



Climate and Energy
Funders Group

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About our Organization

The Climate and Energy Funders Group is a network of foundations that fund in the field of climate and energy. The mission of CEFG is to facilitate connections, support collaboration, and share learnings among a community of funders unified in their commitment to combating the global climate crisis.

We help funders learn, connect and collaborate through online and in person convenings, webinars, small strategic conversations and focused workgroups.

We work both at a broad level and drill down around specific priorities that may be geographic or thematic.





Our Values



Vision

Our vision is a just and equitable future where people in all communities and the global ecosystem are protected from the impacts of climate change as we work towards a safe and stable climate.

Mission

The mission of CEEG is to facilitate connections, support collaboration, and share learnings among a community of funders unified in their commitment to combating the global climate crisis.

We do this by:

1. Building knowledge, promoting learning, information sharing, and dialogue;
2. Facilitating funder collaboration and helping funders connect with each other; and
3. Sustaining and expanding the field of climate and energy philanthropy.

Principles that Guide our Work



1. We acknowledge that structural racism contributes to and exacerbates the impact of climate change, preventing us from addressing climate change at the scale needed to solve the magnitude of the problem. Therefore, our analysis and work must be grounded in addressing structural and historic racism to create holistic and transformative change to benefit all.
2. We believe that A healthy democracy, strong economy, and racial justice are necessary pillars and foundations of addressing climate change and transitioning to a clean energy economy for all.
3. Our analysis and work must be grounded in addressing structural and historic racism to create holistic and transformative change to benefit all.
4. We center democracy because none of our work is possible without a functioning democracy.



How we Support the Field

Convenings

CEFG brings funders together to learn together, share strategies, coordinate funding, and collaborate. These may be broad convenings or more focused strategy session.

CEFG's Annual Meeting

We bring climate and energy funders together annually to understand the current policy and political context as well as share priorities for the coming year.

Geographic Convenings

CEFG has held regionally focused convenings in the NE, MW, SE and NW given that many CEFG members have a regional focus in the US. Additionally, states in a given region tend to work together and share policies, such as RGGI in the NE. We have ongoing regional coordination in the NE, MW, and SE. We remain alert to additional regional opportunities.

Thematic Convenings

We also bring funders together to dive into a specific strategy, cross cutting issue, or a major event. Past examples include energy efficiency, Democracy and Climate, Combatting Digital Disinformation, among others. CEFG is able to take a long view of climate philanthropy and yet is nimble enough to quickly respond to changing circumstances or unforeseen opportunities.

Webinars

CEFG hosts at least monthly webinars that may highlight time sensitive opportunities, emerging issues, or help set the political or policy context.

Workgroups



While our convenings do often generate follow up activities, they tend to be one off events that spawn follow up discussions. We also manage several workgroups at any given time. Workgroups are designed to provide an opportunity for a smaller group of funders to dive more deeply around strategies, geographies, or time sensitive events. We facilitate regular communication that enables funders to coordinate and collaborate. Please see staff for a list of current workgroups or if you are interested in discussing starting a new one.



Our Workgroups

Democracy and Climate;

Midwest Climate Funders Network;

Midwest Agriculture and Climate;

UNFCCC COP Coordination;

Northeast Climate and Energy Funders
(gather funders every 2 years)



Survey



CEFG has conducted a survey of climate and energy funding dating back to 2006, offering a helpful view of the evolution of funding in our field. The survey offers a comprehensive, up to date landscape of climate and energy funding to connect funders and offer an overview of the field. The survey provides US regional, national and global data as well as a breakdown by strategy.

2022 CEFG Funders Data Collection

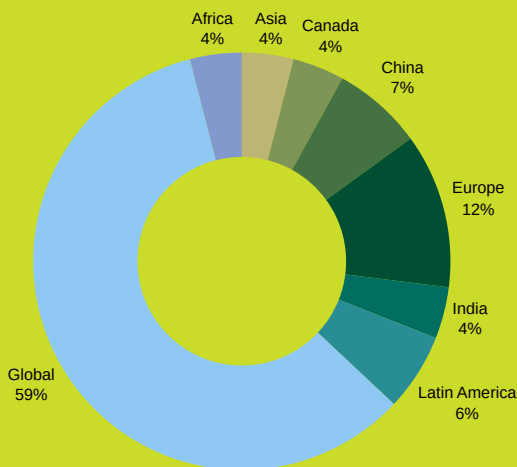
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Foundations
Participating

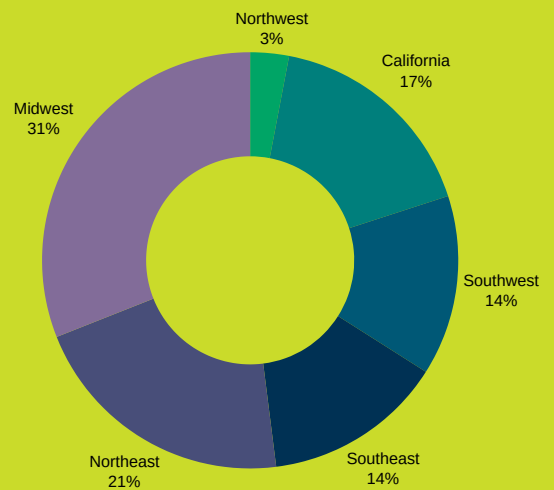
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2022 Reported Total Grantmaking

2022 Funding % by region



2021 FUNDING % by US region



Listserv / Newsletter



We provide funders with tools to stay informed and connected. We manage a listserv that includes more than 130 organization based all over the world that includes a total of over 570+ subscribers.

We use this tool to communicate important announcements, job postings, webinars and other relevant news. Finally we send a quarterly newsletter to our subscribers.

If you are not currently on the the listserv, join! Your organization does not need to be a CEFG member to join the listserv.



Our Team



Paige Brown

Program Director

Paige Brown is the Program Director at CEEG. CEEG helps build relationships among funders, facilitates collaboration around priority initiatives, and expands the field of climate philanthropy. Paige Brown has worked on climate and energy issues for the last twenty years at the Corporation for Enterprise Development, Redefining Progress, and World Resources Institute. She also served as a lead author on an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report on the role of forests and land use change in climate change, which led to her receiving a share of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.



Megan Waterman

Program Officer

Megan joins the BFG following her work with a range of global and domestic NGO's in both policy oriented and philanthropic roles focusing on strategic partnerships, programmatic preparedness and fund development. With a strong knowledge of environmental policy and international doctrines, Megan holds a master's in Environment and Development from the University of Edinburgh. Through her work, Megan continues to explore the interdependencies between pressing environmental concerns and present-day development pressures, especially as they relate to climate change and energy demand.



Cristina Castiglioni

Data Analyst and Member Engagement Specialist

Cristina first joined BFG as an Intern while completing her master's degree in International Relations at San Francisco State University. During her graduate studies, Cristina paid particular attention to the intrinsic connection of environmental issues as they relate to economic development with a specific focus on conflict outbursts. In addition to her master's degree, she holds a bachelor in Languages and Literature from the University of Milan and is proficient in Italian and Spanish.

Our Leadership



Lydia Avila

Climate and Clean Equity Fund



Kalila Barnett

Barr Foundation



Shereen D'Souza

Skyline Foundation



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Rural Democracy Initiative



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Water Foundation



Stephen Love

Cleveland Foundation



Benjamin Passer

Mcknight Foundation

How to Join

If you would like to know more about how to join CEFG please contact Paige Brown or Megan Waterman



Requirements

Individuals, private, community and regranting organizations are eligible for membership. The Steering Committee may approve some corporate and government funders to participate in some activities.

Membership in the BFG automatically constitutes membership in CEFG. Non-members may participate in the listserv, some, but not all convenings, and learning calls.

Provide financial support for CEFG, its programs and initiatives, in the suggested amount of \$2,000 for foundations with annual grant making below \$2 Million. And a suggested minimum amount of \$5,000 for foundations with annual grant making above \$2 Million.

Benefits

- Networking, knowledge-sharing and dialogue.
- Special Associate-only calls and activities, such as Work Groups.
- Discounted registration fees for CEFG forums and events.
- Help shape the CEFG agenda and work plan.
- Eligibility to participate on the Steering Committee.
- Access to tools, resources, and data such as the climate and energy survey.
- Post and share resources with other members, through the listserv and website.
- Access to ValuesAdvisor a tool that helps finding financial advisors with impact investing expertise.
- Opportunity to request badges for entry to the official negotiating space at COP.

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If you have any questions about becoming a member and our annual meeting please reach out Paige Brown at pbrown@biodiversityfunders.org



If you have any questions about becoming a member, our regional workgroups and webinars please reach out Megan Waterman at mwaterman@biodiversityfunders.org



If you have any questions about our survey, joining and or posting on our listserv, other technical and administrative questions please email Cristina Castiglioni at ccastiglioni@biodiversityfunders.org