Building resilient communities by advancing solutions that are equitable, inclusive, and low-carbon
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:

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<th>$360M</th>
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<td>Funding Leveraged</td>
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<th>524</th>
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<td>Businesses Created</td>
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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.

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**Launch of the Just Transition Fund Federal Access Center**

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.

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

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<td>High Rocks Educational Corporation</td>
<td>Hillsboro, WV</td>
<td>$40,000</td>
<td>To support social enterprise and workforce development initiatives in the sustainable agriculture sector.</td>
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<td>Housing Development Alliance</td>
<td>Hazard, KY</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>To support the Hope Building program, which provides paid, on-the-job training in energy-efficient residential construction for people in substance use recovery.</td>
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<td>Mountain Association</td>
<td>Berea, KY</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>To assist local entrepreneurs and promote the clean energy sector in eastern Kentucky.</td>
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<td>Native Renewables</td>
<td>Flagstaff, AZ</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation</td>
<td>Crow Agency, MT</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
<td>To expand workforce development programming on the Crow Reservation in areas including highway construction, housing construction, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC, and well training.</td>
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<td>Rural Action</td>
<td>The Plains, OH</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>To expand agriculture, forestry, energy, and social enterprise programs, which are designed to develop resilient agricultural businesses in Appalachian Ohio.</td>
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<td>Sprouting Farms</td>
<td>Talcott, WV</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>To support the Sprouting Farms Education Program and the Turnrow Appalachian Farm Collective food hub project.</td>
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<td>Awakening Wholeness (Tribe Awaken)</td>
<td>Scottsdale, AZ</td>
<td>$80,000</td>
<td>To support culture-based economic development ventures for Navajo and Hopi communities, including a major Navajo Nation shopping center and independent Navajo grocery stores.</td>
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<td>West Virginia Women Work</td>
<td>Morgantown, WV</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>To support the Step Up for Women Construction pre-apprenticeship program.</td>
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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.

**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.

BooBeans
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 | $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.

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.

Computer Reach
Wilkinsburg, 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 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 | $22,000
To support a proposal for funding from the federal Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization program, administered by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

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.
Native Renewables
Flagstaff, AZ | $10,000
To support attendance at the Indigenous Connectivity Summit and a Tribal Broadband Bootcamp.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Shawnee State University Development Foundation
Portsmouth, OH | $11,000
To support a proposal to the National Science Foundation’s Center for Digital Transformation Project.

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.

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.

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.