

## A FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM + NARRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FRONTLINES

It is important to build capacity in-house, especially content area expertise and communications capacity. We benefit greatly from collaboration and learning from other frontline climate justice organizations and feel that we have a strong network that will continue to grow organically."

- COHORT MEMBER

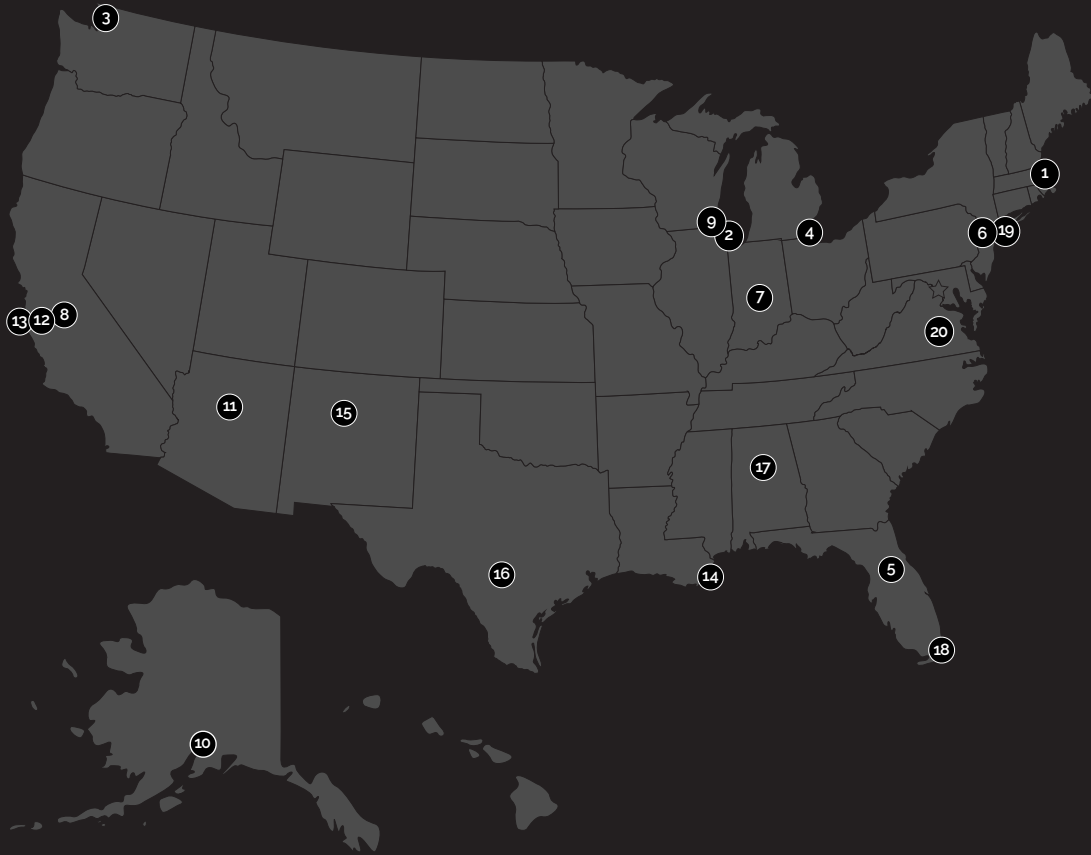
Climate Justice Alliance, Center for Story-based Strategy and The Solutions Project are partnering to build narrative power and communications capacity among grassroots organizations in frontline communities across the United States.

This groundbreaking pilot program showcases transformative possibilities when our movement is resourced. The two-year cohort provides 20 BIPOC-led grassroots organizations with the funding, training and movement infrastructure to support their communications and narrative strategies for Just Transitions to Regenerative Economies. Designed by a grassroots-centered, expert-facilitated nine-month process, the fellowship launches in 2022 with a curriculum, workshops, project planning, experimentation, and peer-to-peer learning through 2023.

A [2019 report](#) commissioned by the Hewlett Foundation identified climate communications priorities in the United States that align with community expertise, stories, and visual narratives rooted at the grassroots level. In 2020-21, after decades of powerbuilding in communities across the country, grassroots movements for climate justice are now setting the debate. Frontline leaders are bringing their visions, voices and victories to global climate negotiations, to the White House, and to mainstream media. The influence and impact of frontline solutions show a visionary movement rooted in justice and ready to win in 2022 and beyond — it is time for philanthropy to invest in this transformation at scale.

Thanks to our funders, we have raised \$7.8M to date — \$4M of which funds 20 organizations to hire staff and build their own communications capacity, anchoring a network of grassroots organizations across 16 states. We seek an additional \$1.8M for pilot operating expenses and \$3M for creative and digital production.

- Hewlett Foundation
- Skoll Foundation
- Sequoia Climate Fund
- Pisces Foundation
- ClimateWorks Foundation
- Energy Foundation
- Generation Foundation



- 1 Alternatives for Communities & Environment Boston, MA
- 2 Blacks in Green Chicago, IL
- 3 Community to Community Development Bellingham, WA
- 4 Detroit Black Food Security Network Detroit, MI
- 5 Farmworker Association of Florida Apopka, FL
- 6 Ironbound Community Corporation Newark, NJ
- 7 Kheprw Institute Indianapolis, IN
- 8 Little Manila Rising Stockton, CA
- 9 Little Village Environmental Justice Organization Chicago, IL
- 10 Native Movement Anchorage, AK
- 11 Native Renewables Flagstaff, AZ
- 12 Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative Vallejo, CA
- 13 PODER San Francisco, CA
- 14 RISE St. James New Orleans, LA
- 15 SouthWest Organizing Project Albuquerque, NM
- 16 Southwest Workers Union San Antonio, TX
- 17 The People's Justice Council Birmingham, AL
- 18 The Smile Trust Miami, FL
- 19 UPROSE Brooklyn, NY
- 20 Virginia Interfaith Power & Light Richmond, VA

Percentage of All Grantees by Budget Range

