

SUMMER OF ACTION GRANTEES 2023

[Arizona Technology Council \(AZTC\)](#)

Mobilizing Arizona's Technology Ecosystem to Deploy Federal Funding and Address Environmental and Economic Inequities (AZ):

AZTC will mobilize Arizona's statewide technology ecosystem by engaging federal, state, and local lawmakers, spreading awareness of the nearly \$500 billion in federal funds made available through Biden's clean energy plan, and ensuring the equitable implementation of federal funds among diverse communities.

[Black Appalachian Coalition \(BLAC\) – BLAC Policy Summit \(KY, OH, PA, WV\):](#)

BLAC will center the voices of Black Appalachians across the Ohio River Valley to dismantle the dominant narrative that shows Appalachia as monolithically white. By leveraging stories and amplifying the voices of Black people across the region, they're creating safe spaces for storytelling. This narrative strategy helps build collective power for storytelling to be a precursor to policy making and to ensure resources are allocated to historically marginalized black communities economically, environmentally, and politically.

[Black Millennials for Flint \(BM4F\)](#)

Young, Gifted, and Green Environmental Justice Academy (MI):

In partnership with Flint Public Health Youth Academy, BM4F will launch its annual Young, Gifted, and Green Environmental Justice (EJ) Academy. Youth grades eight to college will create a community accountability and oversight tool to assess the local impacts of President Biden's Justice40 Initiative. BM4F hopes to build public enthusiasm (specifically youth and young adults) around the investments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law while educating local citizens on policy, workforce development, economic development, and environmental justice.

[Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health, and Equity \(CACHE\)](#)

Healthy Hospitals, Healthy Communities (NC):

Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health, and Equity will engage health professionals, health system leadership, community members and community leaders (including elected officials) in urging health system decarbonization and climate resilience, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Health Sector Climate Pledge.

[Citizens Utility Board \(CUB\) – Better Heat; Mejor Calefacción \(IL\):](#)

CUB will be conducting a community engagement, education, and coalition-building campaign aiming to ensure that Spanish-speaking and under-resourced communities have access to efficient home electrification opportunities offered by Biden's clean energy plan. The campaign combines community events with thoughtful consumer-facing publications and digital media strategies to create and share clean energy success stories in English and Spanish.

[Colorado Farm & Food Alliance \(COFFA\)](#)

Organizing for Rural-based Climate Solutions and Action (CO):

Colorado Farm & Food Alliance will be elevating rural climate action and the role smart federal investment plays in implementing solutions on the ground, such as in on-farm renewables, regenerative agriculture, and watershed health and restoration.





Elected Officials to Protect America (EOPA)

IRA Implementation in Justice40 Communities: National Climate Emergency and Energy Justice Task Force (National):

EOPA will engage its national network of elected officials who represent frontline communities to take advantage of Biden's clean energy plan funding and advocate to ensure that federal and state funding opportunities meet the needs of Justice40 communities they are intended to benefit.



Energy Efficiency Alliance (EEA) – Promoting Decarbonization Strategies through Federal Investment Opportunities (NJ, PA):

EEA will be advocating for energy efficiency as a foundation for a clean energy economy, addressing environmental issues to create sustainable communities and foster economic growth. Through public education, policy support, and advocacy, EEA will leverage federal funding, educate contractors, decision-makers, and consumers, and utilize media channels to advance the implementation and highlight the benefits of heat pumps and electrification.

1000 Friends of Iowa

Influencing Federal Transportation Funding in the Midwest (IA, MN, WI, MI):

1000 Friends of Iowa and allies will work to influence how federal infrastructure funding is spent, especially flexible funds, to reduce highway expansion and promote low or no-emission transportation modes. The organizations will do so by training and mobilizing grassroots advocates to engage in the transportation funding decision-making process, engaging federal and state Department of Transportation officials and regional Metropolitan Planning Organization officials.



Girl Plus Environment – Protecting our Energy Project: Building and Mobilizing the Next Generation of Black and Brown Energy Justice Activists in Atlanta (GA):

Girl Plus Environment will build a cohort to train and support Black and Brown women in Atlanta's most energy-burdened zip codes to advocate for equitable energy policy, translate technical energy policy, increase engagement in local energy policy and organize educational meetings to foster community buy-in and action. The program will offer comprehensive training, participation guidance, and mini-grants for those hosting neighborhood education meetings.



Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) – Policy in Action: IRA Education and Implementation through Faith Communities (GA):

GIPL will work directly with communities and congregations across Georgia to provide educational opportunities about the benefits of IRA funding, technical assistance for individuals and congregations wanting to gain access to these funds, project management and the implementation of energy-efficiency and rooftop solar projects supported by the IRA, and will push for expanded regulatory standards through the EPA rulemaking process.



Healthy Air and Water Colorado (HAWC)

Colorado Health Providers Acting on Climate in D.C. (CO):

Healthy Air and Water Colorado will organize a group of Colorado-based health providers that treat patients in disproportionately impacted communities to visit with Colorado delegation members to advocate for environmental justice investments and stronger climate regulations for the sake of public health. These health providers will also highlight stories of how recent federal climate investments are improving health outcomes in their communities.





[Institute for a Progressive Nevada](#)

[Promoting Climate-Positive Actions in Nevada \(NV\):](#)

Institute for a Progressive Nevada will host a series of press events and public engagement opportunities to educate the public on the environmental progress achieved during the 2023 Legislative Session and at the federal level from the Biden Administration.



[Native Movement – Climate Justice Narrative Building & Organizing \(AK\):](#)

By amplifying the need for and benefits of Biden’s clean energy plan funding opportunities in Alaska, Native Movement will focus on projects that are community-led and invest in Alaska’s rural infrastructure, such as broadband, weatherization and renewable energy, and food security.



[North Carolina Business Council \(NCBC\) – NC Businesses Building Resilient Communities Through Climate Reform \(NC\):](#)

North Carolina Business Council will serve as a bridge to bring the underserved business community voices of North Carolina together with Congressional and state legislators. NCBC and its network will hold legislators accountable to implement President Biden’s Justice40 goals and ensure the equitable deployment of investments included in Biden’s clean energy plan to create jobs in communities that have been historically marginalized and advance environmental justice.



[Michigan Sustainable Business Forum \(MSBF\)](#)

[Summer of Climate Wins Midwest Campaign \(MI\):](#)

MSBF will engage business and community leaders through a series of digital and earned media engagements, small group meetings, and events celebrating Biden’s clean energy plan and Justice 40 initiative, educating constituents on pending opportunities and the impacts to date. These events will take place in Michigan cities and BIPOC-majority Michigan communities and support partner organizations in Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana.

[Southern Alliance for Clean Energy \(SACE\) – Promoting Justice for Underserved and Underinvested Communities in the Southeast by Ensuring Effective Implementation of BIL & IRA \(GA, FL, NC, SC, TN\):](#)

SACE will work to advance decarbonization and environmental justice by helping ensure that federal clean energy and transportation investments are made effectively and equitably with strong public involvement and advocating for additional executive action by calling for strong standards on climate pollution from new and existing power plants.



[Sunnyside Community Redevelopment Organization \(SCRO\)](#)

[A Documentary to Chronicle the Best of Sunnyside \(TX\):](#)

Focusing on air quality improvement through the deployment of an Air-Monitoring Network System, SCRO aims to build a healthy and sustainable community by advocating, educating, and empowering residents. SCRO will produce a documentary focused on Sunnyside's community and history, raising awareness of the environmental justice challenges residents face and the ongoing efforts being made to tackle those challenges.



[Western Leaders Network \(WLN\)](#)

Engaging Local, Tribal, and State-Elected Officials in Celebrating Historic Investments in Climate and Clean Energy (MT, NV, NM):

Western Leaders Network will work with local, tribal, and state elected officials to share their stories about how historic federal climate investments will help them build sustainability, resilience, and equity. Furthermore, WLN will advocate for adopting, implementing, and enforcing federal rules to limit climate-damaging methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

[Wetlands Watch – Advancing Federal Resilience Support in Virginia \(VA\):](#)

Wetlands Watch advances federal resilience support in Virginia through diverse outreach and engagement campaigns to reach decision-makers, grant recipients, stakeholders, and the public. Wetlands Watch will raise awareness about federal funding coming from Biden's clean energy plan while building political support for localities and stakeholders to apply for the grants, emphasizing the importance of funding projects that help those with the greatest needs in alignment with Biden's Justice40 initiatives.

[Wild Montana – Climate & Energy Program \(MO, MT\):](#)

Wild Montana will drive efforts for oil and gas reform, orphan well clean-up, and wildfire resiliency throughout the West to protect community health and safety by decreasing pollution and safeguarding wild landscapes that are critical carbon sinks.

[Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice \(YMPJ\)](#)

NYC Communities Activating Public Spaces Coalition (NY):

The Soundview Economic Hub is a 22,500 sq ft highway underpass that YMPJ and allies will transform into a community space to strengthen the local food system, create jobs, demonstrate green infrastructure and clean energy solutions, and host an array of culturally relevant programming. Alongside local residents and partners, YMPJ will raise awareness of the transformative climate resilience and justice impacts that community-driven investments in infrastructure and equitable redevelopment projects can have in critical marginalized communities like the South Bronx.

