

2022 Grant Summary Report

**Building resilient
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JUST
TRANSITION
FUND





The Just Transition Fund is on a mission to create equitable economic opportunity for the frontline communities and workers hardest hit by the transition away from coal.

In the places most economically disadvantaged by the energy transition, we work to build resilient communities by advancing solutions that are equitable, inclusive, and low-carbon. Guided by a belief in the power of communities, we leverage public and private resources, advance learning, and guide policy change to accelerate and scale a just transition from the ground up.

Total Impact

Since our inception in 2015, our grantmaking has helped our grantees to leverage roughly \$360M in public and private funding. Our grants have resulted in:

\$360M

Funding
Leveraged

2,739

Jobs
Created

5,482

Workers
Trained

524

Businesses
Created

5,725

Entrepreneurs
Supported

18,000

Households
Connected

In 2022, the Just Transition Fund awarded **\$4,069,000** in grants.

We looked for opportunities to support community-based organizations that share our goals and values and are firmly rooted in the coal-impacted places that we've identified as priorities: Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona. Our grants are helping to:

Grow innovative community economic and workforce development initiatives that create high-road jobs, equitably build local wealth, and improve the economic conditions of workers and marginalized community members.

Advance key transition policy efforts at the state and federal level to advocate for policies that create economic opportunity for coal-impacted communities and workers.

Support federal funding access to ensure that coal communities are able to successfully apply for federal investment in community-led economic diversification, workforce development, and broadband projects.



Launch of the Just Transition Fund Federal Access Center

\$71M

Funding
Leveraged

With historic levels of funding for economic development available through a range of federal agencies, we are committed to helping the most economically distressed coal communities overcome barriers to accessing this funding. That's why we launched our Federal Access Center, a one-stop resource hub that builds on our track record of helping coal communities secure public investment in local economic solutions by providing both grants and technical assistance. The Federal Access Center also houses our new Broadband Pilot, a special project that provides capacity-building support to early-stage projects designed to connect rural and tribal coal communities.

\$60M

Funding
Pending

Our 2022 federal access grants have already helped our local partners leverage \$71 million in public funding, with the potential to unlock another \$60 million once pending funding decisions have been made.

Community Economic and Workforce Development Grants



High Rocks Educational Corporation

Hillsboro, WV | \$40,000

To support social enterprise and workforce development initiatives in the sustainable agriculture sector.

Housing Development Alliance

Hazard, KY | \$50,000

To support the Hope Building program, which provides paid, on-the-job training in energy-efficient residential construction for people in substance use recovery.

Mountain Association

Berea, KY | \$100,000

To assist local entrepreneurs and promote the clean energy sector in eastern Kentucky.

Native Renewables

Flagstaff, AZ | \$100,000

To support the Solar Workforce Development program, which trains Hopi and Navajo community members in the skills needed to install and maintain off-grid photovoltaic systems.

New Roots Community Farm

Fayetteville, WV | \$40,000

To bolster current agricultural apprenticeship programming and position the organization as a convening location for agricultural service providers.

Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation

Crow Agency, MT | \$75,000

To expand workforce development programming on the Crow Reservation in areas including highway construction, housing construction, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC, and well training.

Rural Action

The Plains, OH | \$100,000

To expand agriculture, forestry, energy, and social enterprise programs, which are designed to develop resilient agricultural businesses in Appalachian Ohio.

Sprouting Farms

Talcott, WV | \$50,000

To support the Sprouting Farms Education Program and the Turnrow Appalachian Farm Collective food hub project.

Awakening Wholeness (Tribe Awaken)

Scottsdale, AZ | \$80,000

To support culture-based economic development ventures for Navajo and Hopi communities, including a major Navajo Nation shopping center and independent Navajo grocery stores.

West Virginia Women Work

Morgantown, WV | \$50,000

To support the Step Up for Women Construction pre-apprenticeship program.

Federal and State Policy Grants



Appalachian Citizens' Law Center

Whitesburg, KY | \$125,000

To advocate for state-level transition policies in Virginia and federal policies focused on black lung disease and mine land reclamation.

Appalachian Citizens' Law Center

Whitesburg, KY | \$46,000

To engage coordination and communications support for the Reclaim Coalition.

Appalachian Voices

Charlottesville, VA | \$150,000

To advance federal transition policies and state-level policies that promote transition in Southwest Virginia.

Appalachian Voices

Charlottesville, VA | \$100,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Center for Coalfield Justice

Washington, PA | \$75,000

To advocate for the creation of a statewide just transition office in Pennsylvania.

Coalfield Development Corporation

Wayne, WV | \$100,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Colorado Fiscal Institute

Denver, CO | \$75,000

To lead efforts to ensure a long-term source of funding for Colorado's state transition office.

Faith in Place

Chicago, IL | \$50,000

To support the implementation of the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act funding in southern Illinois.

Kentucky Coalition

London, KY | \$50,000

To advocate for federal funds for flood recovery and increased access to affordable, renewable energy in Kentucky.

Mountain Association

Berea, KY | \$100,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Prairie Rivers Network

Champaign, IL | \$20,000

To facilitate engagement between coal communities and state and federal agencies working on Illinois coal transition.

Prairie Rivers Network

Champaign, IL | \$100,000

To implement key transition policies and funding programs included in the Illinois Climate and Energy Jobs Act and participate in federal advocacy efforts related to mine land reclamation.

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (ReImagine Appalachia)

Johnstown, PA | \$25,000

To support advocacy for equitable distribution and strong community and labor standards in implementing federal climate infrastructure funds.

Rural Action

The Plains, OH | \$50,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Rural Organizing Education Fund

Columbus, OH | \$100,000

To advocate for federal policies and programs which strengthen and diversify local economies in distressed rural communities.

Solar United Neighbors

Washington, DC | \$100,000

To help rural communities access and implement new federal resources for solar energy.

Tó Nizhóní Ání

Kykotsmovi, AZ | \$80,000

To support efforts to secure a just and equitable transition for Navajo and Hopi communities impacted by the closure of coal-fired power plants and mines located on Tribal land.

Tó Nizhóní Ání

Kykotsmovi, AZ | \$75,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Awakening Wholeness (Tribe Awaken)

Scottsdale, AZ | \$75,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

West Virginia Community Development Hub

Charleston, WV | \$50,000

To promote the community-based solutions and strategies outlined in the National Economic Transition platform.

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

Billings, MT | \$75,000

To expand access to renewable energy and grow the renewable energy sector in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming through the implementation of federal funding for rural electric cooperatives.

Federal Access Grants



Appalshop

Whitesburg, KY | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

Backroads of Appalachia

Lynch, KY | \$15,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program.

Boom Beans

Nicholasville, KY | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities program.

Climate Economy Education

Makanda, IL | \$15,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Local Technical Assistance program.

Coalfield Development Corporation

Wayne, WV | \$25,000

To support a Phase 1 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Coalfield Development Corporation

Wayne, WV | \$150,000

To support a Phase 2 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Colorado Farm and Food Alliance

Paonia, CO | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program.

Community Agriculture Alliance

Steamboat Springs, CO | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Value-Added Producer Grants program.

Community at the Core

Debord, KY | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) program.

Computer Reach

Wilkesburg, PA | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program.

Council of Community Services

Gillette, WY | \$17,000

To support a proposal to the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program.

Cowan Community Action Group

Whitesburg, WV | \$25,000

To support a proposal to several U.S. Department of Agriculture grant programs and the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

Create Buckhannon

Buckhannon, WV | \$22,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program.

Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

Ashley, PA | \$25,000

To support a proposal for funding from the federal Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Friends of the Cheat

Kingwood, WV | \$25,000

To support a proposal for funding from the federal Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization program, administered by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

Future Generations University

Franklin, WV | \$25,000

To provide matching funds for a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

Generation West Virginia

Charleston, WV | \$23,000

To support a Phase 1 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Generation West Virginia

Charleston, WV | \$225,000

To support a Phase 2 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Generation West Virginia

Charleston, WV | \$150,000

To hire a full-time broadband director to help communities apply for federal funds to expand internet access in West Virginia.

Greater Peoria Economic Development Council

Peoria, IL | \$150,000

To implement the Getting Connected: Expanding Broadband Access in Coal Regions pilot initiative, which will help communities apply for federal funds to access broadband.

Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority

Saint Paul, VA | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

High Rocks Educational Corporation

Hillsboro, WV | \$25,000

To support a Phase 1 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

Washington, DC | \$40,000

To support Rural LISC in its strategic advising of the Just Transition Fund's broadband grantee partners on project planning and applying for federal funds.

Marshall University Research Corporation

Huntington, WV | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program.

Native Renewables

Flagstaff, AZ | \$150,000

To hire a broadband staff person that will allow Native Renewables to build partnerships with broadband organizations, develop a strategic business plan, and apply for federal funding.

Native Renewables

Flagstaff, AZ | \$10,000

To support attendance at the Indigenous Connectivity Summit and a Tribal Broadband Bootcamp.

Rural Action

The Plains, OH | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

Shawnee State University Development Foundation

Portsmouth, OH | \$11,000

To support a proposal to the National Science Foundation's Center for Digital Transformation Project.

Southern Appalachian Labor School

Kincaid, WV | \$15,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities program.

Southern Appalachian Labor School

Kincaid, WV | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

Strategic Energy Innovations

San Rafael, CA | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge program.

Sunday Creek Associates

Shawnee, OH | \$15,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Business Development Grant program.

Upper Kanawha Valley Strategic Initiatives Council

Smithers, WV | \$25,000

To provide matching funds for a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program.

Wayne County Commission

Wayne, WV | \$75,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

Thrive West Central

Terre Haute, IN | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

West Virginia Community Development Hub

Charleston, WV | \$125,000

To support a Phase 2 proposal, submitted as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition, to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

West Virginia Land Trust

Charleston, WV | \$10,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.