

A Community Centered Approach to Climate Change

Investing in Climate Resiliency with The Social Bond

“Climate resiliency is about addressing the harms that are already happening to living things. We need to honor indigenous and cultural wisdom **centered in community and racial justice** to shift all sectors – from our government, investors and the private sector.”

Judi López, The California Endowment, Managing Director

INEQUITABLE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

California is living with the realities of ongoing climate disasters like intense and prolonged droughts, extreme heat and year-round wildfires. While this affects us all, **rural and Tribal communities and communities of color experience the disproportionate brunt of its impacts and must be prioritized** in funding, planning and development efforts. On the front lines of climate change, these communities also have the solutions for advancing climate justice and should be elevated for their expertise.

INVESTMENTS IN CLIMATE RESILIENCY

In January 2021, The California Endowment initiated a historic \$300-million Social Bond to support the grassroots organizers, activists and advocates **building power in our communities** and championing movements to reimagine health equity and racial justice for all people in California. In 2022, \$20 million was awarded to **support climate resiliency across California**, prioritizing investments in organizations led by and serving Black Indigenous and People of Color in rural and Tribal communities, areas that have historically been underfunded and are experiencing high climate vulnerability.



GOALS FOR ADVANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCY



Practices and policies to address the impacts of climate change while **prioritizing racial equity and honoring tradition and culture**



A climate justice movement that centers and follows **marginalized voices and communities**



Regional approaches that connect to a **unified climate action agenda**

CLIMATE RESILIENCY EFFORTS



Alianza Coachella Valley

Coachella Valley

Amplifies resident voices and increases community input so that long-term plans for the Salton Sea reflect the community's needs



Central Valley Agroecology

Tulare County

Exists to develop a network of regenerative farms by Native and immigrant communities



Climate Science Alliance

Unceded Lands in Southern California

Supports Indigenous-led climate action and knowledge-sharing among Tribal leaders, scientists and community members



Community Economic Mobilization Initiative

Statewide

Focuses on diversifying who receives public funds for climate resiliency, and supporting community organizations to decide how those public funds are spent



Community Ownership for Community Power Fund

Statewide

Works to make the funding system more equitable for communities to take ownership of real estate, land and housing in California



Drought and Climate Resilience Coalition

Central Coast, Central Valley and Inland Empire/Coachella Valley

Supports an ecosystem of farmworker-serving organizations and water partners organizing to create statewide infrastructure for water equity solutions for farmworkers and their families



Redwood Region Climate and Community Resilience Hub - COREHub

Redwood Region

Addressing the climate crisis in rural and Tribal communities through deep community engagement, expert technical assistance, and centering equity



Resilience Hubs

Statewide

Offer space for community members to gather, organize and access social services, and provide response and recovery services in disaster situations



Tribal Land Trusts

Tribal Nations in Unceded Lands across California

Support Indigenous ownership and control of Tribal land, emphasizing Indigenous wisdom and land management practices



Young Climate Leaders of Color

California-Focused in coordination with Nationwide Efforts

Builds a network of leaders with opportunities for action, organizing, strategizing and connection around racial and environmental justice



To learn more about the Social Bond's support for climate resiliency in California, visit calendow.org/bonds.

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