“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

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

2. A climate justice movement that centers and follows marginalized voices and communities

3. 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.