# THE Climate + Clean Energy EQUITY FUND

# 2019 Year in Review Impact Report

# **Policy Highlights**

Equity Fund support has helped our grantees build powerful and well-organized bases, launch new state-level coalitions, and pass historic policies.

**NEW MEXICO** grantees helped pass the Energy Transition Act in 2019, committing the state to 100% carbon-free energy by 2045 and creating a pathway for clean energy jobs for indigenous and rural Latinx communities.

MINNESOTA grantee partners created the 100% MN Campaign – focusing on equity and just transition – and worked with the newly elected Governor to introduce a plan to power Minnesota with 100% clean energy by 2050.

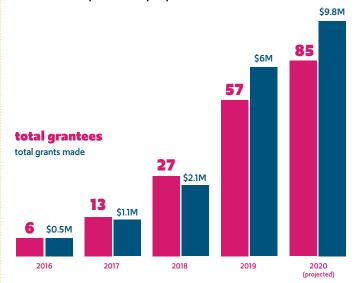
PENNSYLVANIA grantees formed the Climate Equity Table, an unprecedented statewide coalition uniting urban, rural, western and eastern PA. They fended off the worst propollution policy proposals and helped pass resolutions to use 100% renewable energy in several municipalities as part of a strategy to build momentum and embolden legislators.

FLORIDA grantees mobilized voters to pass the Miami Forever Bond in 2017 which unlocked \$400 million in climate resilience resources. In 2019, our partners won a seat on the oversight board and are advising the city on equitable disbursement of bond resources into projects such as community emergency response centers, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

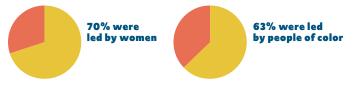
VIRGINIA grantees joined together for collaborative agenda setting ahead of the 2020 legislative session, and pushed a climate justice narrative in a pivotal election for the state legislature. Partners priorities included improving clean energy bills to include equity provisions, a bill to codify environmental justice review on all state rulemakings, and launch a long-awaited study on the impacts of coal dust in Hampton Roads.

# **Grantmaking by the Numbers**

In 2019, we proudly made our first multi-year grants to several core partner organizations. The Equity Fund is only able to expand our grantmaking and capacity building programs thanks to our philanthropic partners.

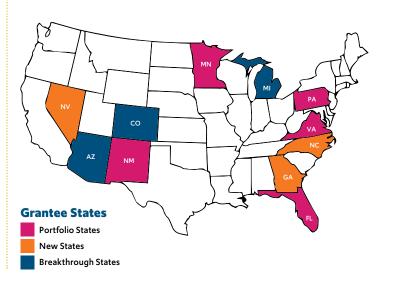


## Out of 57 grantee organizations in 2019:



# **State Strategy**

Since 2016, the Equity Fund has been building a multistate initiative to win on climate, beginning with strategic grantmaking in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Virginia, and Florida. In 2019, we expanded our work to 3 new states: Georgia, North Carolina, and Nevada. We will deepen our grantmaking, capacity-building, policy, and communications programs across 8 states in 2020 and 2021.



# **Equity Fund Grantees**

### **FLORIDA**

Catalyst Miami

Family Action Network

Movement

Florida Immigration Coalition (FLIC)

Jobs with Justice

Miami Climate Alliance

**NAACP** 

**New Florida Majority** 

**Organize Florida** 

### **GEORGIA**

**Black Voters Matter** 

GA 9to5

**New Georgia Project** 

Partnership for Southern

Equity

**ProGeorgia** 

### **MINNESOTA**

100% Minnesota

**Black Visions Collective** 

Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina (COPAL)

**ISAIAH** 

Land Stewardship Project (LSP)

Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL)

MN 350

Navigate MN

**Take Action Minnesota** 

### **NEVADA**

Battleborn Progress
Faith Organizing Alliance

Make The Road NV

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)

### **NEW MEXICO**

Center for Civic Policy

Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé)

Native American Voters Alliance (NAVA) **OLE Education Fund** 

**ProgressNow NM** 

Somos Un Pueblo Unido

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Advance NC

**Blueprint NC** 

Climate and Jobs Roundtable

**Down Home NC** 

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

**CASA** 

Center for Coalfield Justice

**Keystone Progress** 

Education Fund

Make the Road (MTR PA)

One PA

Pennsylvania Alliance for Retired Americans (PARA)

Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild (POWER)

Pittsburgh United

### **VIRGINIA**

**Appalachian Voices** 

**CASA** 

**Chesapeake Climate Action** 

Network

**New Virginia Majority** 

**Progress VA** 

Virginia Interfaith Power

and Light

Virginia Organizing

### BREAKTHROUGH FUND

### **ARIZONA**

Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)

### **COLORADO**

Colorado People's Alliance (COPA)

### **MICHIGAN**

Michigan United

We the People



# **Strengthening the Movement**

The **Policy Accelerator** provides grantees with coaching and capacity-building to advance climate and clean energy equity policies that will materially improve conditions for communities experiencing the causes and effects of climate change. Our newly developed **Policy Briefs**—Workforce Development and Labor Protections and Overview of the Utility System—and related trainings are helping grantee partners prepare for their 2020 legislative sessions.

The **Communications Accelerator** supports the development of communications capacity and strategies that will help grantees communicate more effectively with diverse communities, and at scale, to win climate and clean energy equity policies.

Power Building Summits: The Equity Fund convenes our partners annually, hosting alternating national and state Summits to strengthen relationships among grantees, help grantees advance in-state and cross-state coalition work, and provide space for cross-organizational learning about timely issues and campaign tactics.

The Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund (Equity Fund) is building power to stop climate change and create an equitable clean energy future through a strategic multistate initiative that is:

- Investing in the leadership and organizing of diverse communities (people of color, indigenous people, those most impacted by climate change)
- + Engaging voters through nonpartisan civic engagement campaigns
- Winning equitable climate and clean energy policy solutions