



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF  
**BRIGHTER TOMORROWS**



**climate solutions**

**2023 PROGRESS REPORT**

# BRIGHTER EVERY DAY

Reflecting on twenty-five years of creative advocacy and effective action on climate, and how our past victories are preparing us for serious work ahead.

## IN THIS REPORT

*a year of inspiring accomplishments and insights, powerful partnerships, and exciting new projects.*

*We can, we must, and we will accelerate equitable clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.*

## MESSAGE FROM GREGG AND SAVITHA

Since our founding 25 years ago, Climate Solutions has been focused on mission-critical work at the state and local levels to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis, knowing that the **progress that we make here in the Pacific Northwest has an impact that goes far beyond our region.**

**This belief is paying dividends over the last quarter of a century.** Our work collaborating with farmers and ranchers to harvest clean energy, fighting out-of-state coal companies to power past coal exports, building broad coalitions to pass gold standard policies like the second-in-the-nation carbon pollution cap and the boldest 100% clean electricity laws in the land, and uniting with our west coast neighbors behind clean cars and clean fuels—has established the Northwest as an unquestioned national leader. **Other states, and other regions, are following and building on the success here.**

Despite our incredible progress, we know that historic pollution is in our neighborhoods and that more impacts in the coming years are all but inevitable. And though the science and trends are overwhelming, it's not too late for climate action.

With so many victories in the past few years, we believe that the Northwest is the single best region in the nation to make real the vision of cutting carbon at speed and scale, creating good jobs, and addressing environmental justice. This is the work ahead.

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We are now in a new era, one focused on implementing the policies that we and our partners helped put in place and making sure that the billions of dollars of investment moving into the climate space will result in real and equitable progress that improves our communities. It will require us to double down on our policy advocacy strengths and to also do the new things that the times demand. We also have to come together to defend our progress, as the fossil fuel industry tries to block progress.

We have created a “4 Ps framework” to address this time of new opportunity. And we are doing all of this work with an ever-increasing focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion.

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- On **policy**, we are continuing our work in areas like buildings, clean energy, and transportation, and growing into new areas of opportunity like offshore wind and maritime shipping.
- On **progress**, we are launching projects like our new Breaking Barriers Collaborative.
- On **perception**, we are doing more storytelling and planning to launch a big effort on this front.
- On **politics**, we are initiating a new sibling 501(c)(4) organization and together launching a new program on climate champions, starting with a pilot project in Washington this coming year.

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As we pass the tremendous milestone of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we know that the years ahead will bring critical and consequential opportunities to act on climate. We have momentum and hope for truly transformative climate solutions at the scale that is required.

There is more work to do and we can only do it with all of you. Thank you for your support!

— **Gregg Small, Executive Director**

**Savitha Reddy Pathi,  
Deputy Director**



*Gregg Small,  
Executive Director;  
Jay Inslee, Governor  
of Washington;  
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**OUR  
VALUES**

**JUSTICE RESPECT PERSEVERANCE INTEGRITY DETERMINATION COLLABORATION**



*Celebrating 25 years of*

# Brighter Tomorrows



In 2023, we marked our 25th Anniversary with several events to “Celebrate 25 years of Brighter Tomorrows.” The entire year was a year filled with wonderful memories of gathering with old and new friends of Climate Solutions. We’re hugely grateful that so many supporters joined us.

In March, we co-hosted a virtual event with the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, then held our first in-person small house party since the start of the pandemic in Seattle’s Magnolia neighborhood to reconnect in person with our supporters and enjoy the yummy food and hospitality provided by our hosts Joe Olegario and Ty Kocher.

*There is no greater mission than the mission of Climate Solutions. Its origin story has always been rooted in people-centered impacts from day one, and it’s never been more important than now.*

—Dr. Vin Gupta



*Our 25th Anniversary Gala in Seattle featured a special video message from **Stacey Abrams**, former Georgia State Representative, voting rights advocate, and now senior counsel with Rewiring America.*

In June, Paul Joseph Brown and Lisa Mennet hosted a Climate Solutions houseparty in Seattle in their beautiful backyard on Lake Washington with spe-

cial guest speaker Governor Jay Inslee. The event was emceed by Deputy Director Savitha Reddy Pathi, with remarks from Executive Director Gregg Small,

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and board members Gwen Migita and Emiko Atherton. Off the Rez provided a wonderful spread of indigenous cuisine for our guests.



Later that month, former board president Paul Knox and Sara Holt Knox then organized a house party in Olympia for over 100 guests with catering by Lyla Cross.



On September 15, we held our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception in Portland, Oregon at SERA Architects. Miss'ipi Chef catered the event. Our Deputy Director Savitha Reddy Pathi served as emcee, with remarks from Climate Solutions Board Member Clark Brockman, Executive



*from top left: Rep. Chipalo Street, Ashley Street, Rep. Sharlett Mena, Sen. Rebecca Saldaña, and David Mendoza; Joe Olegario, Kevin Grant, Em Piro, and Ty Kocher; Dr. Nisha Ahir and Dr. Vin Gupta; Savitha Reddy Pathi with guests*

Director Gregg Small, and Oregon Director Meredith Connolly. Staff and board enjoyed visiting with our partners and supporters in Oregon able to join.

Our year of events culminated on October 12, with our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the new Seattle Convention Center, with more than 500 guests. Deputy Director Savitha Reddy Pathi emceed the gala, with remarks from Board President Jackie Dingfelder, Governor Jay Inslee, and Executive Director Gregg Small. Dr. Vin Gupta made the ask for support, and Gregg moderated a panel discussion with WA Representative Sharlett Mena, Aina Abiodun, and Mike Tidwell.

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*from top right: Gregg Small (Climate Solutions), Mike Tidwell (Chesapeake Climate Action Network), Rep. Sharlett Mena and Aina Abiodun (VertueLab) speaking at our 25th Anniversary Gala; Kurt Fritts, Aisling Kerins, and Brian Bonlender; Kelly Hall and Leah Missik; Jessyn Farrell, Teresa Myers, James Dailey, Kristin Dailey, and Joëlle Robinson; Gov. Jay Inslee*





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We shared a special video message from Stacey Abrams, former Georgia State Representative, voting rights advocate, and now senior counsel with Rewiring America. We also debuted our Brighter Tomorrows video chronicling Climate Solutions' 25 years of Northwest leadership on



*from top left: Deborah Jensen, Gregg Small, Jackie Dingfelder, and Christopher Chen; Paul Brown, Lisa Mennet, Chris Stolte and Heidi Stolte; Meredith Connolly. below: Gov. Jay Inslee speaks at our 25th Anniversary Gala*



climate change and clean energy. The gala provided a mix of networking time and program and was photographed by Della Chen Photography. The evening

capped an incredible year of celebration a quarter century of accelerating solutions to the climate crisis.

***Northwest states are growing the clean energy economy and reducing energy costs... moving insulation into people's homes, getting people heat pumps, and growing jobs all over. But, we know this—the fossil fuel industry, the climate deniers are coming after us.***

**—Governor Jay Inslee**





Clean power is now the law;  
zero-carbon electricity by  
2045  
*The Seattle Times*

OUR **climate**  
**solutions**  
ARE SIMPLE

**BELIEVE**  
IN WHAT'S POSSIBLE

**STOP**  
MAKING IT WORSE

**CHAMPION**  
SOLUTIONS THAT WORK





We ended 2023 adding more momentum to several years of climate wins in Washington State.

**Clean Transportation:  
bringing zero-emission  
medium- and heavy-duty  
vehicles to communities  
statewide**

Building on the Washington Legislature's landmark 2021 passage of the Clean Fuel Standard, in 2023 Climate Solutions focused specifically on persuading legislators to commit to cleaning up the dirtiest vehicles on the road: medium- and heavy-duty vehicles like trucks, buses, and vans. While the Clean Fuel Standard is helping cut tailpipe emissions, climate pollution from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles has more than doubled since 1990,

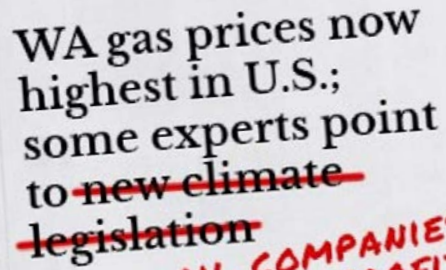
*State Rep. Beth Doglio, John Traynor (Legislative Director, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO), Governor Jay Inslee, Matthew Hepner (Executive Director, Certified Electrical Workers of Washington), Leah Missik and Kelly Hall (Climate Solutions)*

*In 2023, we focused on cleaning up some of the most significant sources of climate pollution: medium and heavy vehicles and fossil fuel-heated buildings.*

showing the need for more solutions. After this year's successful legislative session, communities will soon see less pollution and improved health outcomes in their neighborhoods thanks to state leaders making major budget allocations of Climate Commitment Act dollars. These include a \$120 million incentive program to help fund zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and associated charging infrastructure; and a new \$6.3 million port drayage pilot project to help get clean trucks on the road and improve air quality in communities close to busy ports.

Also this year we expanded our transportation program to start to lean into

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WA gas prices now highest in U.S.; some experts point to ~~new climate~~ legislation

OIL COMPANIES' RECORD PROFITS

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*When oil companies and their allies went to the media blaming high gas prices on new laws protecting public health and the climate, we fought back, in part with ads (above) naming the real culprit.*

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the maritime sector. If viewed as a country, marine shipping and transportation would be the sixth largest contributor to global climate pollution, responsible for about 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions. According to Washington State recordkeeping marine vessels accounted for 18 percent of all transportation emissions—a higher proportion than aviation, and comparable to heavy-duty road vehicles. This is a sector clearly in need of climate solutions; our new maritime policy manager will

pursue this work as part of our Washington team.

**Clean buildings: increasing access to cleaner, more efficient homes and buildings**

Washington's homes and buildings are still the fastest growing source of climate pollution statewide, and methane gas use in homes and buildings (notably for heating, cooling, and cooking) has significant climate and health impacts—one of eight childhood asthma cases are directly linked to the use of gas stoves indoors. This year, we made sure state legislators allocated significant funding towards reducing cost barriers to electrifying homes and buildings across Washington. This includes \$80 million for a heat pump and electric appliance subsidy program that prioritizes low- and moderate-income households, adult family homes, and small businesses, comple-

menting \$83 million in federal funds; and \$40 million in funding for weatherization and energy efficiency projects. The Legislature also funded \$250,000 for evaluation and project planning for a statewide energy “navigator” program to help Washingtonians take advantage of available programs and subsidies.

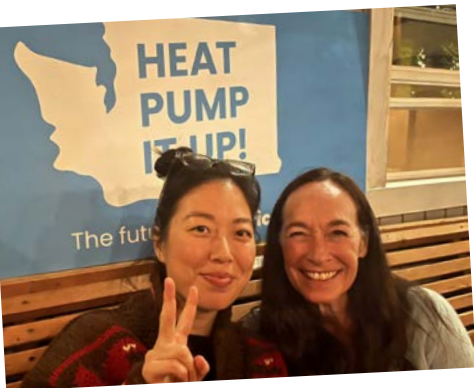
Climate Solutions made the case for the State Building Code Council to stand behind the climate progress they made last year by instituting one of the nation's strongest clean energy requirements for new buildings. That progress came under attack by building industry groups and others, and was further complicated by a federal lawsuit decision in Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This led the

SBCC to revisit the details of their new rules, but advocates for clean air and healthy communities successfully led the council to restructure the codes to align with federal law, while also significantly reducing pollution from new homes and buildings.

Just before the end of the year, our efforts to clean up buildings notched another win when the Seattle City Council passed its Building Emissions Performance Standard. The new standard will ensure that Seattle's largest existing buildings transition to being fully powered by clean energy over the next few decades. It is a big deal that the largest city in the Northwest is taking this step to cut climate pollution from our existing

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*Stephanie Noren and Joëlle Robinson (Climate Solutions) advocating for easier access to affordable heat pumps*

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homes and buildings, which account for the vast majority of emissions from our built environment. Seattle's policy can be a model for other cities in Washington and beyond.

### ***Air quality: a promising start toward improving air quality and health disparities in overburdened communities***

Equally important to cutting state-wide climate pollution is addressing localized, health-harming air pollution that is often concentrated, due to racist housing policies such as redlining, in low-income, Black, and Indigenous neighborhoods, as well as in other communities of color. Taking the lead from environmental justice partners, we worked to ensure the Legislature funded new programs to address air quality including \$11.4 million to address communities' major sources of air pollution, \$10 million to expand the state's air quality monitoring network, \$38 million to fund a Washington Department of Health program for community-led solutions to climate impacts and health disparities in overburdened communities, and \$42.8 million for capacity grants to support Tribes and overburdened communities in engaging with policy implementation.

### ***Siting: bringing clean energy projects and jobs to our state***

Now that Washington mandates cleaner power and reduced emissions statewide, we need more clean-energy projects and jobs to create it. We worked with state policymakers and a broad coalition of labor, developer, utility, and environmental stakeholders this session to pass HB 1216. The first of its kind, this bill will improve the siting of these new projects with a better-resourced and more efficient process for planning, analysis, and permitting without stripping away critical environmental safeguards built into the siting and permitting process. Most notably, it also builds in additional opportunities for Tribal consultation and thorough engagement with overburdened communities early and upfront.

### ***Land Use: incorporating climate into local planning and ending single-family zoning***

As Climate Solutions alumnus K.C. Golden has noted, "housing solutions are climate solutions." Sprawl destroys our natural lands and leads to carbon-spewing commutes, so it is important to ensure that people can live near work, essential services, and community activities. Providing enough housing, rather than artificially limiting it, will also help address our mounting housing crisis. The Washington Legislature's 2023 passage of HB 1110 will require jurisdictions across Washington to allow more housing, and the updated Growth Management Act will now require planning for climate impacts and sustainable development.

Our advocacy, and our climate champions in elected office, are helping make sure that Washington State remains a national leader in the transition to clean energy.

A large graphic on the left side of the page. It features a stylized map of Oregon in white, set against a yellow circular background with radiating lines. The text "OREGON 2023 CLIMATE VICTORIES" is written in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters, following the curve of the map. Below the graphic, a yellow school bus is partially visible, and a white wind turbine stands in the background.

# OREGON 2023 CLIMATE VICTORIES

Our Oregon team had a fantastic year in climate victories. Between working hard to get our legislature to pass the most comprehensive climate investment package in Oregon legislative history to ensuring regulatory triumphs for an equitable transition to the clean energy future we all deserve, we are seeing the shift from policy wins to real progress on the ground.

### ***Securing legislative progress***

The last several years we have had recent policy victories to accelerate progress towards 100% clean electricity and electrifying transportation and buildings in Oregon and this year we built on that progress. Highlights from this past session include legislators passing the “Climate Resilience Package” in the waning days of the 2023 session after another historic walkout by a minority of legislators who were trying to block other progressive legis-

lation. Through this package, the state will invest \$90 million in the annual Climate Budget, and will leverage up to \$1 billion in federal climate funding from the Inflation Reduction Act.

The combination of this legislation and federal investment will increase the deployment of heat pumps, solar panels, storage, electric trucks, and buses, make energy efficiency and clean energy more affordable, support the buildout of more renewables and microgrids, sequester carbon in our forests and farms, and help the state plan to reach Oregon’s 100% clean energy goals. We also championed the Building Resilience package of bills that the Legislature passed, setting a state goal of 500,000 heat pumps by 2030 and establishing a statewide Building Performance Standard.

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### **Implementing climate laws well**

To reach our state's climate and clean energy goals, we need to implement the major climate laws that we've passed in recent years, including 100% Clean Electricity, the Climate Protection Program, the Building Resilience package of policies, and zero-emission vehicle and clean fuels policies. This includes us pushing policymakers for strong, meaningful rules and program rollout, scaling up from pilots to broad adoption, defending the policies as necessary, and removing barriers still in the way.

*We engaged on the first offshore wind energy project on the horizon in Oregon, to ensure a robust, transparent, equitable and inclusive process took place.*

This year we continued our strong advocacy in the Public Utility Commission (PUC) processes that ensure meaningful implementation of our 100% clean electricity law, HB 2021. Our two biggest utilities, PGE and PacifiCorp, released their proposed Clean Energy Plans to show how they'll meet the clean energy requirements under the law. We are also increasingly focused on removing barriers related to siting and permitting processes, transmission, and markets.

*We advocated for a "managed transition" of Oregon's three gas utilities to ensure our state climate goals are met in a way that protects ratepayers.*

Oregon is also looking to offshore wind for more clean electricity, and we've been engaging on the first offshore wind energy project proposed off our coast, working with federal and state regulators and local community stakeholders to ensure it's an equitable and inclusive process.

### **Securing a managed transition off methane gas**

As the multi-year Future of Gas proceeding concluded in Spring 2023, we have advocated in the state's planning and rate-making processes to enforce a "managed transition" of Oregon's three

gas utilities to ensure our state climate goals are met in a way that protects ratepayers.

Represented by EarthJustice, we intervened in Avista's rate case, the state's second-largest gas utility. We helped secure a settlement that requires Avista to phase out their fossil fuel subsidies for new gas hookups—a first in Oregon. The settlement also prohibits Avista from charging ratepayers for its anti-climate litigation costs and political activities, and dramatically expands low-income weatherization programs.

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Another significant turning point with the future of gas in our state was when the PUC declined to acknowledge NW Natural's (the state's largest gas utility) proposed multi-decade investment plan, deeming it insufficient to meet state climate targets. NW Natural's initial proposal had envisioned massive spending on hydrogen and biogas in the coming decades—fuels that if produced to be green are still limited in amount, and are less affordable and less effective than electric alternatives for cutting pollution from homes and buildings. We will continue to advocate for energy efficiency, electrification, and other climate solutions that protect ratepayers when NW Natural brings back a reworked proposal to regulators in 2024.

### **Protecting and implementing the Climate Protection Program (CPP)**

This cornerstone state program recently went into effect, setting a declining limit on major sources of greenhouse

gas emissions from fossil fuels. We engaged in a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rulemaking to fine-tune the CPP rules and supported the development of the Community Climate Investments; starting in 2024, we expect to see potentially hundreds of millions of dollars start to be invested in BIPOC, rural, and low-income communities' transition off fossil fuels. Gas utilities, oil companies, and other regulated parties are challenging the CPP in state court, and we are part of the coalition of parties defending the program.

### **Electrifying everything in the transportation sector**

Wherever immediate electrification can't happen, we are pushing for cleaner fuels to decarbonize remaining fossil-fueled vehicles. We have continued to advocate at the city and state levels for EV charging infrastructure that completes networks in rural areas and reaches low-income communities and renters, as well as more funding for the state EV rebate. Getting more

zero-emission Medium and Heavy-Duty (MHD) vehicles like electric trucks, school buses, transit buses, and delivery vehicles on our roads is a priority to mitigate diesel and climate pollution. In the last two years, we've worked with public and private sector allies to

secure state funding for new rebate programs at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for MHD electric charging stations and MHD zero-emission vehicles (electric and hydrogen).

### **Meredith considers Green Truck driving with Titan Systems Freight!**

Titan Systems Freight launched its first EV truck after participating in the Breaking Barriers Collaborative program. This company is just one example of the positive impact Climate Solutions and BBC have had in facilitating a green energy transition here in the Pacific Northwest. Pictured in the image is Meredith on one of three new EV semi trucks added to their fleet, with more on the way.



# SHARING STORIES



## PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING, DEEPER ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, Climate Solutions invested more deeply in developing and integrating storytelling and narratives in our communications and program work. With our storytelling program we aim to generate more excitement, human connection, and desire for

clean energy solutions in everyone's lives, while helping bridge the confidence gap regarding solutions, moving from fear or uncertainty to desire and enthusiasm.

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We know that stories can help generate greater understanding—through both strategies of creating very simple content to explain complex solutions and adding story-oriented ways to break through complex, often wordy, wonky and technical speak. We also

want to support and collaborate with our partners and the greater climate action movement to create a broader collective capacity for storytelling and narrative-led campaigns, furthering our mission over our brand.

## Report from the storytelling lab: creating awareness about building pollution

Buildings are the Northwest's fastest-growing source of climate pollution. Despite this startling fact, we noticed that our calls to action regarding building codes, methane, and energy efficiency were receiving less attention than other issue areas. In response, we produced — in partnership with Shew Design — a series of three short videos that tell the story of how burning gas and other fossil fuels indoors creates air pollution that harms our health and climate. We then conducted an experiment with this new material, testing whether story-based content could help build more knowledge — and therefore drive more engagement — on the need for cleaning up pollution from the

built environment. We emailed these videos to our subscribers who hadn't engaged with our previous buildings-related content but were otherwise active. We used targeted social media ads to reach people in critical geographical regions who followed us and/or other climate- or conservation-related accounts. The response was dramatic. Within a month of receiving these videos, over 140 Climate Solutions subscribers participated for the first time in our buildings-related calls to action. The video series was viewed over 140,000 times, with >98% of these views originating in the Northwest.



**Brighter  
Futures  
CLUB**

***This year, we launched our brand-new Brighter Futures Club.***

Brighter Futures Club members are some of Climate Solutions' most dedicated supporters, contributing (or raising) \$500 or more each year to advance our work. Members receive insider benefits and updates, and exclusive event invites, all while helping to create a brighter climate future. We're grateful to work alongside these dedicated supporters who are propelling our work forward and are helping to accelerate the solutions needed to achieve our vision for the future.

***Join the Brighter Futures Club at [climatesolutions.org/brighterfutures](https://climatesolutions.org/brighterfutures)***



# BREAKING BARRIERS COLLABORATIVE



## **a new collaboration helps businesses and organizations accelerate climate progress**

This year, Climate Solutions and four partner organizations (WA Build Back Black Alliance, Clean and Prosperous Institute, Oregon Business for Climate, and The Wave NW) launched a new initiative to support Northwest businesses that want to lead the way on equitable, cost-saving climate action and take the first steps towards a clean, emission-free future.

The Breaking Barriers Collaborative provides comprehensive, hands-on, and action-oriented learning programs to cohorts of business, nonprofit, and government leaders in Washington and Oregon.

Our inaugural program of the Breaking Barriers Collaborative was a Fleet Decarbonization Accelerator. This program serves as a launchpad for businesses serious about transitioning their vehicle fleets away from unhealthy fossil fuel to emission-free vehicles.

We know transitioning to a zero-emissions fleet is good for business: lowering operating and maintenance costs, improving brand perception, and boosting employee and community health. There are also major financial incentives from government and utilities to make the decarbonization transition easier. Still, it can be a

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*Left: Breaking Barriers Collaborative Program Coordinator Emily Pinckney. The program connects learning cohorts of business and public agency leaders with peer experts in climate and equity, and a robust, regional network committed to leading the transition to a net-zero economy.*

**[breakingbarrierscollaborative.org](https://breakingbarrierscollaborative.org)**

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complicated process for a business who wants to do the right thing for the climate but whose expertise is in their business (and not decarbonization) to navigate alone.

We co-designed the BBC's Fleet Decarbonization Accelerator program to help break down barriers concerning planning, knowledge and process with a robust decarbonization curriculum. The program equips participants with the tools and support systems necessary to implement a thoughtful and effective decarbonization plan at their business.

We launched our first cohort at the start of 2023, partnering with the experts at the Electrification Coalition. Our participating organizations received tailored consulting on their fleet decarbonization goals from experts in the field, then left with decarbonization action plans, a business case for a cost-effective transition, a pitch deck to help bring stakeholders on board, and a new network of peer organizations and business leaders that made the first step in their transition toward a cleaner climate together. Our initial cohort included a number of public agencies alongside private sector participants; the next cohort starts in January 2024.



*Climate Solutions staff (left) proudly celebrate one of the first cohorts of leaders to complete the BBC Fleet Decarbonization Accelerator program (right)*



### **First cohort graduates!**

The Northwest Seaport Alliance  
Port of Seattle  
University of Puget Sound  
New Seasons Market  
Oregon Dept of Transportation  
UMC  
Central City Concern  
City of Bellingham  
FirstFruits Farms  
The Evergreen State College

AAA Washington  
Organically Grown Company  
The Summit at Snoqualmie  
MTRWestern  
McKinstry  
University of Washington  
The Bajan Station LLC  
Pacific Coast Fruit Company  
Rain Shadow Consulting



# CLIMATE CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

## **growing the ranks of Climate Champions**

This year we and our newly formed sibling 501(c)(4) organization, Climate Solutions Action Fund, launched an exciting new program. The purpose of the Climate Champions Program is to develop and support more climate champions in elected office. We launched this program to fill what we and others identified as a significant hole in the climate ecosystem in the Northwest. While an increasing number of elected officials in the region are generally supportive of climate action, there are still too few that have climate as their top priority and the issue that

they will discuss on the campaign trail, sponsor and run legislation on, and demand action for during busy legislative sessions.

In order to accelerate climate action at the speed and scale required, we simply need more climate champions in elected office. Our new program will develop innovative efforts in partnership with other organizations to make this happen. We are piloting the program in Washington in 2024 and hope to expand into Oregon in coming years.

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*Washington Rep. Sharlett Mena and Sen. Rebecca Saldaña speak with Climate Champions Program Director James Williams*

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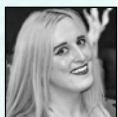
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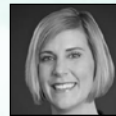
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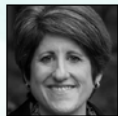
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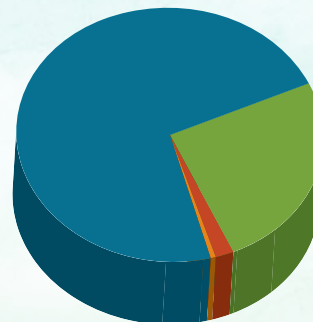
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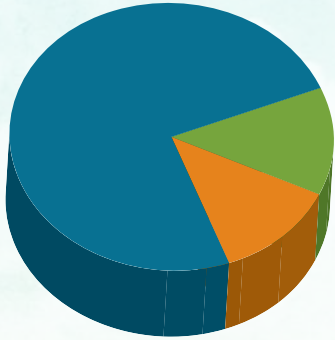


### sources of revenue (FY 2022)

- **Individual Gifts**  
\$4,192,166 (72.46%)
- **Foundations**  
\$1,454,751 (25.14%)
- **Corporate & Sponsorships**  
\$107,286 (1.85%)
- **Interest & Other**  
\$31,922 (0.55%)

**Total income - \$5,786,125**

**\* These highlights are from our draft 2022 audited financial statements. The audit is completed but still needs to be formally approved.**



## allocation of program funds (FY 2022)

|                                        |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <span style="color: #0072bc;">■</span> | <b>Program Services</b><br>\$3,473,815 (74.56%) |
| <span style="color: #92d050;">■</span> | <b>Fundraising</b><br>\$614,811 (13.2%)         |
| <span style="color: #f4a460;">■</span> | <b>Administration</b><br>\$570,402 (12.24%)     |

**Total expenses - \$4,659,028**

## net assets

**Change in Net Assets**  
\$1,127,100

**Net Assets at the Beginning of 2022**  
\$3,413,044

**Net Assets at the End of 2022**  
\$4,540,144



The financial statements of Climate Solutions as of December 31, 2022 were audited by the independent certified account firm, Jacobson Jarvis & Co. PLLC. The above are financial highlights. The audited financial statements are available on our website and by request to [info@climatesolutions.org](mailto:info@climatesolutions.org).



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