

# Climate Justice Programs

## DELIVERING CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

Climate change does not affect everyone in the same way. Historically underserved populations, including BIPOC and low-income communities, often lack the infrastructure and resources needed to respond and adapt to its impacts. We leverage our experience in the residential construction industry, along with our strong relationships with community partners and government agencies, to deliver programs that directly help vulnerable populations mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events brought on by climate change.

### CAPABILITIES

Our tested systems, processes, and partnerships enable us to quickly and effectively deploy high impact programs in vulnerable communities. We pride ourselves on working seamlessly with vendors and community partners to foster community and household resilience. We offer:

**Financial Administration:** From incentive and rebate processing to vendor contracting and management, we use finely tuned systems and quality controls to ensure program funds are used responsibly for the greatest impact.

**Equipment Purchasing and Delivery:** We have significant experience with supplier selection, price negotiation, logistics management, and inventory tracking in support of equipment delivery programs. We also develop custom technology tools for easy pick-up and delivery scheduling.

**Partner Coordination and Training:** We are expert coalition builders with a proven track record of managing delivery partner networks. Our extensive relationships with community based organizations and government entities mean we can speed implementation by quickly recruiting, on-boarding, and training program partners.

**Capacity Building:** We excel at developing systems and resources that program partners can share in order to collaborate, avoid redundancies and leverage each others' individual experiences to increase program efficiency and effectiveness.

**Communications Support:** We want to make sure the right people know about the positive impacts of the programs we deliver. We support all levels of program communications, from keeping internal and external stakeholders informed about key developments to more broad storytelling about the program.



### PROGRAM PARTNERS



### DELIVERY PARTNERS

- *City of Beaverton*
- *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon*
- *Emerald People's Utility District*
- *Eugene Water and Electric Board*
- *Multnomah County*
- *Springfield Utility Board*
- *City of Tigard*
- *Tillamook People's Utility District*

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS

- *Central City Concern*
- *Home Forward*
- *Northwest Housing Alternatives*
- *REACH CDC*
- *West Tuality Habitat for Humanity*

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## COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

- *APANO*
- *African American Alliance for Homeownership*
- *Community Energy Project*
- *Community Services Consortium*
- *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon*
- *LatinoBuilt Association*
- *Latino Network*
- *Miracles Club*
- *Northwest Native Chamber*
- *Rohinga Youth Association of Portland*
- *Seeds for the Sol*
- *Somali American Council of Oregon*
- *Verde*

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## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

**Cooling Portland:** A \$25 million climate resilience program funded by the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) that provides efficient portable cooling units to Portland residents most at risk for heat-related illness. Earth Advantage manages logistics and inventory, and coordinates a network of community distribution partners who prioritize recipients and install units in the homes of vulnerable residents across the city. More than 18,000 Portlanders have received cooling units through the program since its inception in 2022.

**Community Heat Pump Deployment Program (CHPDP):** A \$4 million program funded by Oregon Department of Energy to provide financial assistance for the purchase and installation of whole-home heat pumps in households located in climate vulnerable communities. Earth Advantage served as a Regional Program Administrator, overseeing a coalition of community based organizations, consumer-owned utilities, local governments, and community action agencies in 13 counties across the state.

**Healthy Homes Program:** A program designed by Earth Advantage and funded by Oregon Health Authority to deliver vital accessibility, weatherization, and pre-weatherization improvements for households at or below 80% of the earned median household income. The program partners with community based organizations to determine the needs of a household and perform the repairs and upgrades necessary for its long-term health and comfort.

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