



SUMMER OF ACTION GRANTEES 2022



Alaska Center Education Fund (AKCEF) (AK): will increase voter participation in historically underrepresented communities and amongst those most impacted by the climate crisis. Through the implementation of a Youth Civic Engagement Fellowship program, AKCEF will hire 3-4 young Alaskans to conduct voter education around one-pick primaries and ranked-choice voting, partner with local businesses to conduct mock elections and complete a robust communications campaign.



Alianza Center, Inc. (FL): will provide a culturally-rich program focused on leadership through expression—with arts instruction and outdoor recreation complementing a core focus on building personal, family and community preparedness in the face of our changing climate. Participants will engage in actions such as petition gathering, twitter storms and more to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change on human health and our environment.



Arizona Technology Council (AZTC) (AZ): will mobilize Arizona technology companies in support of historic climate and clean energy investments, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and President Biden's Justice40 Initiative. AZTC aims to solidify Arizona's role as a clean-energy leader that is home to technological innovators being paid generous wages and contributing to a thriving regional economy.



Black Millennials for Flint (BM4F) (MI, GA): will educate 500+ Black men and women about environmental justice issues specific to the Lead Poisoning Crisis, the Maternal Health Crisis, and Beauty Justice in two of the most sacred places in the African American Community—Barbershops and Beauty Salons. BM4F will equip community members with tools to advocate for cleaner and healthier neighborhoods through civic engagement and political strategy.



Citizens Environmental Coalition (TX): In partnership with Houston Climate Movement, will empower frontline community members to advocate for climate action and political advocacy locally through community outreach and listening sessions; knowledge- and skill-building sessions; an op-ed; community member meetings with Members of Congress and a Climate Summit commemorating the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's devastation of the Houston region.



Clean Fuels Michigan (CFM) (MI): will engage with lawmakers to address the importance of coordinated efforts to use Bipartisan Infrastructure (BIL) funding equitably and efficiently to support Michigan's health and economic wellbeing, as well as elevate the voices of Michigan businesses investing in, designing, and manufacturing zero-emission mobility solutions. CFM will provide a forum for industry stakeholders and government agencies to convene and coordinate efforts to successfully secure and implement BIL funding.



The CLEO Institute (FL): will educate and mobilize hundreds of our GenCLEO youth—especially Florida college chapters—regarding how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the bipartisan National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act and additional investments in climate and clean energy can help Florida mitigate and prepare for the climate crisis.



Creation Justice Ministries (NC): will engage faith-based advocates in North Carolina to advocate for climate justice and resilience investments in frontline communities.



Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (VA): will train and mobilize faith community members on effective advocacy and messaging around climate solutions. The classes will cover grassroots and grassroots organizing techniques such as petitions, writing opinion pieces and getting published, and building strong relationships with decision-makers in government.



Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) (GA): will produce a series of short video clips wherein faith leaders will discuss the importance of federal climate action and its link to GOTV efforts. GIPL will also expand both their workshop series on federal advocacy and their Faith, Climate, Justice Voter Campaign, and mobilize faith leaders and congregations to advocate for federal climate action and vote for our values.



League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) (PA): will strengthen democracy in Pennsylvania by providing voter services and education through a diversity, equity and inclusion lens, ensuring that all Pennsylvanians can be informed at the polls. The project will also bolster the efforts of LWVPA's network of 32 local leagues across the Commonwealth to empower voters and defend democracy locally.



Make the Road Nevada (MRNV) (NV): will undertake a large-scale communications campaign calling on Nevada's Congressional Delegation to make major investments in climate and clean energy. Additionally, MRNV will activate their membership base to share stories and highlight the need for renewed investment in climate and clean energy with their congressional offices.



Michigan Sustainable Business Forum (MSBF) (MI): will engage federal office holders on the need for investments in climate solutions, demonstrating an economic case and business support by highlighting transformative Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investments. MSBF will also provide technical assistance to communities for Justice 40 investments and encourage employers to create capacity for pro-democracy efforts by providing paid time off for the general election in November.



Mi Familia Vota (TX): will train and activate young Latinx leaders to be advocates for environmental justice in Dallas, Texas. Youth leaders will learn skills and have opportunities to be civically engaged in the 2022 midterms by hosting youth-led voter registration drives, forums and Get Out the Vote efforts.



North Carolina Business Council (NC): will harness the powerful and unique potential of small businesses to influence policy making in their local communities and engage underutilized businesses in climate justice advocacy campaigns that ensure they benefit from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and additional climate and clean energy investments to create jobs.



North Carolina Clinicians for Climate Action (NCCCA) (NC): will educate and engage health professionals about the health impacts of climate change to advocate for climate solutions that promote health equity. NCCCA will host a symposium bringing together health professionals, community leaders and health system executives to make the case that hospital decarbonization and waste reduction is a public health and racial justice issue and share best practices for accelerating the transformation of NC health systems.



Our Climate (FL): will train young Floridian leaders to raise awareness around the climate crisis, discuss climate justice solutions with their elected representatives and mobilize their peers to vote on climate in the upcoming 2022 midterm elections. Through these actions, Our Climate will advance climate justice and build the public and political will to ensure a thriving future for everyone.



Poder Latinx (AZ, GA): will center the voices and leadership of directly impacted communities, engage Latinx elected officials, and mobilize Latinx community and youth advocates through in-person and digital events and actions. Poder Latinx will continue building coalitions and partnerships to advance bold, progressive, inclusive environmental, energy and climate solutions.



Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Moorhouse School of Medicine (SHLI) (GA, FL): will train policymakers and community leaders to identify the Social and Political Determinants of Health that lead to poor outcomes among marginalized populations in the environmental sector. SHLI will cultivate advocates to lead community groups in improving climate change, environmental justice and health equity, and to influence policies that support positive outcomes for marginalized populations.



Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (GA): will launch a campaign to educate advocates about clean energy policies and activate them to participate in representative government, demonstrating Georgians' desire for policies that help our country meet critical climate goals while achieving economic and public health benefits and advancing racial and social equity.



Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility (TX): will draw upon its medical knowledge of the impacts of climate change and other environmental threats to public health to advocate for clean energy policies to the Texas Congressional Delegation, conduct a targeted communications campaign to promote science-based health/climate policies and prepare highly impactful video stories focused on the harms of fossil fuel pollution and the benefits of renewable clean energy sources.



Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action (VCCA) (VA): will recruit, educate and mobilize health professionals to advocate federal legislators on the need for bold climate action to protect the health of current and future generations of Virginians. Health professionals will take part in in-district meetings with legislative staff, take online action and produce earned media. VCCA will also educate and encourage action from members around federal BIL opportunities.



Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative (VEJC) (VA): will support environmental justice (EJ) by educating member organizations and the communities they serve on EJ policies and initiatives. This includes the Heights community in Petersburg, VA, where VEJC's solar-powered Resiliency Hub offers community development, job creation and access to EV charging stations by tapping into the benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



Western Leaders Network (WLN) (MT, NV): will educate its network of local, tribal and state elected officials on the benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and how to apply for funding. WLN will also engage its network to advocate for additional federal action to advance climate and clean energy objectives, protect disproportionately affected communities, promote justice and equity, achieve just transitions for fossil fuel-dependent local economies, create jobs and strengthen democratic participation.



West Virginia Rivers (WV): will help support the activities of the West Virginia Climate Alliance through climate pledges, outreach events, town halls, and media placements. West Virginia Rivers will educate the public and elevate West Virginia voices at this critical time for climate action.



Young Evangelicals for Climate Action (YECA) (MI, GA): will equip young Christians in to call on their peers to vote and to hold leaders accountable for President Biden's Justice40 commitments. YECA advocates will utilize the power of storytelling to get their messages out through op-eds, LTEs and videos on social media.