THE Climate +
Clean Energy
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2016–2018

The Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund is building a powerful movement to stop climate change and create an equitable clean energy future.
The Equity Fund is building the power needed to stop climate change and create an equitable clean energy future through a sustained multi-state initiative. The Equity Fund is strategically building power by:

+ Investing in the leadership and organizing of diverse communities (people of color, indigenous people, those most impacted by climate change)
+ Winning equitable climate and clean energy campaigns
+ Accelerating equitable climate solutions and engaging voters

**Grantmaking by the Numbers**

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Out of 27 grantee organizations in 2018:
- 81% led by women
- 48% led by people of color

**Movement Tools**

**Power Building Summit**

The Equity Fund held our inaugural Power Building Summit in July 2018 for organizers to learn, share, and network. The Summit strengthened collaboration in and across states and uncovered opportunities to scale up our collective power. Over fifty directors and organizers learned about the latest in climate equity policy campaigns, nonpartisan civic engagement strategies, and more.

**The Climate Equity Accelerator**

The Climate Equity Accelerator provides grantees with coaching and technical assistance to advance policies that materially improve the conditions of communities experiencing the causes and effects of climate change. The Accelerator strengthens the skills, capacity, and leadership of community organizations to drive equitable energy policy.
**Voter Power**

The Equity Fund’s support has resulted in more than 1 million actions to reach, educate, and mobilize community members, voters, and activists on climate and clean energy equity. Some highlights:

- **115,000 mailings** were sent to New Mexican voters, based on cutting-edge research on New Mexicans’ attitudes on climate and energy.
- Partners in Virginia knocked on over **100,000 doors** and made over **300,000 phone calls**.
- Minnesota grantees experimented with new voter contact methods, including **deep canvass at the door** and canvassing public transit riders.

**State Impacts**

- **In FLORIDA**, grantees expanded from Miami and Orlando to Jacksonville and Tampa, combining emergency disaster response with climate justice organizing in the wake of devastating hurricanes, while building campaigns to expand access to renewables.
- Our **MINNESOTA** grantees formed a powerful, multiracial coalition that is advancing a range of policies to move the state towards 100% renewable energy.
- **NEW MEXICO** grantees are leading their first ever clean energy campaigns in rural New Mexico, reaching thousands of Latinx and Native American voters on climate justice and clean energy.
- **In PENNSYLVANIA**, Equity Fund grantees are uniting urban, suburban and rural Pennsylvanians across class and race to fight extractive industries and advance policies like community solar.
- Our **VIRGINIA** grantees are building a new base of African American climate voters by connecting local issues such as coal dust to impacts like sea level rise and the state’s opportunity to lead on clean energy.

**Check out our New Mexico Impact video**

[vimeo.com/equityfund/NM](vimeo.com/equityfund/NM)

**2019 Goals**

- **$4.2 M in Grants**
  - The Equity Fund will double our grantmaking budget for the third consecutive year.
- **2 New States**
  - The Equity Fund will add two new states, increasing our portfolio to seven states.
- **State Summits**
  - The Equity Fund will organize Power Building Summits in each of our states to strengthen grantee alignment and coordination, identify policy opportunities, and develop campaign strategies.
- **Build Power for 2020**
  - The Equity Fund will invest more to accelerate campaigns and build nonpartisan civic engagement capacity for 2020.
We started the Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund to fill a critical gap in climate philanthropy—the need to build a powerful and diverse grassroots base to stop climate change and win durable and equitable solutions. By supporting organizing, civic engagement, and strategic campaigns, the Equity Fund is turning the growing popular support for bold climate action into the political will we need for real change.

The Equity Fund has made a lot of progress in just a few years, establishing a network of grantees who are growing the power of the climate movement. With our support, the Equity Fund's grantees have:

- Hired dozens of new organizers of color who are building a base that reflects the diversity of their states and the country
- Advanced creative new campaigns that center equity and issues like jobs and health
- Educated and turned out hundreds of thousands of voters, many engaged for the first time on climate and clean energy

As we face the challenges ahead, there is a lot to be hopeful about—the movement for 100% renewable energy, the Green New Deal, the growing recognition that we need a just transition—and a lot of work to do as we approach 2020. To turn these and other emerging climate solutions into reality, we need to continue to invest in building power.

We thank all of our funders and donors for their support, and especially our grantees for their partnership and hard work. We hope you will join us!

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2018 Equity Fund Grantees

**FLORIDA**
Catalyst Miami
Miami Climate Alliance
New Florida Majority Education Fund
Organize Florida Education Fund

**MINNESOTA**
Black Visions Collective
ISAIAH
Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light
MN350
Navigate Minnesota/Unidos MN Education Fund
TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund

**NEW MEXICO**
Center for Civic Policy
Native American Voters Alliance Education Project
New Mexico CAFé
ProgressNow New Mexico

**PENNSYLVANIA**
215 People's Alliance
CASA
Center for Coalfield Justice
Keystone Progress Education Fund
Make the Road Pennsylvania
One Pennsylvania
POWER Philadelphia

**VIRGINIA**
Appalachian Voices
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
New Virginia Majority Education Fund
ProgressNow Virginia
Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative
Virginia Organizing

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