

## 2024-2025 Climate Justice Impact Strategy Grantees

### ALARM (Activating Leadership, Adaptation, Resilience and Mitigation) Grantees

ALARM grants were first awarded in 2019 and these same organizations have received annual grants to support community-based and community-defined mitigation, adaptation, resilience, and leadership efforts. Investments further strengthen the capacity and leadership of organizations working to implement proven approaches and support innovation.

- \$125,000 – [Na’ah Illahee Fund](#) – Na’ah Illahee Fund is a Native-led organization building Native female centered activism and leadership. This grant supports Na’ah Illahee’s efforts to represent Native communities at Climate Justice tables and facilitate Indigenous leadership cohorts. They will also partner with the Department of Health to provide grants to community priorities in alignment with the HEAL Act.
- \$125,000 – [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition](#) – DRCC elevates the voices of those impacted by Duwamish River pollution and other environmental injustices to advocate for a clean, healthy, and equitable environment for people and wildlife. With this funding, DRCC is strengthening its organizing and community power building in support of its Climate Justice platform. Key areas of focus are hosting community listening sessions and interviews to co-design participatory tools for collecting data on community needs and serving as a community liaison through several coalitions including the Justice 40 Initiative.
- \$100,000 – [Transportation Choices Coalition](#) – TCC is a statewide advocacy organization working to bring Washingtonians equitable, accessible and sustainable transportation choices. TCC is prioritizing efforts to advance access to public transit by deepening statewide connections and relationships; through educational and engagement events to elevate transportation a key issue; and by growing public support through strategic communications.
- \$75,000 – [350 Seattle](#) – 350 Seattle is a grassroots, volunteer driven organization that mobilizes communities to resist fossil fuels; builds momentum for healthy alternatives; and fosters resilient, just, and welcoming communities. Over the next year 350 Seattle will focus on the King County Climate Levy Campaign and call for historic investments at the intersection of climate action, job creation, and environmental and racial justice
- \$75,000 – [Got Green](#) – Got Green is a community organization based in the Southend of Seattle that builds power for Climate Justice. Got Green’s work includes their Green New Deal for Seattle, the Seattle Social Housing campaign and their new membership structure “Membership Power to Win Healthy Housing.”
- \$75,000 – [Puget Sound Sage](#) – Puget Sound Sage works to advocate for equitable policies that move away from solely harm reduction and pushe towards transformational change for communities across the Puget Sound. With support from Seattle Foundation, Sage focuses on advancing Green New Deal approaches throughout the region, convening the Environmental Justice Kitchen, organizing around weatherization and energy efficiency updates, improving building performance standards policy, and strengthening the capacity of their organization.

- \$50,000 – [Washington Conservation Action](#) – Washington Conservation Action (previously known as Washington Environmental Council) is a statewide environmental advocacy organization that makes change through organizing with communities, building collective power, and advocating for policy change at the local and state levels. Washington Conservation Action will prioritize coalition organizing, direct engagement with local leaders, and increasing awareness for the public to get involved in implementation processes for various climate policies through social media and digital campaigns.
- \$50,000 – [Environmental Professionals of Color](#) – EPOC is an all-volunteer network by and for people of color working in the environmental sector. EPOC creates a space for leaders of color in the environmental movement, to connect, regenerate, innovate, and grow as leaders. Funds from Seattle Foundation support Environmental Professionals of Color to build organizational capacity and create learning and community building opportunities, such as an annual conference, for its members.
- \$50,000 – [Futurewise](#) – Futurewise has stewarded Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA) across the state for the past three decades. Between 2024 and 2026 the entire state will be updating its comprehensive plans making these updates the most significant since the plans passed in the 1990s. Futurewise's in-house legal department will be increasing its work by about threefold, submitting comment letters and working on legal appeals over the next four years of the GMA process. As this work continues Futurewise will also launch a capacity-building campaign to add a second full-time attorney to train under the Director of Planning and Law, allowing for increased support and planning.
- \$50,000 – [Clean Energy Transition Institute](#) – Clean Energy Transition Institute advances climate justice through providing research and analytics to support equitable decarbonization strategies throughout the Northwest. This year CETI will be focusing on a lay-of-the-land ecosystem assessment on workforce development in the region. Simultaneously their SCALE 2030 building decarbonization project will work to provide a roadmap for Washington to equitably decarbonize buildings.
- \$100,000 – [Climate Solutions](#) – Climate Solutions' mission is to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. Climate Solutions' vision is a thriving, equitable Northwest, powered by clean energy, inspiring the transition to sustainable prosperity across the nation and beyond. Funds from Seattle Foundation support Climate Solutions' work to counter efforts that undermine key policies, including the campaign to roll back the Climate Commitment Act and implementation of state policies for decarbonizing the region. Climate Solutions' will also be launching a multi-year campaign to enhance public perception and real stories of progress in communities.

### Coalition Grantees

Two-year grants supporting Washington State coalitions that bring together diverse stakeholders to advance climate justice through research, convening, policy, and advocacy.

- \$150,000/year – [Front and Centered](#) – Front and Centered is a statewide coalition of over 65+ organizations and groups rooted in communities of color and people with lower incomes on the frontlines of economic and environmental change. Building on investments beginning in 2017, Seattle Foundation supports Front and Centered's community rooted policy approach in service of climate justice. This work includes the staffing and convening that underpin the development of policy priorities, community engagement and support of nonprofit partners in advancing the coalition's advocacy and policy wins for a more just and resilient climate future.

### Storytelling Grantee

Investments in narrative change that align to Seattle Foundation's framework advancing mitigation, adaptation, resilience, and leadership efforts for climate justice.

- \$90,000 – [Grist](#) and [The Uproot Project](#), a network of journalists of color who cover environmental issues, connect and uplift narratives rooted in communities most impacted by climate change. Seattle Foundation supports the Uproot Project Database, facilitation of the Environmental Justice Fellowship and expanding Uproots Partnerships. Financial support also goes to developing the Chapter Leaders Program, events that engage Uproot members and the public, and back office and development support for Uproot, provided by Grist.

## Climate Priorities 2024 - 2025

Across the Climate Justice Impact Strategy grantees there are several common priorities and themes that partners are focusing on in 2024-2025.

### **Initiative 2117 and Initiative 2066**

In the November 2024 election the Climate Commitment Act is being threatened by Initiative 2117 which would repeal the biggest climate victory to-date in Washington, and one of the strongest climate policies in the nation. The Climate Commitment Act is also the source of close to \$2 billion that funds investments in clean energy, transportation, and climate justice initiatives. Initiative 2066 attacks common-sense policies that make homes and buildings more energy efficient and healthy. Partners are leading the No on 2117 and No on 2066 Campaigns, working to ensure that communities are informed about what would change depending on how they vote. Several partners from the Climate Justice Portfolio were funded for this work through the Civic Action Portfolio with the understanding that the outcome of the election will impact the future of the work done through the Climate Justice Portfolio.

### **Comprehensive Planning**

Several partners across programs at Seattle Foundation are working on Washington's Growth Management ACT (GMA) that has been active for the past three decades. Between 2024 and 2026 the entire state will be updating their comprehensive plans making these updates the most significant since the plans passed in the 1990s. These 20-year comprehensive plans articulate a community vision through a series of goals, objectives, policies, and actions that guide the day-to-day decisions of elected officials and local government staff. Seattle Foundation grantees are working to ensure the GMA is reflective of community voice and perspective.

### **Transportation Levy**

In 2024 partners worked at the City Council level to pass the Seattle Transportation Levy. They fought to restore ~\$20 million in funding for the Neighborhood Initiated Safety Partnership Program, which gives people who don't have access to lobbyists or City staff input into projects in the eight-year Seattle Transportation Levy. The Council had originally proposed cutting this by \$20 million, but partners organized over 1,400 letters to keep the program fully funded. Voters will get to decide if it becomes a reality in November during the 2024 election.

### **Community Priorities**

Outside of major ballot initiatives and statewide changes, Seattle Foundation partners are also being responsive to their communities' priorities. These range from calls for investments in climate communications to investments at the intersection of climate action, job creation, and racial justice.