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JUSTICE
ACCELERATOR



IMPACT

REPORT
2022



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VISION

Anchored in love, service, and commitment to historically disinvested frontline communities, the Justice40 Accelerator provides seed funding, technical assistance, training, connections, and peer support for grassroots organizations seeking public funding.

Black, Indigenous, and other Communities of Color on the frontlines of the climate crisis and our dirty-energy economy are also at the forefront of solutions that protect communities and advance a just transition to a clean-energy economy. Because of structural racism, these communities face extensive barriers to the resources they need to implement and scale their solutions.



Equity is a daily stepping, an everyday series of human actions and decisions, inching or leaping away from very real injustice and inequity, toward very real justice and equality.

By healing first the peoples and places harmed most, and needing those whose networks of power most influence or benefit from, perpetuating structural inequities to restructure and redistribute power, equitably.

Equity as a practice of thinking, acting, and outcome is fueled by our belief that it cannot be reached unless we strive together.



OUR STORY SO FAR



MISSION

Communities at the frontlines of climate, environmental, and social injustices have the wisdom and the solutions to create systemic transformational change. Due to historic structural racism and inequitable systems that persist today, communities at the frontlines of the climate crisis face extensive barriers to accessing the capacity and resources to implement their solutions. The Justice40 Accelerator supports climate and environmental justice organizations in building their capacity, partnerships, and readiness to access government funding to implement community-designed solutions.

IMPACT

HOSTED

100+

BIPOC-LED FRONTLINE ORGANIZATIONS SERVED ACROSS 30+ COHORTS.

RECEIVED

\$15M+

IN FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING.

GROWING NETWORK OF

130+

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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“Prior to being selected for the J40 Accelerator, we were struggling to reach our budget aims of around \$300,000 annually. Now we’re at \$3 million dollars annually... We are growing. Our staff has grown exponentially. We had a solid 4 to 5 full-time people; today we’re nearly 15 people. We’re able to really meet the needs of our community to ensure that environmental justice is achieved by all.” - *Donele Wilkins, Green Door Initiative*

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"The Justice40 Accelerator has allowed us to demystify grant writing and make it a more collaborative process. We realized that grant writing is really the way that we start to envision our future. even if we don't get the funding, we start doing the work that we built out with our grant narrative!"

- Kimberly Doley, Water Wise Gulf South”

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"Justice 40 Accelerator has supported me and NRG this year in helping us grow our skill capacity to be able to get more federal grants. They connected us with our Financial consultant, informed us of several grants, helped me understand our contract agreement for our federal NE Grocers grant, and provided emotional support for me when I was having a crisis at work one day."

- *Rev. Adri Showalter Matlock, Operations Director, Groundwork NRG*

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"The team was outstanding and helped me beyond my wildest expectations. They helped me open my SAM.gov account after a year of failed attempts. They sent valuable fundraising leads that contributed to a \$250,000 award I did not anticipate receiving in January of this year."

- *Ahimsa Porter Sumchai MD, Hunters Point Biomonitoring Foundation*

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OUR CURRENT WORK

Through a 12-month cohort experience, the Justice40 Accelerator amplifies and supports climate and environmental justice organizations to build their capacity, partnerships, and readiness to access government funding to implement their community-designed solutions. A majority of these organizations are led by and serve Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities.

Their community-led projects include:

- Sustainable Agriculture & Food Sovereignty
- Clean Air
- Climate Action Planning
- Cultural and Historic Preservation
- Energy Efficiency / Weatherization
- Energy Justice / Energy Democracy
- Just Recovery and Just Transition
- Natural Resources Restoration and Conservation
- Resilience Hubs
- Soil and Land Remediation
- Solar / Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Housing
- Transit & Transportation Equity
- Water Safety, Green Infrastructure, and Conservation
- Workforce Development

6 BUILDING BLOCKS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

<p>1</p> <p>PROVIDE SEED FUNDING</p> <p>\$25,000 of unrestricted funding to help each organization engage and participate in the Accelerator</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FOSTER EQUITABLE + SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY</p> <p>Develop authentic, relational connections with peers and create opportunities to collaborate and support each other.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BUILD SKILLS & KNOW-HOW</p> <p>Monthly workshops, federal grant trainings, and peer-to-peer learnings to deepen knowledge, skills, and capacity.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>FOSTER CRITICAL CONNECTIONS</p> <p>Connect frontline communities to resources, funding opportunities, data, and people, including federal agency officials.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE + NAVIGATOR SUPPORT</p> <p>Direct, ongoing support to help organizations build capacity and to prepare + apply for public funding, to include federal grants.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>GENERATIVE IMPACT</p> <p>Nurture our J40 Accelerator Alumni Community to provide ongoing support for this long-arc work of restorative justice.</p>

Transforming Systems of Power

POLICY	SYSTEMS OF WEALTH	DATA, MEDIA & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	JUSTICE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Agencies + Administration • State + Local Government • Policy Institutions • Public Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Funding • State / Local Funding • Philanthropy • Community Investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News + Media • Institutions • Technical Assistance Networks • Grant Writers & Advisors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental • Climate • Racial • Economic

LOOKING AHEAD

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🎯 STRATEGIC AIM#1

Support our community of organizations to access \$25 million in funding for community-driven climate solutions.

🎯 STRATEGIC AIM#2

Uplift and grow our network of Black, Brown, and Indigenous technical assistance providers to support diverse-led small businesses and wealth generation in communities of color.

🎯 STRATEGIC AIM#3

Grow by launching a 2023 Cohort of 50 communities implementing community climate solutions.



UPLIFTING OUR COMMUNITY



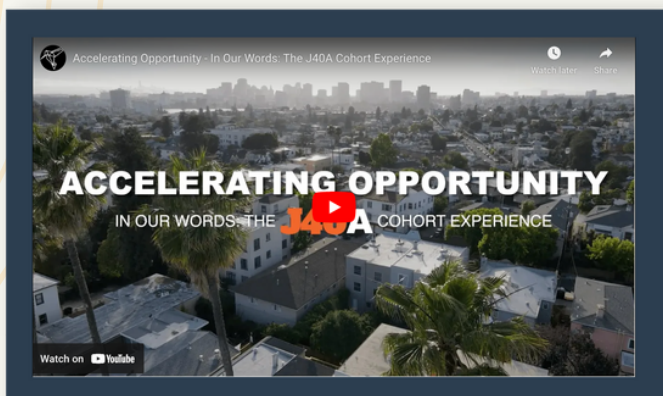
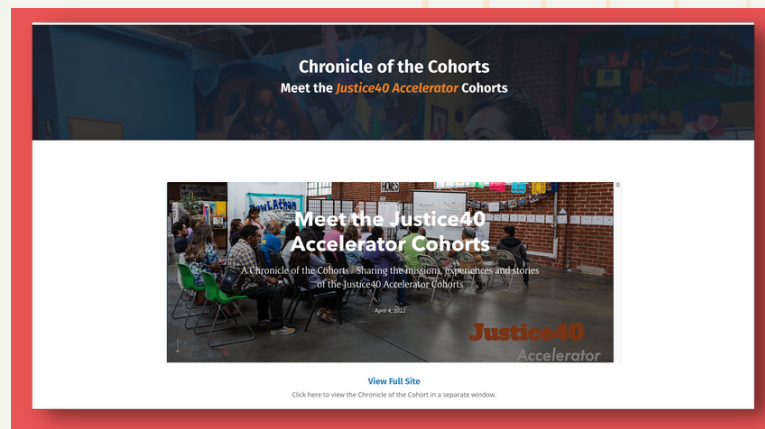
Cohort Directory + Pictures:

<https://airtable.com/shrpyu8LJ1GcA8wQZ>



Public-Facing J40A Webpage about Cohort Organizations:

www.justice40accelerator.org/cohort-list



Documentary: Profile of 6 cohort organizations:

www.justice40accelerator.org/documentary

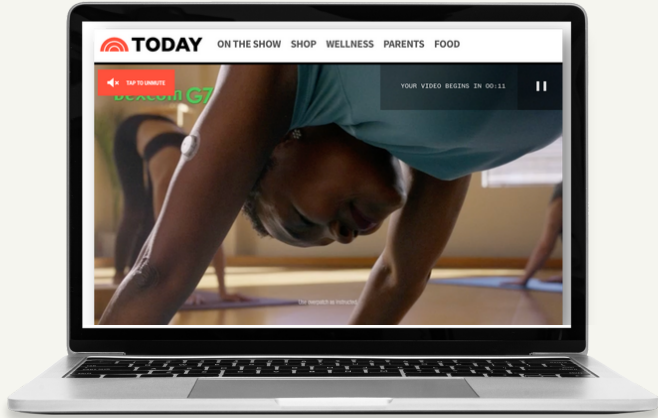


IN THE NEWS & PUBLICATIONS



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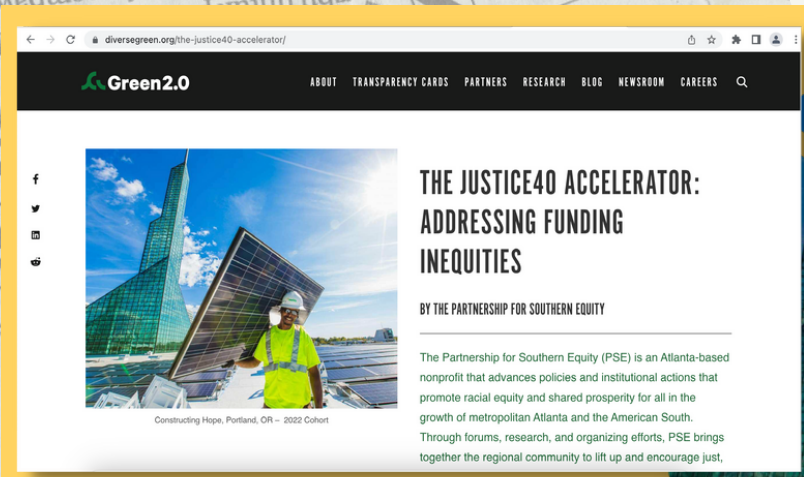
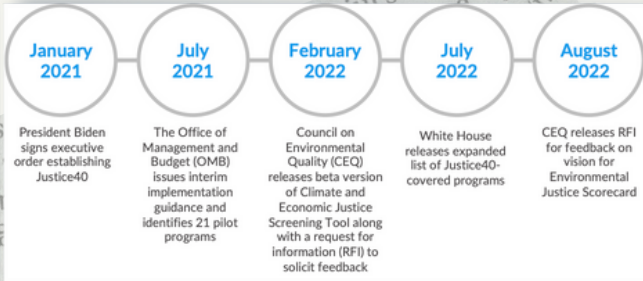
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TODAY

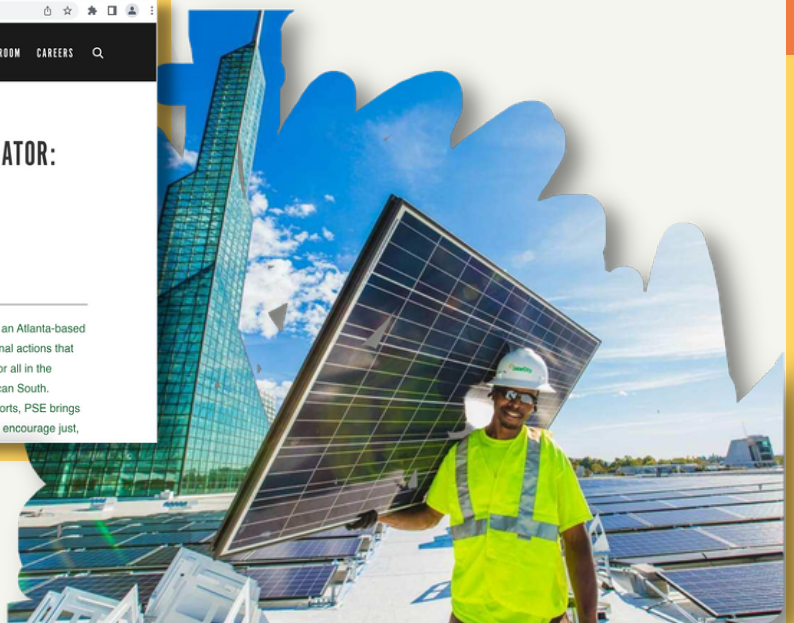
"Community turns to solar power after traditional streetlights are removed"

Advancing Equity, Climate Action, and Economic Health in Communities: Challenges and Opportunities for the Justice40 Initiative



"THE JUSTICE40 ACCELERATOR: ADDRESSING FUNDING INEQUITIES"

BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTHERN EQUITY



Technical Assistance Partners

Accurate CPA Services, LLC
Alex Graora
Alison Shuman
American Rivers
Ananda Valenzuela LLC
Andrea Nyamekye
Anese & Associates LLC
APEX Direct, Inc

- Joi Ross Consulting, personal brand/coaching

ASIL Ventures, LLC
Berquist Recovery Consulting
BlocPower
CDX Data
Change Cadet
CivicWell
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Cody Ravalli
Community Connections Incorporated - CCI
Community Health Collaborative Consulting, LLC
CVL Economics
Damian Scoglio
Dana Brown & Associates, Inc.
Destination Design School of Agricultural Estates
Diverse America Network - Ralph Ibarra
Divine Writing & Consulting Solutions LLC
Energy Equity Project
Estolano Advisors/Better World Group
Full Spectrum Labs
Georgia Cooperative Development Center
Grants Works
Gravel Road Builders and Construction Services, LLC
Groundworks Consulting
Heroda Bikax'e Consulting, LLC
Hyphae design laboratory
Institute for Market Transformation

- Julia Eagles Team

Jackson Koeppel
Jeremy Zahn
JUST Systems
JustFund



Funders

Bezos Earth Fund
Builders Initiative
Crown Family Philanthropies
Kresge Foundation
McKnight Foundation
Packard Foundation
The JPB Foundation
The Solutions Project
Waverly Street Foundation,
Wend Fund
Yellow Chair Foundation
Nathan Cummings
Laughing Gull Foundation

Core Partners

Partnership for Southern Equity
Elevate
Groundswell
Hummingbird Firm
The Solutions Project

Collaborators

People's Climate Innovation
Center
Communities First
Environmental Protection Network
Southeast Sustainability Directors'
Network
Urban Sustainability Directors'
Network
Native Americans in Philanthropy
Water Foundation
Nonprofit Finance Fund
Anthropocene Alliance
Thriving Earth Exchange

Katherine Gajewski
KSTB Enterprises
Dr. Kimberly Sellars-Bates
Kuderik and Associates
Lydia Sierra Consulting
Mardi Klevs
Marty Low Associates
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
Mastodonte
Michael Fields Agriculture Institute
Midwest Renewable Energy Association
Moyo and Moyo
Nerdy Girlz Bookkeeping LLC
New Growth Group
Nonprofit Finance Fund
North Carolina A&T State University
(NCA&T)
Pecan Street Inc.
Pomegranate Associates
PSE Healthy Energy
Rachel Simon Stark
(Heydemann)
Raise Green, Inc.
Robert L. Rich, Designer, Writer
Robyn Monroe
Sheela Shankar Consultant
Sherwood Design Engineers
Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs
(SEE)
Sutro Li
Sylvina Poole
Throwe Environmental - Joanne Throwe
Two Rivers CDC
University of Indiana - Fundraising School
Vote Solar
VSU Small Farm Outreach Agent
Warner Fuller Consulting
Wisdom Born Consulting



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