hold close this critical reminder: Climate Innovation views impact twofold from both a socioeconomic and political lens. As such, we define impact as the ability to build sustainable, self-determined infrastructures and solutions while transforming oppressive systems, and as ensuring intergenerational financial literacy to equip us to carry forward new systems. You will consistently see the importance of investing in and reinvesting in frontline communities as a throughline for how we must position ourselves for a sustainable future. With the recognition that all of our work requires resources, our approach seeks to demystify in practice the socially constructed myth of scarcity so that we can actualize our abundance reality. While we do not seek to be a funding intermediary, we are a community-driven hub that seeks to be a capacity-building conduit that transforms resource flow toward resource independence.

Climate Innovation's Pathways to Impact



People Power: Climate Innovation intentionally cultivates networks of leaders, experts, and organizations, including the next generation of frontline community climate leaders, to advance community-driven climate resilience solutions that work. Through our core programs, strategic partnerships, consultation support, and the Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning framework, we are mobilizing, capacity-building, enhancing strategic partnerships and consultations, and movement building with national networks of climate justice leaders who share our commitment to solutions-making that ensures community is at the core.

Manifesting Abundance: Actualizing just climate solutions requires increasing investment in intergenerational capacity for community-stewardship, governance, and ownership of resources, solutions, and infrastructure for climate action. The investment requires not only access to resources but also the capacity, tools, and infrastructure to manage them effectively. Through our reinvestment of funds, co-governance, and stewardship processes, Climate Innovation supports climate justice leaders with the tools and methods to manage and move resources to disproportionately impacted communities that have historically been disinvested and under-resourced.

Expanding Impact: Expanding impact means advancing community-driven climate resilience planning approaches locally and nationally as standard practice for planning and policy-making. By increasing power, ownership, and decision-making among frontline communities towards equitable climate resilience and action, Climate Innovation's approaches significantly reduce the social, economic, and environmental burden.



Pathways to Impact

START

People Power



Using core programs, partnerships, consultation, and the Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning framework, we mobilize, build capacity, and enhance strategic alliances with national climate justice leaders who prioritize community-centered solutions.



Manifesting Abundance

Utilizes reinvestment, co-governance, and stewardship to equip climate justice leaders with the tools to manage and direct resources to historically disinvested communities disproportionately impacted by climate change.

Expanding Impact



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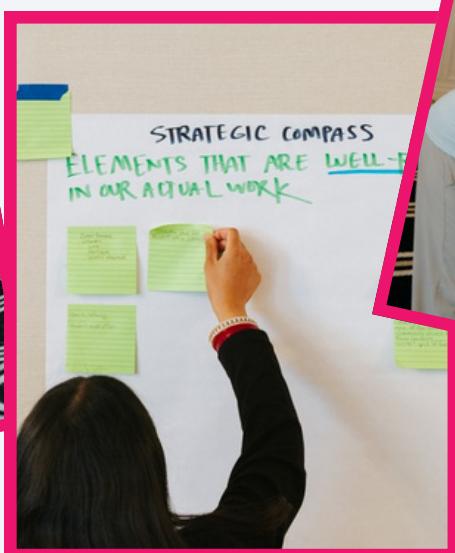
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Innovation through Adversity



Climate Innovation is applying lessons learned from 2025 and past years as preparation for enduring and navigating an uncertain future. We remain committed to being responsive in an increasingly polarized environment and to refining our strategies to ensure maximum impact. We will expand the work we started in 2025 to align around our three-year strategic plan, redefine our pathway to impact, and realign in ways that better position us to move through the moment grounded in the principles of community-driven planning needed to advance real solutions.





Founded in 2017 following the development of the Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning (CDCRP) Framework, the [National Association of Climate Resilience Planners \(NACRP\)](#) connects grassroots organizers, facilitators, planners, and cross-sector partners to ensure climate solutions are rooted in frontline leadership and accountability. Through this prioritization of frontline leadership, the NACRP works to ensure that solutions are community-led and genuinely address the needs of communities most impacted by climate change. As such, NACRP supports and builds capacity for community-driven planning, focusing on whole-systems thinking, bold visioning, community power-building, and securing resources for developing community-led solutions.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, the NACRP completed its fourth cycle of the quarterly virtual workshop series, Vision, Power, Solutions (VPS), enhancing the facilitative leadership capacity of 150+ participants and growing the VPS ecosystem. Cycle three of the Facilitator's Certification Cohort also concluded, training 20 additional facilitators and expanding the network of NACRP facilitators to 64.

NACRP continues its commitment to making community-driven planning the norm and looks forward to launching its all-new Community-Driven Planning Curriculum in 2026 as an additional pathway for building facilitative leadership within NACRP.

People Power

- Gathered 70 members from 16 states and one commonwealth for the second in-person NACRP member gathering in Atlanta, GA, offering a powerful moment of planning, strategy development, and connection for the association's robust and growing network of members.
- Completed the third Facilitator's Certification Program cohort, welcoming an additional 20 members into the growing national network of place-based facilitators, bringing the total to 64, and providing capacity-building skills and shared tools to facilitate all phases of a community-driven planning process. This program enhances the skills of place-based facilitators to shift top-down planning approaches to models rooted in people power, equity, and shared leadership.

Manifesting Abundance

- Reinvested \$200,000 to NACRP member organizations and facilitators to support the development of tools, models, and approaches for community-led climate resilience through the NACRP Community-Driven Planning Fund.
- Convened 150+ participants during Vision Power Series (VPS), expanding our community of practice by creating spaces for learning, meaningful dialogue, and mutual inspiration.



Meet Dr. Angela Chalk, a fourth-generation resident of New Orleans' Seventh Ward. Dr. Chalk is the Founder and Executive Director of Healthy Community Services, a non-profit organization located in the Seventh Ward. She is also a past President of the Louisiana Public Health Association, has served on the American Public Health Association's Center for Climate, Health & Equity Steering Committee, and is a NACRP-Certified Facilitator from our 2024 cohort. Dr. Chalk's expertise and research focus on community science, the urban heat island effect, and the ways in which it can overburden African American communities.

Her passion and life's work are highlighted by her commitment to mitigate the impacts of severe weather events, urban flooding, food insecurity, and coastal resiliency at the intersection of climate health and public health. While completing the Facilitator's Certification Program, Dr. Chalk led a community-driven project in the Edgewood Heights neighborhood of New Orleans –an area historically lacking native trees and vegetation. In collaboration with the local water utility, her project engaged residents, local businesses, and community members to reduce the urban heat island effect. Her project involved planting native trees, bringing both public health benefits and neighborhood beautification. Through this planning process, Dr. Chalk gathered community insights and delivered tangible results with the completion of the neighborhood tree planting project.

Upon her completion of the Facilitator's Certification Program, she joined the NACRP Facilitator's Network and is featured on our referral network page, which connects localities with trained facilitators deeply rooted in frontline communities.

→ [Visit Our Facilitator Directory](#)

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[My] NACRP membership has been invaluable for my professional growth. This [NACRP Fund] award is yet another way that the vision I have to liberate the Gullah/Geechee community will benefit from NACRP's conscientious forethought, generosity, and mission.

- Glenda Simmons, Executive Director of The Gullah/Geechee Cultural Community Trust and NACRP Fund Grantee

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YBCL

People's Climate Innovation Center's flagship program, Young Black Climate Leaders (YBCL), is cultivating a dynamic, expansive network of young Black leaders who are successfully driving racial and environmental justice in their communities. Launched in 2020, YBCL provides these leaders with crucial access to support, resources, and funding, while also transforming the broader climate movement. Through programs like its youth-directed Youth Futures Fund, the YBCL scholarship, and Dream Lab events, YBCL has supported 72 young leaders nationwide in developing and leading impactful, community-driven climate solutions projects. Now supporting its sixth cohort, YBCL continues to underscore the power of youth-led environmental activism and champion the dreams and climate futures of Black youth.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, YBCL celebrated five years since launching its innovative leadership pathway, further cementing its role in empowering young Black environmental activists and shaping the climate justice movement.

YBCL hosted its third in-person convening, creating an intergenerational space for skills-building and learning from place with both current and alumni cohort members.

People Power

YBCL hosted 58 participants in Detroit for a four-day gathering that deepened leadership, connection, and collective vision among emerging Black climate leaders. Participants visited the D-Town Farm and the People's Food Co-Op offered tangible examples of cooperative economics and community ownership in action with our local partners at Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network. Through interactive workshops on mapping, storytelling, and networking, leaders strengthened their skills and deepened bonds across the cohort. The convening concluded with a healing sound bath, an intergenerational dialogue, and a collective art-making session, inviting participants to envision a shared future of joy, justice, and sustainability.

Manifesting Abundance

Reinvested \$100,000 in funding to a new cohort of 13 among young Black Climate leaders nationwide to support the advancement of climate justice projects ranging from hands-on activism to clean energy, a beekeeping apprenticeship, and food systems mapping. These projects are designed with the unique needs of their respective communities in mind, with the financial investment supporting development, capacity, and project growth.

Expanding Impact

- Through cross-program integration, we have expanded impact to provide leverage and growth of our partners' leadership capacity and programmatic reach. In 2025, YBCL alumna, Justina Thompson, served as an NACRP Fund Advisor and a member of the NACRP Curriculum Design Team, providing valuable insights and knowledge to the development of the program's curriculum modules. Another YBCL alumnus, Kadin Love, is also a member of the NACRP's 2025 Facilitator's Certification cohort and will be able to join the association's referral network this year.
- To commemorate Black History Month and Black August annually, YBCL hosts virtual Dream Labs open to all cohort and alumni members and to Climate Innovation's broader network. These offerings enhance our reach and magnify additional opportunities to expand the work of Climate Innovation to new audiences. The 2025 Dream Labs honored Black joy as an act of resistance and renewal, while exploring the legacy of maroonage and its lessons for Black liberation and ecological resilience.

TESTIMONIAL

"The community I've established through YBCL and the support from both my peers and the administration have helped in unforeseen ways. My first project couldn't have been accomplished without the friends who saw the vision, the musical guest, the coordinator of the event, and the YBCL staff. Corrine and the staff provided me with a light of hope in a time of darkness where I often felt I was on autopilot. The sincerity of concern for my well-being and grace extended towards me showed me how important community is and why it's key to understand you can't take on everything yourself."

- Andrew Chambers, 2022 YBCL Cohort Member

Feature Story: People Power

Thayu Lou Hamer, a community architect, land worker, and 2024 YBCL cohort member, embodies this people power. Adopting their activist name and approach to celebrate the legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer, Thayu came to YBCL with a profound dream and a request for the necessary support and funding to bring it to life.

Thayu's YBCL experience is underscored by the program's commitment to more than just training and workshops on project ideation and implementation. YBCL offered the monetary support needed to launch and sustain their vision. Following the cohort experience, Thayu launched the Black Land Bus, a mobile, community-driven tool designed to teach people the fundamental skills needed to build infrastructure on our land. The Black Land Bus is a dynamic show of people power in action. Thayu's goal is to travel to farms and land projects owned and operated by Black and Indigenous people. A graduate of Howard University's architecture program, Thayu is rapidly developing their skillset, leveraging the Black Land Bus as a tool to enhance the offerings to every community they visit. Thayu plans to start building with natural materials like clay, envisioning the creation of clay ovens, climate-resilient greenhouses, small homes, and eventually the large homes and the completed community kitchen requested by their Atlanta community.



Thayu's experience is a testament to the transformative power of the YBCL program. Thayu encourages aspiring leaders to apply, inviting them to dream because Climate Innovation and YBCL "will create the space for you to do so and support your steps on your journey."

"Other people's limitations aren't your limitations," Thayu shares. "This is a space where we want young, Black climate leaders to reach for the stars. They'll support you and your work."

[Learn More About Thayu and the Black Land Bus](#)

YCLC

Young Climate Leaders of Color, the sibling program of YBCL, was launched in 2023 to support a network of racial and climate justice leaders of color by providing resources, coaching, and funding for their work. Through its connections to Climate Innovation's other core programs, this growing network seeds the next generation of climate leaders working successfully to advocate for and transform their communities for racial, climate, and environmental justice.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Completed the first three-year cycle of the YCLC program, culminating in three cohorts of 40 young adults and a growing national network of 120 young adults with \$600,000 in community-based projects being funded nationwide.

As YCLC advances into its next three-year cycle and makes additional investments in 2026, it continues its commitment to shaping a future where young leaders of color are at the forefront of the climate justice movement and are equipped with the tools, knowledge, and networks to effect transformative change.

People Power

- Hosted the YCLC Annual Gathering in Los Angeles, CA, culminating the final year of the program's inaugural three-year cycle, to build a national network of young climate leaders. The event brought together 90 participants, including alumni, mentors, staff, speakers, and cohort members, for four days of connection and movement building. Grounded in storytelling, strategy, and healing, the gathering featured workshops on intergenerational power, conflict navigation, and community organizing. It worked with local partners at the LA Community Land Trust to cultivate learning visits around local organizing work.
- The event also piloted Climate Innovation's A Rooted Vision, a new communications curriculum designed to strengthen participants' narrative strategy, storytelling, and messaging skills. The curriculum will fully launch later this year, aiming to enhance narrative strategy that will support and build capacity among partners nationwide through both in-person and virtual training options.

Manifesting Abundance

- Reinvested \$200,000 to 40 new cohort members to complete YCLC's inaugural three-year cycle. With this investment, the program is positioned to begin a new cycle in 2026, growing the YCLC national network and continuing crucial reinvestments to meet the needs of frontline communities most impacted by climate change.

- Reinvested a total of \$64,000 in funding to eight grantees through the second round of the young adult-stewarded YCLC Fund, providing practical support for climate mitigation efforts while continuing to equip young adults with critical leadership development and governance skillsets and resources.

Expanding Impact

- YCLC and YBCL alumni leaders Bennett Olupo, Charles Orgbon, and Justina Thompson organized a 2025 alumni-led Northeast Regional Gathering in partnership with the Yale Environmental Joy Conference.



“As a YCLC application reviewer, I had the opportunity to learn about the diverse climate justice initiatives happening around the country. It [is] clear that YCLC’s programming can benefit many grassroots ideas that have a real impact on frontline BIPOC communities. I also hold much gratitude for the team at People’s Climate Innovation Center and my fellow reviewers for the thoughtfulness, care, and compassion embedded into the review process. The work being done across the YCLC network gives me hope that we are well-equipped in the fight for collective liberation.”

- Valeree Catangay,

2024 YCLC Cohort member and 2025 YCLC Fund Application Reviewer

Feature Story: People Power

For Tex Wanbui and Gabriel Martinez, the Young Climate Leaders of Color experience became more than a leadership experience. It was a catalyst for a creative partnership rooted in storytelling, identity, and community power.

What began as shared conversations within the cohort evolved into Voice for Change, a podcast and emerging multimedia platform amplifying the lived experiences of young climate leaders across the country. Expanding on their existing Stay In True to Yourself (SITTY) platform, Tex and Gabriel envisioned a space where authenticity could thrive and where environmental advocacy could be understood through personal truth. They invited five of their fellow YCLC members: Codie Horse-Topetchy, Shreya Chaudhuri, Davide Ifediba, Victor-Alan Weekes, and Yasmina Benslimane into raw, reflective conversations about climate justice, growth, culture, and the emotional realities behind their work. Each episode reveals what the headlines often miss, spotlighting the ways in which the climate movement is driven by people whose identities, histories, and hope shape their leadership. Their collaboration embodies the spirit of YCLC, where connection fuels impact and shared creativity strengthens a national network of young leaders. Now, Tex and Gabriel are expanding Voices for Change into workshops and webinars that link personal narrative to tangible climate solutions. Through their partnership, they model what YCLC makes possible.

Watch [Voices for Change](#).





Community Climate Shift (CCS) works to ensure equity and community leadership are at the forefront of national decarbonization efforts. Through innovative strategies that aim to create an ecosystem of community-based organizations, community advocates and leaders, and technical organizations, CCS is championing the movement to advance equitable policies and projects forward. Learn more at communityclimateshift.org.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year, the Community Climate Shift Initiative, leveraged the now sunsetted Supporting Equitable Building Performance's (SEBP) \$5 million federal investment, to form new and fortify existing partnerships with 15 organizations nationwide and regrant over \$1 million dollars from the CCS fund to community partners to drive work focused on equitable decarbonization while piloting and demonstrating effective community-government partnerships and best practices outlined in its adapted Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership tool.

People Power

- Hosted 47 partners from 21 organizations at its annual convening in New Orleans to strategize movement beyond the political moment, while planning the next year of priorities for the initiative.
- In partnership with The Energy Foundation, CCS partners were integrated into the first Clean Buildings, Healthy Communities (CBHC) Convening, creating robust opportunities for additional cross-collaboration and leveraging momentum.

Manifesting Abundance

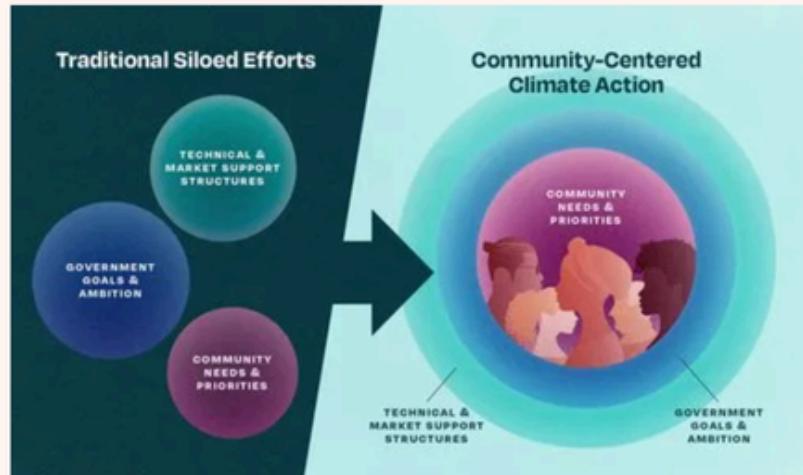
- Reinvested \$350k from the CCS fund into five projects from the Centering Equity in the Sustainable Buildings Sector (CESBS) initiative.
- Provided an additional \$250k of renewed reinvestments to five SEPB projects.
- Reinvested \$87,250 to enlist compensated community and technical expertise on the CCS Steering Committee and activate participatory power among partners.
- Utilized \$56,750 regranted in participation stipends for the annual convening.

Expanding Impact

- Refined the CCS strategic model to hone in on “Four Corners” of work—Peer Learning and Narrative Strategy, Power Building, Fundraising and Reorienting Our Position, that help to clarify and guide the initiative’s growth and next steps. The Four Corners Strategy provides the strategic direction for CCS to focus on sustaining and expanding into new places for community-led decarbonization strategies through implementing model policies or pilot projects for energy efficiency and building decarbonization.

Our Groundbreaking Approach

① Shattering Policymaking Silos





An initiative of The Kresge Foundation, Climate Change, Health, and Equity (CCHE) centers and supports equitable policy advocacy work at the intersection of health and climate change. CCHE aims to increase the capacity of hospitals, healthcare systems, and public health institutions and transform healthcare and public health practice while strengthening community-based leadership. The program supports partnerships between community-based organizations and health practitioners and institutions. Together, these organizations work to address and improve climate resilience by building community power, advocating for health access that addresses climate impacts, improving transportation, advocating for flood management, and mitigating the effects of extreme heat in communities across the country.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Launched CCHE 2.0, the second phase of Kresge's Climate Change, Health & Equity (CCHE) Initiative, which builds on its initial five-year, \$30 million effort launched in 2018 to address climate change and protect people's health and wellbeing from its impacts, particularly in low-wealth and communities of color disproportionately affected by extreme heat, flooding, air and water pollution and chronic and infectious disease. This next phase of CCHE aims to strengthen a unified movement for climate justice and health equity by advancing community-driven solutions and supporting national movement building through a network of community-based organizations, health institutions, public health departments, and health practitioners.

People Power

- Wrapped up CCHE 1.0 in September 2024. This five-year initiative fostered connections at the intersections of climate change and its impacts on health, as well as exploring structural inequities that leave some communities more vulnerable to the compounded impacts of both.

Manifesting Abundance

- Developed the CCHE Responsive Fund, a regranting fund to support CCHE-affiliated organizations to meet emerging community needs and offer mutual aid in response to the 2025 government shutdown and its impacts. The fund has already regranted \$50,000 to support ongoing community needs.

Expanding Impact

- Launched the second iteration of CCHE 2.0 in October 2025, with 32 grantee partners nationwide and Climate Innovation serving as the Peer-Learning Partner for the Initiative and strategic thought partner with The Kresge Foundation.



Partners for Places (P4P) is a matching grant program through The Funders Network (TFN) that improves U.S. and Canadian communities by building partnerships between local government leaders, frontline communities, and place-based funders. The Climate Innovation team has partnered with TFN to offer capacity-building support to P4P grantees. Climate Innovation is working with TFN's other capacity-building partner, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), to plan for learning sessions throughout the year. Climate Innovation will support community-based organizations while USDN supports local government partners, and we will bring the full teams together for shared learning throughout the year.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year, the program celebrated significant milestones and launched innovative initiatives, further cementing its role in empowering young Black environmental activists and shaping the climate justice movement. Here are some of the key highlights from this impactful year:

People Power

- Supported year one learning via thought partnership w/ USDN and through CBO-specific peer learning focusing on the Community Engagement to Ownership Spectrum training and Community Driven Climate Resilience Planning (CDCRP) framework trainings.

Manifesting Abundance

- Launched round 22 in July 2025 and continues to support with the Community Engagement to Ownership CE2O Spectrum training and Community Driven Climate Resilience Planning (CDCRP) framework trainings as well as coaching.

Expanding Impact

- Climate Innovation served on the Partners for Places Advisory Committee, providing guidance and insights around planning for Round 22 and beyond of P4P. This resulted in the selection of 40% more (or nearly double?) communities in Round 22 compared to Round 21.

Clean Buildings

Healthy Communities

The Clean Buildings Healthy Communities (CBHC) effort was developed through a coalition of philanthropic, environmental justice, community-based, and environmental organizations, of which Climate Innovation serves on the Steering Committee. CBHC envisions a future where everyone in the United States will live, work, play, and gather in affordable, healthy and safe buildings that are powered by clean and fossil-free energy.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted a nationwide convening in New Orleans with nearly 200 participants, in collaboration with the Community Climate Shift (CCS) Initiative. The event brought together grassroots leaders, government partners, nonprofits, funders, climate and environmental organizations to learn and strategize around affordable and accessible building electrification, decarbonization, workforce development, policy and advocacy, and narrative building strategies.

People Power

- Facilitated the expansion of the CBHC Steering Committee to include three local community-based climate justice organizations representing California, Detroit, and Maryland to advance small and large-scale equitable electrification, decarbonization, energy democracy, healthy workforce development, and community power-building strategies of the initiative.

Manifesting Abundance

- Through Climate Innovation's role via the integration of Community Climate Shift (CBHC), the goals and strategies of CBHC are being advanced in real time while demonstrating what it looks like to be in relationship to aligned, parallel, and intersecting efforts that can thrive together with greater impact.

Expanding Impact

- Through Climate Innovation's role on the Steering Committee, we directed \$250,000 into the CCS Fund to support community-led work for electrification and decarbonization efforts.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



\$1.3 million reinvested

Reinvested over **\$1.3 million** partners, CBOs, grassroots leaders, and young people.

Over **\$200,000** in seed funding awarded to NACRP member organizations and individuals through 2025 NACRP Fund rounds.

\$350k to youth leaders

Invested over **\$350,000** in youth climate justice projects to BIPOC youth leaders through YBCL and YCLC.



Regranted **\$600,000** to CBOs nationwide through Community Climate Shift Fund.

Hosted **5** in-person convenings and over **200** virtual events reaching over **1700** attendees.

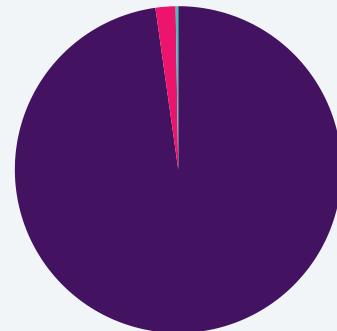
FINANCIALS

Income statement for the period of
01/01/2025 to 12/01/2025

REVENUE

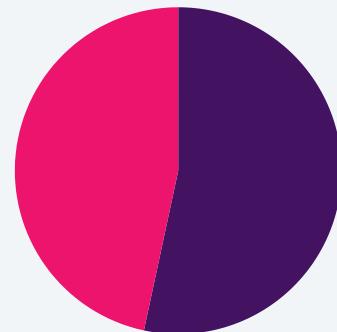
Total to date: \$5,417,682.13

- Grant Funding: \$3,813,970.00
- Program Service Fees: \$77,263
- Indiv/Business Contribution: \$10,000



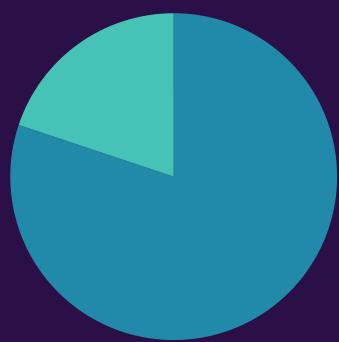
EXPENSES

- Revenue: \$5,417,682.13
- Expenses: \$4,733,388.00



RESOURCES MOVED TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Total to date: \$1,342,720



- Revenue
- Resources Moved



Approximately 25% of Climate Innovation revenue is reinvested to support community solutions.

To stay up to date on our offerings and to learn more about our work,
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