

**GRANTS &
SERVICES
SUMMARY**

**JUST
TRANSITION
FUND**

2023



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.

Recent landmark legislation—the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act—created hundreds of billions of dollars for coal communities to revitalize their economies. We advocated for these historic investments with our [National Economic Transition](#) initiative coalition partners. And in 2023, we worked to take full advantage of the opportunity to drive the unprecedented levels of federal investment to the hard-hit coal communities we serve—and to ensure that it leads to transformational change on the ground.

In 2023, the Just Transition Fund awarded nearly \$5 million in grants to:

Ensure that coal communities are able to successfully apply for federal investment in community-led diversification, workforce development, and broadband projects. We provided grants and technical assistance to support these projects through our [Federal Access Center](#).

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

A complete list of 2023 grants and services follows.

Total Impact

Since our inception in 2015



14,968

Jobs Created or Retained



27,968

Workers & Entrepreneurs Supported & Trained



943

Businesses Created



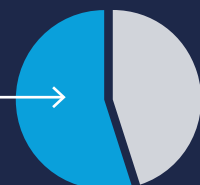
76,962

Households Connected

\$1.9B

Public Funding Leveraged

We've supported projects in **55% of all U.S. coal communities**, or **206 counties** across **28 states**.



FEDERAL ACCESS CENTER



Our [Federal Access Center](#) (FAC) is a one-stop resource hub to help the hardest-hit coal communities overcome barriers to accessing federal funding. It provides grants and technical assistance to help coal communities secure the federal investment that is needed in community-led economic diversification, workforce development, and broadband infrastructure projects. The tangible economic benefits that result from these projects, in sectors ranging from outdoor tourism and clean energy to sustainable agriculture and mine land reclamation, are vital for transforming local economies.

Appalachian Sustainable Development

Duffield, VA | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE program.

Appalachian Wildlife Foundation

Corbin, KY | \$100,000

To provide matching funds for a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE program.

Arrowleaf

Vienna, IL | \$4,000

To support application development for a proposal to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Backroads of Appalachia

Lynch, KY | \$40,000

To support application development for the Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE program.

Bond County

Greenville, IL | \$97,500

To support application development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program.

City of Carbondale

Carbondale, IL

To provide federal program navigation support.

Coalfield Development Corporation

Huntington, WV | \$150,000

To provide matching funds for an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition.

Colorado Farm and Food Alliance

Paonia, CO | \$45,000

To support the development of federal funding proposals to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Forest Service.

Community Internet Solutions

Pittsburgh, PA | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Pennsylvania Broadband Infrastructure Program (Capital Projects).

Computer Reach

Pittsburgh, PA

To provide a grant review for a draft application to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development funding program.

Current Innovation NFP

Chicago, IL | \$80,000

To support application development for a proposal to the National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines program.

Emery Telephone

Orangeville, UT | \$100,000

To support application development for a proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program, and to advise on the application process and provide a review of a draft application; to support application development for a proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Four Corners Economic Development

Farmington, NM | \$150,000

To support a plan to expand broadband infrastructure in San Juan County.

Future Generations University

Franklin, WV | \$20,000

To support application development for proposals to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program (and to provide a review of a draft application), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Acer Access and Development program, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program.

Generation West Virginia

Morgantown, WV | \$225,000

To provide matching funds for an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition.

Gillette College Foundation

Gillette, WY

To provide federal program navigation support

God's Pantry Food Bank

Lexington, KY

To provide federal program navigation support.

Green Unique Energy Storage Systems

Homewood, IL

To provide review of a draft application to the Department of Energy's Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas.

Industrial Commons

Granite Falls, NC | \$100,000

To support application development for the National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines program.

Ironton-Lawrence Community Action Organization

Ironton, OH

To provide a grant review for a draft application to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Marshall University Foundation

Huntington, WV | \$25,000

To provide matching funds for an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program.

Mingo County Redevelopment Authority

Williamson, WV | \$25,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program.

Mon Valley Alliance Foundation

Monongahela, PA | \$10,000

To support application development for a proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment Grants program.

Mountain Association

Berea, KY /\$50,000

To provide matching funds to support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program.

Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation

West Liberty, KY | \$100,000

To support application development costs, to advise on the application process, and to provide a grant review of a draft application for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program.

Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Foundation

Wayland, KY | \$25,000

To support proposals to the Appalachian Regional Commission's Kentucky state funding program and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Kentucky Community Development Block Grant program.

Navajo Nation

Window Rock, AZ

To advise on the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) application process and provide a review of a draft application.

PANGAEA Internet

Columbus, NC | \$100,000

To support application development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program.

Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation

Crow Agency, MT

To provide a letter of support and a grant review of a draft application to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Region 4 Planning and Development Council

Princeton, WV | \$16,000

To support a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE program.

Region 10

Montrose, CO | \$150,000

To provide early stage support to expand a middle-mile broadband network and help more coal communities in Western Colorado apply for federal funding to expand internet access.

Rising Appalachia

Millfield, OH | \$25,000

To support application development for a proposal to the U.S. Department of Interior's Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization program.

Rural Action

The Plains, OH | \$100,000

To support application development for a proposal to the Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE program.

Shaping Our Appalachian Region

Pikeville, KY | \$20,000

To support application development for a proposal to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Shaping Our Appalachian Region

Pikeville, KY | \$25,000

To provide matching funds for the Federal Communication Commission's Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant program.

Solar United Neighbors

Washington, DC | \$100,000

To support the development of a proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency's Solar for All program.

South Central Alabama Broadband Cooperative District

Hayneville, AL | \$100,000

To support application development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments

Price, UT | \$25,000

To provide federal program navigation support, and to support application development and provide a grant review of an application draft to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program

Athens, OH | \$15,000

To support the development of a proposal and provide a grant review of a draft application to the Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) program.

Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program

Athens, OH | \$25,000

To support the development of a proposal to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

TEK Center

Inez, KY | \$40,000

To support application development costs for the Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program and the Appalachian Regional Commission's Kentucky state funding program.

Thrive West Central

Terre Haute, IN | \$25,000

To support application development costs for the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Phase 1 program.

Tó Nizhóní Ání

Kykotsmovi Village, AZ

To provide federal program navigation support.

United Mine Workers of America Career Centers

Prosperity, PA | \$100,000

To provide matching funds for a proposal to the Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Washington County Authority

Washington, PA | \$25,000

To support proposals to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community ReConnect program, and Pennsylvania's Capital Projects Fund.

Wayne County Commission

Wayne, WV | \$50,000

To provide matching funds for an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program.

West Virginia Community Development Hub

Charleston, WV | \$125,000

To provide matching funds for an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, as part of the Appalachian Climate Technology (ACT) Now Coalition.

West Virginia Women Work

Morgantown, WV | \$92,500

To support application development for proposals to the Economic Development Administration's Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program, the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER program, and the Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) program.

STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY



We advance systemic changes at the federal and state levels to increase funding flows to distressed coal communities. In 2023, we focused on ensuring that landmark federal legislation—the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act, which created hundreds of billions of dollars for coal communities—are equitably implemented. We also supported state-level efforts to create and implement just transition funds supporting coal communities and workers.

State Policy

Appalachian Voices

Charlottesville, VA | \$75,000

To support the creation of a matching fund for energy communities in Virginia.

Center for Civic Policy

Albuquerque, NM | \$100,000

To support the creation of an Economic Transition Division and Fund in New Mexico.

Conservation Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN | \$75,000

To support state transition policy efforts in Minnesota

To advocate for needs identified by the state's Energy Transition Office.

Faith in Place

Chicago, IL | \$50,000

To support the implementation of the Illinois Climate & Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) in communities impacted by coal closures.

Grant Ready Kentucky

Lexington, KY | \$100,000

To support the implementation and expansion of Kentucky's Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (G.R.A.N.T.) Program.

Prairie Rivers Network

Champaign, IL | \$100,000

To ensure the successful implementation of the Illinois Climate & Equitable Jobs Act and support coal community access to the Energy Transition Community Grants program.

Western Clean Energy Campaign

Longmont, CO | \$150,000

To support a campaign to secure a state transition fund in Arizona, in partnership with Vote Solar, Local First Arizona, and Tó Nizhóní Ání.

Federal Policy

Appalachian Citizens' Law Center

Whitesburg, KY | \$125,000

To support federal policy efforts

To advocate for federal policies focused on black lung disease, mine reclamation, and flooding disasters in Appalachia.

Appalachian Voices

Charlottesville, VA | \$100,000

To support federal policy efforts

To bolster funding for energy transition in energy communities and advocate for federal policies that address black lung disease and mine reclamation.

Prairie Rivers Network

Champaign, IL | \$100,000

To support federal policy efforts to advance federal policies that support rural energy communities, including reclaiming abandoned mines and increasing clean energy opportunities for rural businesses

RuralOrganizing.org Education Fund

Columbus, OH | \$125,000

To advocate for new federal policies supporting rural America and rebuild the trust of rural communities in federal policies and programs.

West Virginia Community Development Hub

Charleston, WV | \$100,000

To eliminate barriers experienced by disadvantaged coal communities when applying for federal funding.

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

Billings, MT | \$100,000

To support the implementation of federal policy benefiting energy communities.

