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ADDENDUM

A Community Voice Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

A Community Voice will be organizing residents and politicians to replace blighted properties with bioswales to reduce flooding. The Blight to Bioswales project works with the lowest income residents who are most vulnerable to flooding due to blight and increased rainfall, as they are the least able to migrate or rebuild post-disaster, to develop strategic plans to install bioswales/raingardens to mitigate mass blight. This project improves resiliency through education and knowledge that will foster ready engagement with city officials and stakeholders and find long-term solutions that will prepare communities for impending disasters.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Bunny Friend Neighborhood Association *Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice*

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Geographic Area of Focus New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

Healthy Community Services will continue to build and advance green infrastructure through community education. They will establish an Urban Agricultural Green Infrastructure site that satisfies the dual purpose of addressing repetitive flooding via green infrastructure techniques, and helping increase access to healthy food choices for residents. In a pilot program based on a community needs assessment, residents were interested in learning home-based growing techniques in order to increase food security while applying green infrastructure interventions.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Citizens' Committee for Flood Relief Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

De Soto, MO

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Citizens Committee for Flood Relief is made up of concerned individuals that represent the residents, businesses, and families of De Soto affected by urban flooding. They work at finding effective ways to protect De Soto from flooding and also work to revitalize the town, in conjunction with city, county, state and federal agencies. This project will support their ongoing work of mobilizing local residents, partnering with organizations such as the USGS and US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct studies, generating political will around urban flooding, future planning around buildings now located in flood plains, and emergency planning.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Coalition for Wetlands and Forests Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Graniteville, Staten Island, NY

CREWS Grant Purpose

This project seeks to preserve the Graniteville Wetland and Forest, aka the Graniteville Swamp, through the court system. We seek to prevent the destruction of 1,800 mature trees and the destruction of the wetland's ability to absorb flood water by the development of a large strip mall. While we are in the courts, we have begun lobbying Governor Cuomo to buy the property outright and to turn it over to the State or City Parks system or to purchase it through eminent domain. By preserving this 30-acre tidal and freshwater, forested wetland, we aim to buffer the effects of climate change flooding and to lessen the effects of intense air pollution in this Environmental Justice community. The Coalition for Wetlands and Forests seeks to educate and empower those who will be most affected by climate change.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Our experiences are probably our biggest strength and now expertise. We have been fighting this fight for over three years. We started by organizing the community. going door to door handing out flyers, standing on street corners talking to people, having educational forums on the issues, visiting politicians looking for their support. We also went through the NYC Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP) which includes the Community Board, NY City Planning, the City Council and more. Since this is a racial justice, climate justice issue, we have joined other environmental justice groups. We started raising money by collecting donations on the street. Soon we graduated to fund raisers and now to grant writing.

We have been able to attract media attention.

We have visited schools and made presentations at large formal events.

We are willing and able to share what we have accomplished in the last three years.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Technical instruction.

Sharing experiences on finding and keeping volunteers.

Finding space for meetings and an office.

How not to get burned out.

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A Grassroots Leadership Fund Grantee

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Community In-Power and Development Association Inc.

Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of FocusPort Arthur, TX

CREWS Grant Purpose

This project seeks to continue Community In-Power's work of combating urban flooding via community-led home repairs and federal buyout assistance, strengthening flood management infrastructure, convening the community and educating the broader public on what is happening in Port Arthur, and combating climate change by challenging big polluters.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Geographic Area of Focus

Gulfport, Mississippi; Houston, Texas; Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Pensacola, Florida

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Supports the following smaller grantees: Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS) - Pleasantville Neighborhood, Houston, TX; Clean, Health, Educated, Safe, and Sustainable Community, Inc. (CHESS Community, Inc.) - Mobile, AL; Coalition of Community Organizations - Houston, TX; East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission - New Orleans, LA; Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization - Gulfport, MS; Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development - New Orleans, MS; Sankofa Community Development Corporation - New Orleans, LA; Unity in the Family Ministry - Pensacola, FL



Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition *Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice*

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Geographic Area of Focus

Seattle, WA

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support equitable community development that will advance climate resilient and equitable water systems in the Duwamish Valley community of Seattle, Washington.

Strengths / Expertise to Share



Environmental Community Action (ECO Action) Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Metro Atlanta, state of Georgia

CREWS Grant Purpose

Eco-Action will work to advance the implementation of the Atlanta University Center Green Infrastructure Initiative, and expand the Atlanta Watershed Learning Network as a model of learning about green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) implementation and equitable stormwater management. Supporting place-based innovation to advance climate resilient and equitable water systems.

Strengths / Expertise to Share



Elyria, Globeville, Swansea & Partners (EGS & Partners)

Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Denver, CO

CREWS Grant Purpose

Elyria, Globeville, Swansea & Partners focuses on outreach, advocacy and education on environmental issues and community development in North Denver. This year, EGS & Partners will focus on educating and training community members around rain barrels and urban flooding, and working with these community members to then install and maintain the rain barrels.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Greater Treme Consortium, Inc. Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

Greater Treme Consortium is pursuing the development of an environmental education/renewable clean energy/cultural arts site, on a vacant lot which the group owns. Funding will be used to further their goal of combining outdoor environmental education with cultural resources of the Treme community, using artwork to opens doors to conversations about green infrastructure, climate change, and what we all can do to combat its effects. They will also continue to use artwork to draw in community members, sharing how small green infrastructure projects that they have already installed help reduce flooding and why increasing green infrastructure is important to the environment and health.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To strengthen the participation and organizational capacity of Latino leaders to mobilize communities on climate resiliency and create equitable clean water agendas.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Cross-priority expertise

Water Equity

Clean Transportation

Clean Air & Climate Change

Public Lands and Waters

Environmental Justice and Civil Rights

Member network of Latinx environmental advocates across the country.

Expertise in cultural advocacy/programming.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Sharing experience and research related to core priorities Opportunities to collaborate





Groundwork NOLA Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

Groundwork New Orleans engages local students, residents, businesses and government officials to revitalize neighborhoods and transform community liabilities into community assets. By changing places we change lives. Since 2006, GWNO has focused on neighborhood-based best management practices, or "BMPs", implementing projects that mitigate storm water threats while improving quality of life, restoring ecosystems, and contributing to a healthier watershed that includes surrounding wetlands and the Gulf of Mexico estuaries. These projects include installing rain gardens and bioswales, community beautification and improving urban drainage infrastructure. At the core of our programming is Youth Development through job and life skills training. The Green Team program employs youth ages 14-18, the Ground CREW (Creating a Resilient Environmental Workforce) program employs young adults 19-25, in environmental improvement and community development projects which focus on green infrastructure and help improve the quality of life in New Orleans.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Green Infrastructure Practices Youth Development Training Project Management

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Youth Project Opportunities Grant Partnerships

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Healthy Community Services Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

Healthy Community Services will continue to build and advance green infrastructure through community education. They will establish an Urban Agricultural Green Infrastructure site that satisfies the dual purpose of addressing repetitive flooding via green infrastructure techniques, and helping increase access to healthy food choices for residents. In a pilot program based on a community needs assessment, residents were interested in learning home-based growing techniques in order to increase food security while applying green infrastructure interventions.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Community Organizing and Engagement; Green Infrastructure Intervention project planning, implementation and monitoring; Green Infrastructure Urban Agriculture planning and development; Native Plant & Herbs Resource Repository; Coastal Resiliency Adaptation Strategies and Programming Facilitation. HCS is currently collaborating with researchers from the University of Michigan and Dillard University, studying the Urban Heat Island Effect and the social benefits of reforestation of an urban space.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Recommendations of how to establish Cooling Hubs and Disaster Resiliency Funds.

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Healthy Gulf Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Gulf region

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Hip Hop Caucus

Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To strengthen the participation and organizational capacity of community cultural leaders in the national Clean Water for All Campaign in order to mobilize their communities on equitable clean water agendas.

Strengths / Expertise to Share



Hollygrove Neighbors Association Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

Hollygrove Neighbors is an association of dedicated residents working to promote a safe, clean, and proud Hollygrove community. This project will continue their work installing and maintaining green infrastructure, convening community members, repurposing vacant lots, and spreading their message to to build a more sustainable future.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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HOME Coalition/Texas Housers Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus Houston, TX

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share



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Geographic Area of Focus

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share



Kingdom Living Temple / New Alpha CDC Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Florence, SC

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Launch NOLA

Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

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Little Growers, Inc Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Palm Bay, FL

CREWS Grant Purpose

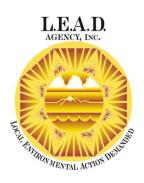
Little Growers seeks to be the catalyst that prepares the community to fight the adverse effects of climate change, including flooding, heat and pollutants. They seek to build a localized green economy that provides jobs and ownership opportunities to local residents that restore the environment, while investing in building the health, wealth and resilience of communities most impacted by climate change. Working with the cities of Palm Bay and Melbourne, they are focusing their work on the role of green infrastructure, including trees, and edible and native plant gardens, in climate mitigation and adaptation. This project includes continuing their work in community gardens and helping residents impacted by climate-related flooding become active participants in stormwater mitigation solutions through sustainable landscaping.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency, Inc.

Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus Vinita, OK

CREWS Grant Purpose

LEAD Agency is a non-profit environmental justice organization devoted to the protection of human health and the environment. They educate and empower their communities, advocate for the interests of area residents, and act as a liason between the public and tribal and governmental agencies. This year, LEAD Agency's work on flooding will focus on education and engagement of the public and legislative/agency staff and research.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Marin City People's Plan Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Marin City, CA

CREWS Grant Purpose

With this project, Marin City People's Plan aims to put their community at the head of planning and implementation processes and to activate and raise the awareness of community members, home owners, youth and community groups to design and implement nature-based adaptation solutions to address flooding problems related to climate change driven extreme storm events. Funds will be used towards the implementation of their Watershed Steward Training and Watershed Steward Project, which will train community members in designing and subsequently implementing a model resiliency project to help mitigate Marin City's climate vulnerabilities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

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Milwaukee Water Commons Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Milwaukee, WI

CREWS Grant Purpose

Cultivating water leadership in Milwaukee within communities and organizations that have been historically excluded from the water decision-making process.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Strengths: Our strength is in our community members who have lived/ live in the community and have the knowledge and have experienced the issues we are working to mitigate.

Expertise to Share: We are creating a Toolkit to share with other communities

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers: Networking opportunities as well as training/workshop opportunities.



Mirabeau Gardens Neighborhood Association Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

New Orleans, LA

CREWS Grant Purpose

This is the rebirth of a neighborhood association active before Hurricane Katrina. As a new iteration of this organization, the Mirabeau Gardens Neighborhood Association will leverage support from this grant to build the capacity of leadership, offer empowering and educational programming for residents, and maximize participation at meetings and events.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Building a multi-racial environmental movement on behalf of the water
- Environmental Justice
- Community Engagement
- Commons Approach
- Collective Impact
- EJ Frameworks
- Collaboration and partnerships across sectors
- Integrating culture and arts into programming

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

- Best practices
- Technical expertise
- Comradery and support at gatherings

Notes





National Wildlife Federation - Urban Initiatives Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

Birmingham, AL

CREWS Grant Purpose

Water: Infrastructure: Climate Induced Flooding: Public Health

This grant supports the National Wildlife Federation urban initiatives and environmental justice work with elected and community partners to marshal our network, scientific resources, public policy influence, and national platform to elevate and address <u>water</u>, <u>infrastructure</u>, <u>climate induced flooding</u>, <u>and public health</u> challenges and solutions that are both specific to Birmingham and replicable in other areas.

The work is designed to:

- Amplify and expand flood mitigation and relief efforts, including around Village Creek. Also, engaging and connecting residents around government, community efforts, and social media opportunities;
- Build advocacy skills of community members and help them grow a policy, science and systems partnership with city officials;
- Connect city flood plan with local partners work, the Birmingham community, advocates, and stakeholders;
- Develop and manage green summer work opportunities and engagement for youth and returning citizens (formerly incarcerated); and
- Prioritize the most vulnerable areas of the community and spotlight voices of color.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Focused on water, land, air, health, and habitats in urban centers, the National Wildlife Federation urban initiatives and environmental justice conservation work is rooted in race and social justice by design. We bridge distinctions and long-standing assumptions that often pose barriers to connecting ecological restoration, wildlife, habitat protection, and public policy to where people live, learn, work, worship, and play. We work with stakeholders to:

- Identify and address barriers head on while navigating, designing, and baking the necessary pivots into environmental justice work;
- Effectively create and foster direct opportunities for urban youth and residents, community partners, HBCU students, alumni, and faculty;
- Provide resident-centered, local partner lead, civic enrichment that provide audiences with basic understanding and connection to public policy, natural resource protection, and stewardship opportunities;
- Educate and inspire under engaged audiences to take action; and
- Prioritize the most vulnerable areas of the community and spotlight voices of color.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

- Allies to help communicate and message to broader audiences about the connections, value, and unique requirements to conducting authentic, environmental justice work, specifically with communities of color;
- · Opportunities to connect youth to science, research, water and natural resource experiences and employment;
- Additional platforms to share the infinite stories of great research at HBCUs and EJ work, by people of color, coming out of urban centers; and
- Opportunities for us to share with others how urban work connects to rural, coastal and all other work.

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One Voice Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus
Jackson, MS + statewide

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share



Partnership for Southern Equity Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus Atlanta +

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share

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Save Our Lake Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus

16 Louisiana parishes that encompass the Lake Pontchartrain Basin

CREWS Grant Purpose

Strengths / Expertise to Share



The Progressive Club of Johns Island with Lowcountry Flooded States of America Equity-Focused / Social & Environmental Justice

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Geographic Area of Focus John's Island, SC

CREWS Grant Purpose

Johns Island residents have been collecting data on Johns Island for two years related to Fill and Build development practices and the consequent urban flooding and runoff. The runoff and flooding adversely affect Johns Island, both in the urban and rural areas, and the surrounding waterways. The Progressive Club proposes to continue and expand this work by continuing data collection, drawing more detailed conclusions, and presenting results in civic and political venues. They will affect ongoing development practices, the development of City ordinances, and decisions made at all levels of the development process.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

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Earth Economics Finance

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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support the deployment of nature-based solutions to enhance climate resilience in U.S. cities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Earth Economics can provide pro bono technical assistance to Kresge CREWS partners in a number of areas, including:
 - Demonstrating the economic case for investing in nature-based solutions for climate resilience, through quantifying the public and private benefits nature provides
 - Connecting communities with funding and financing opportunities to advance green infrastructure adoption
 - Demonstrating the economic case for anti-displacement measures that sustain communities in place

- Interested partners! We are available as a technical assistance provider and are looking for new CBO partners.
- Feedback on how we can most effectively elevate the voices of frontline communities with economics.
- On-the-ground perspectives on how communities are effectively championing equitable, nature-based solutions.





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Geographic Area of Focus

St. Louis, MO; Chicago, IL.

CREWS Grant Purpose

Grant 1: To develop a full-service solution to help community anchors in low-to-moderate income communities overcome the barriers to participating in green infrastructure grant programs. Participating landowners increase climate resilience while realizing the co-benefits of green infrastructure. Services launched in St. Louis and have been expanded to San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Grant 2: To design a regional green stormwater infrastructure program for small to mid-sized cities in the Chicago-land area that will reduce flooding, increase energy efficiency and enhance community resilience to climate change

in low-income communities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Scaling community-driven green infrastructure equitably. Benefits-driven green infrastructure design. Public story-telling, communications, and stakeholder engagement to increase GSI adoption, ground it in the communities it serves, and strengthen communities' sense of ownership. Tailoring green infrastructure program and funding/finance models to achieve utility and community goals.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Connections to municipalities and utilities Kresge grantees are partnered with. ● Data points to support best practices to share with cities and utilities, especially regarding green infrastructure financing, delivery, equitable distribution. ● Partnerships (for both vision and action) to help increase the scale, speed, number, and equity of green infrastructure delivery programs across the country. ● Case studies demonstrating how GSI improves health outcomes, economic vitality, and local biodiversity and resilience.





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Geographic Area of Focus

NFWF supports conservation efforts in all 50 states and U.S. territories. This partnership awards grants in Southeast Michigan.

CREWS Grant Purpose

To establish a public-private partnership that will award competitive grants to increase community resilience by reducing the impact of urban flooding in Southeast Michigan. This partnership increases the resilience of communities and natural resources by reducing the impact of stormwater, improving water quality, enhancing habitat, and increasing the accessibility and usability of public green space and natural areas. These actions help communities prepare for intensifying environmental stressors related to development, climate, invasive species, nonpoint source pollution and other factors.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Since our creation by Congress in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest private conservation grant-maker. We work with both the public and private sectors to protect and restore our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats for current and future generations. Conservation projects awarded by NFWF are rigorously evaluated and awarded to some of the nation's largest environmental organizations, as well as some of the smallest. We neither advocate nor litigate. Instead, NFWF focuses on bringing all parties to the table, getting results, and building a better future for our world. Financial commitments to our conservation mission since our founding now reach \$6.1 billion. On average, our return on investment is three to one. NFWF's operations are structured to be as lean as possible, with just four percent of our budget going to administrative costs. We bring a results-oriented approach, transparency, accountability and national network of contacts to each collaboration.

NFWF's Great Lakes team is experienced in partnership building, regional collaboration, habitat restoration, and green stormwater infrastructure subject areas.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

NFWF seeks diverse partners to support science-based projects and community-driven solutions that protect and restore our precious natural heritage. NFWF seeks partners that will help us work towards equity, justice and inclusion in our grant making to make nature more accessible, particularly for historically underrepresented people.

Additionally, we seek to learn from this amazing community. We are particularly interested in environmental justice, water quality and equity, green stormwater infrastructure as a tool to reduce impacts due to climate change and improve community access to greenspace, and working to restore the unique areas that host an intersection of urban environments and greenspace/natural areas.





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Geographic Area of FocusSan Francisco, CA

CREWS Grant Purpose

The World Resources Institute, Encourage Capital, Liquid Assets Project and the San Francisco Public Utility Commission are partnering to design, develop, and pilot a Joint Benefits Authority (JBA) in San Francisco. The JBA mechanism will allow multiple city agencies to work together, in partnership with local communities, to finance and deliver transformative and resilient infrastructure that strengthen vulnerable neighborhoods in the face of climate change. The JBA is designed to harness the multiple benefits generated by natural infrastructure and advance social equity by empowering communities to shape projects as part of the JBA project team.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

WRI provides data driven analysis with clear communications (narratives and graphics) to decision makers to support systemic change, and builds coalitions to support action on global challenges at the intersection of environment, economic opportunity and human wellbeing. The Natural Infrastructure Initiative empowers governments, businesses, utilities, and communities to enhance water security by investing in natural infrastructure. Using WRI's geospatial mapping (e.g., Aqueduct and Global Forest Watch) and economic expertise, the NII tracks water risks, identifies natural infrastructure opportunities, and informs, finances, and scales smart strategies to secure water resources.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Partnerships with on-the-ground organizations working in front line communities that are interested in learning more about the JBA and potentially piloting one in your community. Please reach out!



Organization Logo

Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resiliance

Kresge Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative Grantee

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Geographic Area of Focus

Greater Houston Area, TX

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Coalition for Environment, Equity & Resilience (CEER) is a collaboration of more than 24 nonprofit organizations that work cooperatively to raise awareness of the connection between pollution, place, and the public's health. CEER developed in the Greater Houston region shortly after Hurricane Harvey, when community members and leading nonprofits recognized that philanthropic entities were being relied upon to fill gaps in environmental enforcement, monitoring, community education, and coordination. From issues of affordable housing to transparency in how emergency management dollars are being spent, CEER continues to drive community voices into the post-Hurricane Harvey decision-making process to promote equity and resilience. CEER does this by promoting an eight-point plan that emphasizes land, water, air, waste, and housing policies that reduce human exposure to pollution and strengthens environmental conservation. CEER serves on UTRI's leadership team, advises on the overall project approach and leads community organizing and advocacy within the nine-county project geography. In support of the UTRI Initiative, CEER is leading a series of town halls to gather solutions on how to address the region's equitable resilience and recovery needs. The town halls mobilize impacted residents, community leaders, public and elected officials and other community stakeholders across the project geography.

Strengths / Expertise to Share



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Eastside Community Network Kresge Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative Grantee

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Geographic Area of Focus Lower Eastside Detroit, MI

CREWS Grant Purpose

Eastside Community Network (ECN) works with partners on Detroit's Lower Eastside to drive lasting, positive change in our neighborhoods. With this planning grant, ECN will build the capacity of residents on the Lower Eastside of Detroit to develop a climate health agenda that advocates for more equitable climate and health policies and investments. The Lower Eastside is home to some of the most vulnerable populations for climate change health risks in Detroit, including those who are elderly, have low incomes, lower education attainment, and have limited transportation access. ECN seeks to build resident awareness and ownership over climate planning processes and solicit community input into recommendations for action around climate change and health. ECN will convene multi-disciplinary community partners, including resident leaders from each of the 11 Lower Eastside neighborhoods and the Detroit Health Department to co-create a vision for a Climate Health Agenda, collect baseline data, review existing reports, and assess policy frameworks to inform development of the agenda; survey residents to better understand climate issues and health challenges they currently experience; and track responses by neighborhood, compare findings, and compile community-driven results into a climate health agenda report that will call out targeted strategies based on the specific needs for the spectrum of communities. ECN will build on already successful community-led environmental and sustainability efforts to educate, engage, and empower community members to advocate for and advance implementation of policies and projects that incorporate climate change, health, and equity initiatives that are responsive to each neighborhood's needs.

Strengths / Expertise to Share





Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (FICC) Kresge Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative Grantee

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Geographic Area of Focus

The Boston neighborhoods of Uphams Corner (North Dorchester); Roxbury; Codman Square (Dorchester); Hyde Park; Roslindale

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (FICC) strengthens diverse communities linked by the Fairmount/Indigo Rail Line as viable homes and places of opportunity for people of low- and moderate-incomes. FICC seeks equity through increased affordable housing, excellent public transit, pathways to good jobs and financial resilience, new commercial enterprises, sustainability innovations, expanded open space and opportunities for active living, and vibrant public places. Through CCHE, the Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (FICC) will build the capacity of low-income residents of Boston's Fairmount Rail Corridor to advocate for more equitable climate and health policies. FICC is comprised of three Community Development Corporations (CDCs) working in adjacent neighborhoods, linked by the Fairmount/Indigo Rail Line. The FICC will implement the Fairmont Corridor Climate Justice Initiative, focusing on seven miles of rail corridor that serve three low-to-moderate income, predominately minority, under-resourced neighborhoods threatened by multiple climate impacts including increased storm events, Atlantic coastal flooding, and worsening air quality. FICC will collaborate with a range of community partners and the Boston Medical Center to engage in base building and education around climate change, health, and equity that will lay the foundation for a resident-written plan for policy advocacy to advance community-led responses to climate and health issues, and help develop leaders and strengthen the grassroots base to effectively advocate – from the streets to the State House – for systems-change policies to promote health, and equity.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Affordable housing development, small business technical assistance, workforce development, re-entry services, and transportation advocacy.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Insights on digital organizing; messaging about climate justice applying a racial justice lens; opportunities to observe/shadow/train with peers in action as they are utilizing digital techniques to organize folks around issues of climate justice.

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Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation is the lead organization within the Fairmount Collaborative.

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Go Austin Vamos Austin Kresge Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative Grantee

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Geographic Area of Focus

South, Southeast, and North Central Austin, TX

CREWS Grant Purpose

Go Austin/Vamos Austin (GAVA) is a coalition of neighbors and community partners breaking down barriers to healthy living in Austin's Eastern Crescent. GAVA organizes and mobilizes community power for health equity. GAVA and its partners will build capacity to drive equitable community planning and investment to decrease chronic health disparities and mitigate the risks of climate stressors and shocks like flooding, focusing on Southeast Austin. This area has the highest concentration of Austin's Mexican-American population and is majority people of color and low-income. GAVA is applying their community organizing methodology that, since 2012, has leveraged more than \$12 million in infrastructural and programmatic improvements for nutrition and physical activity, to begin to address flooding, heat, and other climate shocks and stressors, as well as displacement and economic justice issues. Southeast Austin is downstream and has endured a legacy of inequitable drainage investments and land use decisions, increasing the impact of intense flooding. With climate change intensifying rain patterns in Central Texas, low-income residents are at risk of severe financial devastation and disparate health impacts. Communities in this area led much of their own response and recovery efforts during catastrophic floods in 2013 and 2015, and have ample knowledge to teach neighbors as well as public and private agencies. Fostering transparency, community organizing, and civic engagement, GAVA and its partners seek to build their capacity to drive city-wide equitable policies and protocols that will protect people during and after future storms, and create initiatives to increase economic and climate resilience.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Community organizing
- Interagency collaboration
- Anti-oppression training
- Leadership development
- Community-led curriculum development

- Solidarity
- Legal expertise and precedent
- Coalition building across the state of TX and the U.S. for transformative policies





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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To create a national community of practice that provides the guidance and tools for urban water leaders to envision, plan and fund water management infrastructure, resolve historic urban water challenges and shift water systems in a sustainable and equitable direction.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Clean Water/Water Infrastructure national policy and regulatory issues, including stormwater, wastewater, flooding/floodplains, dams, hydropower

Uses and funding of Natural Infrastructure in water management, including Green Stormwater Infrastructure, natural water infrastructure funding programs, State Revolving Fund, floodplain restoration

We have a variety of publications and tools we have created over the years (and continue to innovate) around the above topics. We are happy to share with local partners to support their work and would be happy to discuss opportunities to work together to connect to national policy issues around water infrastructure that may impact their local work.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

We are looking for engagement from local partners on federal policy and advocacy advancing natural water infrastructure; we want to make sure local voices are heard and help inform our national policy work. We are trying to engage more on drinking water and water rate policy. While we have developed some of our own expertise on the topics, we would appreciation more technical support or education from other groups working on those issues.

Honest feedback –our goals are healthy rivers and clean water. These are very local issues and we want to make sure our work is relevant to local organizations. We are always open to suggestions and feedback regarding our work.

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National Wildlife Federation / Clean Water For All Coalition

National Environmental Organization

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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To strengthen, diversify, and expand the participation and influence of environmental and social justice groups in the national Clean Water for All Coalition.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Regular, timely updates on federal water policy actions through monthly call;

Opportunities for engagement and information sharing with Coalition members, which include state, local, and national organizations representing a environmental, conservation, equity, social justice, and community-focused organizations working on a variety of clean water issues; and

Communications resources for Coalition members in areas of Coalition priorities, which include Clean Water Act defense, investing in water infrastructure and access, and addressing nutrient pollution and the threat of toxic algal outbreaks.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

We are seeking new partnerships. Our membership is open to any organization interested and willing to sign on to our mission, vision, and principles via a membership agreement. Members have the opportunity to provide feedback on the Coalition's policy priorities, tactics, and governance by joining our relevant work groups and/or joining all Coalition calls.





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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

Conduct an integrated flood risk mapping and flood resilience project suitability assessment. We will develop projections of future flood risk from riverine flooding (fluvial) and stormwater flooding (pluvial) at 30 m resolution across the southeastern US and Mississippi River Basin. We will generate a series of maps that highlight the intersection of current and future flood risk with key demographic and social characteristics related to social vulnerability. We will pair this with a qualitative opportunities analysis that assesses enabling conditions and drivers for change in urban flooding resilience

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Science & tools: ecology, flooding, water quality, climate change, GIS/landscape-scale analyses from local to continental scales, development of tools and toolboxes

Policy: local, state and federal water policy (legislative and executive); policy analysis, development, advocacy and implementation; institutional analysis.

Water utility management: finances, policies and practices

Interesting examples, lessons learned, and connections with and to our work to protect people and nature in our North America Cities program, and more broadly across scales (local, state, federal) and sectors from across the US and around the world

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Opportunities to deepen our learning and practice around the intersections between water for people and nature, equity, and climate change.





Trust for Public Land

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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

This cross-team grant provided support for the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to advance the holistic integration of Climate-Smart Cities decision support tools and Creative Placemaking strategies to support strategic use of green infrastructure to address local risk and creation of places that reflect local culture. Climate Smart Cities partnerships and decision support tools were developed in Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Richmond (CA) through collaboration among government agencies and community organizations. The decision support tools are available at https://web.tplgis.org/csc-project-gallery/ — other tools include Boston and Los Angeles metro areas and Chattanooga, Cleveland, Camden, Dallas, Denver, Nashville, New York City and Providence. While each tool is unique, they enable analysis of community, equity, health and climate data to support green infrastructure investment to serve frontline communities. These platforms are expanding to include carbon capture potential, in addition to resilience needs in the community.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- 1. Collaborative engagement of frontline communities, government, utilities and key stakeholders to advance parks and green infrastructure in underinvested communities (see Climate Smart Cities library).
- 2. Economic and equity analysis of the benefits of parks and green infrastructure for communities, including health, environmental and economic development impacts (see the Research Library at https://www.tpl.org/how-we-work/research-library).
- 3. Integration of local culture and arts through Creative Placemaking (see the Field Guide to Creative Placemaking at https://www.tpl.org/field-guide-creative-placemaking-and-parks).
- 4. Creating sustainable public funding for parks and green infrastructure that build resilience and climate protection. TPL has passed more than 500 city, county and state funding measures generating over \$80 billion in conservation and parks funding. 2019 measures included parks funding for New Orleans. 2020 measures include a Climate Tax on the November ballot in Denver. See https://www.tpl.org/media-room/36-billion-parks-and-public-lands-ballot-november for more information.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

- 1. Your latest insights and experience that help 'make the case' for green infrastructure investment, including stories and analysis that demonstrate multiple community benefits across health, equity and climate.
- 2. Opportunities to engage with and support local park and conservation partners from TPL's 30 offices serving 31 states and territories (see https://www.tpl.org/where-we-work) and from our national staff supporting climate, health, and equity planning, economic analysis, and funding initiatives.

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Geographic Area of Focus

National; CBO's in their network include: A Community Voice, New Orleans, LA; Biloxi NAACP, Biloxi, MS; Centreville Citizens for Change, Centreville, IL; Claiborne Avenue Alliance, New Orleans, LA (tbc); Community In-Power and Development Association, Port Arthur, TX; EEECHO, Gulfport, MS; Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition, St Helena Island, SC; La Playa Reverdec, PR; LEAD Agency, Miami, OK; Little Growers Inc, Palm Bay, FL; Marin City People's Plan, Marin City, CA

CREWS Grant Purpose

A foundational grant for Higher Ground, the largest flood survivor network in the U.S. Higher Ground helps flood survivors get organized, heard and supported in order to achieve a safer and more sustainable future.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

We work with flood impacted residents and CBOs (as of August 2020, we're working with 54 network chapters in 20 US states plus Puerto Rico.) If a CREWS members knows of a CBO or group of flood impacted residents, we could offer them:

- A matching program, to connect groups with pro bono scientific, legal, planning and other expertise.
- Fundraising, media and advocacy support.
- Training, peer-to-peer learning, and one-on-one support. We support everyone we can, but our special priority is low-income people, Black, Latino, Native American and other underserved communities.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

We're very keen to collaborate, so please reach out to us with your ideas. These could be:

- Pro bono advice and guidance to our members on green infrastructure design and implementation
- On-the-ground research capacity on flooding/green infrastructure related issues for our members
- Legal, financial or communications support/advice/research to our members

Notes

See addendum at the end of this directory for a listing of members of Higher Ground, a grantee program of Anthopocene Alliance.





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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To strengthen a network of municipal leaders working to achieve more equitable green stormwater infrastructure delivery.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Access to network of municipal and county leaders

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Connection and alignment



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Geographic Area of Focus

National; Specific chapter focus in Elizabeth, NJ; Denver, Colorado; Richmond, VA; Rhode Island; (Yonkers, NY); San Diego – Chollas Creek (CA); Cincinnati, OH; Bridgeport (CT), and Lawrence (MA).

CREWS Grant Purpose

Build the capacity of residents to self-advocate for the more equitable distribution of resources to help their communities reduce the impacts of the climate crisis.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Community engagement and advocacy

Building a narrative out of historical documents

Working with youth and intergenerational coalitions of stakeholders to do outreach and organizing

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Community organizing ideas specifically for the time of COVID





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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

This grant will provide PolicyLink support to coordinate the Water Equity and Climate Resilience (WECR) Caucus. PolicyLink co-chairs the Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus with the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Federal state, and local policy expertise on water equity and climate resilience, including: safe and affordable water; climate resilience for water systems and protection from flood, drought and sea level rise; economic inclusion of EJ communities in jobs and contracts of sustainable water infrastructure systems; and ensuring community voice in water infrastructure priorities.
- Research methods in mapping water vulnerabilities.

- Membership in our caucus to engage in peer learning, alliance support on policy research and advocacy.
- Research capacity support for our members' efforts.
- Solidarity on water protection campaigns.





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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To build the capacity of local, community-based organizations to:

- design and implement community-based participatory research (CBPR) strategies to support climate risk assessments and advance community-generated climate resilience solutions; and
- create programs and initiatives that promote meaningful participation by community members and strengthen local leadership to advocate for climate resilience and advance other water equity initiatives.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Researching and compiling tools and resources related to water that have broad national applicability (e.g. Drinking Water Guide – Spanish and English, upcoming toolkit on CBPR & leadership development, Waste in Our Waters toolkit and upcoming Equitable Water Infrastructure Investment toolkit)
- Bringing water leaders together that have shared interests for collaboration, networking and peer learning. We serve as hosts and coordinators for both formal networks and informal hubs. These focus on a variety of issues related to water, including local drinking water advocacy, urban waters, equity and climate resilience, equitable development & anti-displacement, and equitable water infrastructure.
- Providing instruction, direct support and access to experts to build the effectiveness of community groups to influence local water decisions and sustain their work.

- Identifying new methodologies for conducting distance-learning trainings that are engaging and impactful.
- Identifying case studies and experts from:
 - community organizations that have pivoted their community organizing and mobilizing work to more virtual settings, post COVID-19;
 - o local water systems that have built and sustained durable, collaborative relationships with members of their communities; and
 - o community organizations that have integrated equitable development strategies and advocacy (e.g. for affordable housing or local workforce support) into other water equity initiatives.
- Identifying examples and lessons learned for developing netcentric leadership within Networks.





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National Network

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Geographic Area of Focus

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Citizens' Committee for Flood Relief, De Soto, MO;

Coalition for Wetlands and Forests, Staten Island, NY;

Community In-Power and Development Association Inc., Port Arthur, TX;

Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization, Gulfport, MS;

Elyria, Globeville, Swansea & Partners, Denver, CO;

Georgetown Open Space Committee, Seattle, WA;

Greater Treme Consortium, Inc., New Orleans, LA;

Healthy Community Services, New Orleans, LA;

Hollygrove Neighbors Association, New Orleans, LA;

Kingdom Living Temple/ New Alpha CDC, Florence, SC;

Little Growers, Inc, Palm Bay, FL;

Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency, Inc., Vinita, OK;

Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development, Orleans, LA;

Marin City People's Plan, Sausalito, CA;

Mirabeau Gardens Neighborhood Association, New Orleans, LA; The Progressive Club of Johns Island with Lowcountry Flooded States of America, Johns Island, SC

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Grassroots Leadership Fund provides mini-grants, training resources and networking opportunities to Kresge Climate Resilient and Equitable Water Systems (CREWS) grassroots partners to help local activists and the small groups they lead access immediate resources to achieve programmatic success around the intersection of equity and urban climate resilience. The program supports groups in building organizational strength and capacity so they will be in a position to thrive after the actual grant dollars have been spent.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Assessment of organizational needs and incubation of emerging organizations.
- Channeling funding and training towards small volunteer-led organizations.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

- Introductions to grassroots organizations working at the intersections of environment, justice, and community equity.
- o Funding partnerships to help build grassroots community power.

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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

Institutionalize water equity policies and practices in utilities across the nation; center One Water as a strategic pathway to equitable climate resilience across communities, utilities, cities, and regions.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Insight on trends and inflection points in the water sector, particularly among utilities.
- Experience forging cross-sector collaboration for water equity across diverse stakeholders.
- Connection to a diverse, national network of One Water champions for advice, examples, and partnership.

- To participate or make connections for place-based collaboration partnerships.
- Communication feedback loops—shared insights to keep up to date on the latest factors, lessons, dynamics, and opportunities.



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Geographic Area of FocusState of Michigan

CREWS Grant Purpose

Through this proposal, the Great Lakes One Water Partnership will facilitate collaboration and provide technical assistance to 28 community foundations and their partner organizations, clustered in 6 regions across all Great Lakes, to solve key water challenges in the region, and it will provide financial assistance to support two regional initiatives focused on improving climate adaptation and preparedness in Lake Ontario and Lake Superior/UP region.

Strengths / Expertise to Share





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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

This grant supports the Urban Water Funders (UWF), a topical working group of The Funders Network (TFN), and a targeted grant pool for green stormwater infrastructure projects within TFN's Partners for Places matching grant program.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

1. Understanding of the philanthropic sector, especially funders interested in equitable urban water strategies, climate justice, and inclusive economic development. 2. How to design and manage pooled funds for sustainability and green stormwater infrastructure. 3. Good Network Practice for social impact networks. 4. Engaging funders with shared interests in solving emergent issues or problems and placing racial justice, advocacy and systems change at the center of their work.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

1. Understanding of innovative and impactful work underway across the country to address climate adaptation with focus on water systems, especially promising policy solutions and ways to advance racial equity and support community-led work. 2. To better understand how local, regional and national groups are working together to advance water equity and support community resilience. 3. Creative ways that CREWS partners are engaging with stakeholders from frontline community leaders, to local government, to philanthropy, to private sector.





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Geographic Area of Focus

Baltimore, MD; Hampton, VA; Chesapeake Bay Watershed

CREWS Grant Purpose

To advance green infrastructure solutions for low and medium-income communities in the Chesapeake Bay region, though the pilot use of environmental impact bonds for financing novel approaches.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Since 1967, CBF has fought for effective, science-based solutions to the pollution degrading the Chesapeake Bay watershed. CBF works to Save the Bay through five main programs: policy advocacy, environmental education, selective litigation, environmental restoration, and strategic communications.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

1. Support and collaboration for projects 2. Sharing successes and challenges 3. Offering feedback on projects and work



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Council of Michigan Foundations *Regional*

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Geographic Area of Focus

State of Michigan

CREWS Grant Purpose

Through this proposal, the Great Lakes One Water Partnership will facilitate collaboration and provide technical assistance to 28 community foundations and their partner organizations, clustered in 6 regions across all Great Lakes, to solve key water challenges in the region, and it will provide financial assistance to support two regional initiatives focused on improving climate adaptation and preparedness in Lake Ontario and Lake Superior/UP region.

Strengths / Expertise to Share





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Geographic Area of Focus
Great Lakes Region

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support community-based organizations in the collection and use of real-time flooding data to ensure the equitable placement of green and grey infrastructure to address urban flooding and affordability issues in Detroit and Toledo.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Community engagement--how to work respectfully with community partners
Citizen Science--how to establish programs and engage community members in collecting impactful data
Collaboration--how to support multi-level collaborative work

- Collaborations and information on innovative technology
- Sign-on to petitions, pledges, and initiatives in support of legislative reform beneficial to water and climate justice and protections
- Participation in information sharing as it relates to climate change and climate resilience



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Geographic Area of Focus

Supports a network across 9 states: AL, AR, GA, FL, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN; specific project funding in the following cities: Athens–Clarke County, Georgia

Cary, North Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee; New Orleans, Louisiana; Volusia County, Florida

CREWS Grant Purpose

Build the capacity of U.S. Southeast Sustainability Directors Network leaders to accelerate the adoption of best practices to create climate resilient, equitable water systems.

Strengths / Expertise to Share





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Geographic Area of Focus

National, with headquarters in Chicago. The CREWS grant work has involved Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Seattle.

CREWS Grant Purpose

To research and document the potential co-benefits between green stormwater infrastructure and property values in U.S. cities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

CNT strives to be a national leader in: 1. analyzing data and creating tools that expose racial disparities in urban form 2. building trusting relationships with community leaders and residents and empowering them to define problems and uncover solutions 3. revealing novel strategies that reduce inequities and produce more sustainable and resilient communities

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Partnerships with community-based organizations and local governments to apply our analytical expertise to benefit their communities.



GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER

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Geographic Area of Focus

National; Washington DC

CREWS Grant Purpose

Advancing climate adaptation practices in U.S. cities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share





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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Environmental Policy Innovation Center builds policies that deliver spectacular improvement in the speed and scale of environmental progress. CREWS grant will allow EPIC to look deeper into the structure and focus of EPA and state water infrastructure funding programs to achieve equity and climate resilience objectives.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Our water program focuses on innovative financing, outcomes-based stream and wetland restoration, water quality partnerships, utility consolidation, and the role of data technology in improving consumer trust.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Local, place-based collaboration





The New School – Urban Systems Lab Research

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Geographic Area of Focus

Syracuse, NY, Elizabeth, NJ, and Milwauke, WI

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support analysis to understand environmental justice impacts of climate change related flooding on minority and low-income communities.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Data visualization, modelling and environmental risks mapping with a focus on social vulnerability.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Co-creating actionable research for environmental justice advocacy and policy by supporting data visualization and analysis needs.





The Water Center of the University of Pennsylvania Research

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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support the development of a decision-maker's guide for local elected officials managing small, under-resourced water systems with insufficient water infrastructure to manage repeated flooding events.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

The Water Center at Penn is a transdisciplinary urban water policy, innovation, and science center that engages University faculty and students, regional decision makers, and national and global thought leaders in the development of integrated and innovative strategies that address the biggest challenges facing urban water leaders today. Our applied research focuses on four key areas:

- Urban Water Systems
- Integrated Watershed Management
- Global Climate Resilience
- Innovation in finance, Science, and Public policy

Our research in these areas is informed by our commitment to equity, justice, diversity and inclusion. We strive to incorporate these tenets into our research proposals and processes, selection of research partners, and proposed solutions.

- Research partners that complement our expertise and share our commitment to environmental justice
- Collaborations that address the most critical urban water challenges for low capacity communities with the greatest need.
- Information sharing to enhance and expand understanding of critical water issues among a diverse and broad range of stakeholders, allowing for unusual and effective partnerships
- Opportunities to enhance mentoring and peer-to-peer learning among utility and municipal leaders to allow faster and more effective innovation
- Enthusiasm, passion, innovative thinking, and a willingness to take risks



HEALTHY SCHOOLSCAMPAIGN

Healthy Schools Campaign State or Place-Based

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Geographic Area of Focus

Chicago, IL

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support the implementation and expansion of transforming Chicago schoolyards into shared green spaces for learning, while reducing neighborhood flooding through the use of green stormwater infrastructure.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Coalition and partnership management Community organizing, particularly in Black and Latinx communities Expertise in health, education and sustainability

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Partnerships or unique collaborations

Networking and dissemination of information

Joint panel or presentation opportunities







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Geographic Area of Focus

State of New Jersey

CREWS Grant Purpose

To support climate resilient and equitable planning in low-income, New Jersey communities through the Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers Campaign.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Expertise on New Jersey
- Expertise on land use police and the intersection of equity, green infrastructure and flooding
- Strengths in land use policy and place based organizing

- Examples of how equitable solutions have been implemented to reduce combined sewer overflows and flooding from other states
- Allies to collaborate with on Federal infrastructure asks
- Virtual public engagement and resources and tools (we have already gotten some of these from CREWS partners)





Water Wise Gulf South State or Place-Based

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Geographic Area of Focus

The Gulf South

CREWS Grant Purpose

Develop & nurture a network of community organizations and leaders, known as the Water Wise Neighborhood Champions, who are dedicated to advancing green infrastructure in New Orleans.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Developing a community driven green infrastructure vision
- Building a community and organizing around green infrastructure, drainage issues
- Demonstrating to residents how green infrastructure can provide multiple benefits
- Collaborating with community organizations, residents and small business owners to achieve our goals using the Water Wise Gulf South model.

- How to better collaborate with government agencies to achieve our goals
- Green infrastructure incentive programs that have been successful
- Methods to stay in contact with our network that are accessible to people who don't utilize social media and other technologies.
- Identifying economic benefits of green infrastructure projects





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Geographic Area of Focus

Our grant focuses on the Midwest and Southeast, though AFC is a national coalition that includes members from 19 states (and growing).

CREWS Grant Purpose

By working with pilot communities to hold community workshops that center on the needs of marginalized groups, AFC will collaboratively identify low-cost design ideas that address flooding, and provide initial guidance and support on implementation and sources of funding, to bridge the "pre-development gap" that prevents many flood projects in under-resourced communities from reaching the implementation phase due to local resource constraints and limited access to state and federal resources.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Network of grasstops leaders. AFC regularly engages and supports a Coalition membership of more than 200 political, military, business, and local leaders across 19 states, which includes governors, state legislators, mayors, commissioners, and partner organizations. Membership is free and not legallybinding, and joining is easy. Send us a note here if you would like more information!
- Tools that simplify the resilience planning and funding landscape. AFC has free, public resources that make it easier for communities to understand their adaptation policy options and identify viable funding and financing opportunities. For example, AFC's interactive <u>Flood Funding Finder</u> tool for small communities simplifies the complex federal grants system and helps communities identify and prioritize opportunities to fund flood resilience. AFC has also identified equity challenges in the federal landscape through <u>thought leadership</u> and policymaker engagement.
- Help navigating state and federal policy. AFC helps flood-affected communities identify policy changes
 that could turn their vision into reality. For example, AFC brought 20 current and former Florida mayors
 together for a <u>Florida Mayors Summit</u> in Washington, D.C. to identify key adaptation policy needs and
 meet with their state and federal representatives.

- Perspectives on flooding challenges and opportunities in your geographies
- Input on our forthcoming local community pilot plans
- Participation in occasional roundtables and other convenings





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Geographic Area of Focus

National; Houston, TX; Miami, FL.

CREWS Grant Purpose

To analyze data and engage in advocacy to influence key federal policies around equitable recovery from natural disasters, extreme storms and flooding in low-income communities and climate-vulnerable geographies in the United States and in Puerto Rico.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- -Legal advocacy related to civil rights and disaster recovery through our experience post-Hurricane Sandy (2012)
- -Using FEMA data to analyze the impacts of disasters and unequal disaster recovery processes (with regards to low-income and communities of color)

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Experiences on the ground or on a broader policy scale that can be used to reform the processes and institutions involved in national disaster recovery





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Geographic Area of Focus

CREWS Grant Purpose

We work with Kresge grantees and others to co-create articles, blog posts and op-eds—and to place that content in a wide variety news outlets. In this way, we help shape thinking and practice on equitable climate resilience. (A compilation of our published work is available here.)

Strengths / Expertise to Share

- Bringing new, diverse voices and ideas into the public conversation about climate change and equity.
- Getting those voices and ideas into media beyond the progressive bubble.
- Building the capacity of Kresge grantees and other advocates to tell their stories.

- Ideas/partners for future articles and op-eds.
- Deeper understanding of challenges and solutions in equitable water systems.
- Inspiration and community.



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Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance

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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) is a network of 45,000 professionals in the land use, real estate and built environment industries, with a mission to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. ULI's UrbanResilience program provides ULI members, the public, and communities across the United States with information on how to be more resilient in the face of climate change and other environmental vulnerabilities. The program seeks to provide technical assistance, advance industry knowledge, and catalyze the adoption of transformative practices for real estate and land use policy, building from the knowledge of ULI members. The program has addressed a broad range of types of climate risk, including sea level rise, extreme heat, storm surge, drought, and wildfires, their impact on cities and opportunities for mitigation through building design, land use policy and other methods relevant to the built environment. As a Kresge grantee, ULI's Urban Resilience Program has a wide scope for partnership opportunities with CREWS organizations.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

ULI's Urban Resilience program builds from the knowledge and expertise of the ULI membership, including an interdisciplinary network of professionals in real estate, land use, architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture, engineering and more. This broad range of cross-disciplinary knowledge can contribute to the development of innovative policy, design and development solutions, with a particular focus on finance strategies and implementation. For partners interested in leveraging this knowledge, ULI's Urban Resilience program is available to partner with CREWS organizations on Advisory Service (ASPs) and Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs). These two to five day interdisciplinary workshops bring together ULI member experts in the real estate industry to propose resilience solutions to complex local land use scenarios, and can be accomplished in-person or virtually.

ULI can also help connect CREWS grantees with local ULI memberships, via ULI's local chapters, known as District Councils. These local Councils can partner on technical assistance, outreach, events or other efforts. Local partnerships could seek to gain input and insight from the real estate industry, or increase awareness of resilience, environmental justice and community topics among stakeholders in the real estate industry.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

ULI's Urban Resilience Program is happy to brainstorm with any CREWS grantees about partnership opportunities, and whether collaboration might be most effective at the national or local level.

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Kresge Environment Program Partner

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Geographic Area of Focus

National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To organize programming, sponsor participants, and host the 2019 National Adaptation Forum, a biennial gathering for urban climate adaptation practitioners to build capacity and exchange information toward a climate-prepared future.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

In addition to the National Adaptation Forum, EcoAdapt has three other programs that support adaptation innovation and practice for many different interests.

- Awareness to Action- Customized training, workshops and advise on how to make your work climate savvy.
- <u>Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange</u>- Your online adaptation destination for resources, examples and connections.
- <u>State of Adaptation</u>- Surveys and assessments of the state of adaptation practice across important topics from displacement to health, from freshwater to coastal communities.

Recently developed resources include:

- o Guidance for updating comprehensive (or general) plans;
- o Tools to evaluate the climate savviness of projects, capital investments and just about anything else;
- ∘ An approach to conducting a <u>rapid climate vulnerability assessment</u> that simultaneously considers climate, health and equity;
- Assessment of the range of opportunities to address displacement and climate in tandem;
- o Survey of how organizations are managing freshwater resources in a changing climate; and
- o Regular adaptation webinars to get you the latest tools and ideas to support your own work.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

We want to learn from you. We provide examples of adaptation action and resources on the Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange (www.CAKEx.org). We hope you will use CAKE, but we also hope you'll share what you are doing on CAKE. We can work with you to create a CAKE case study so you can share your great with others to grow the field and create a resilient society.

Let us know when you need help figuring out how to make your work climate savvy. We support adaptation strategy development processes (including workshops) through our Awareness to Action program, and we create custom tools to help make the important work you are already doing climate savvy.

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Geographic Area of Focus National

CREWS Grant Purpose

To help underserved communities to drive down the costs of water utility operations using field tested practices while increasing the performance outcomes – all of which helps with affordability and public health. A utility can experience its own Moonshot when it embraces a path to sustainable performance and affordability.

Strengths / Expertise to Share

Moonshot Missions expert team brings over 100 years of combined experience in advancing water utilities. Led by George Hawkins the former CEO of DC Water, Andy Kricun, former CEO and CE of the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority and David St. Pierre, former CEO of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Great Washington the team of clean and safe water experts are research driven and results oriented.

Things We're Seeking from Our Peers

Work with Moonshot Missions to identify smaller, rural and tribal communities whose water utilities are struggling due to inadequate resources, impacts from COVID-19 or overwhelmed by other burdens. Provide the Moonshot Missions team with introductions to allow the team to step in and evaluate and in identifying funding prospects.



Addendum

Chapter Members of Higher Ground, Anthropocene Alliance

Alaska Institute for Justice Marin City People's Plan

Little Growers, Inc Save our Soundside

Higher Ground Pensacola

Whispering Pines Concerned Citizens

Bristol Park for Buyouts

Centreville Citizens for Change Chicago SouthSide NAACP

Elmhurst Flooding

Floodlothian Midlothian

RainReady Chatham

A Community Voice, Louisiana

Claiborne Avenue Alliance

Lafayette Parish Flood Forum

Center for Sustainable Engagement

Hollygrove Neighbors Association

Ellicott City Flood Solutions

Eastside Community Network

Lincoln Park Residents Tired of Basement Flooding &

How to Maneuver DPS

Citizens' Committee for Flood Relief

Biloxi NAACP

Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and

Health Organization (EEECHO)

Ocean City, NJ Flooding

Pequannock Flood Advisory Committee Lemmon Valley Flood Relief/Assistance

Adopt a House

Coalition for Wetlands and Forests

Oakwood beach Buyouts

Richmondtown & Clarke Avenue Civic Association

LEAD Agency

Un Nuevo Almanacer, Inc. Groundswell Charleston

Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition

Horry County Rising

Lowcountry Flooded States of America

Rosewood Strong Save James Island

Saving Island Green Wildlife & Beyond

Eastside Garden Club

Community In-Power and Development Association Inc

Flood Naught

Flood Victims of Richwood

Kingswood Fight Against Future Flooding Randol Mill Road Flooding - Development Residents Against Flooding aka MCDDC

Stop the Flooding NOW!

Georgetown Open Space Committee

