Sustainable communities are possible – we know because we see it firsthand, every day. We see places where people live and work together, growing stronger over time, with the resilience to adapt in a rapidly changing world.

This past year at ISC, we have laid the groundwork, built the capacity and made connections to grow a new generation of enlightened leaders. When given the right incentives and tools, we see people coming together to reverse negative trends. Whether we’re working in a megacity in Indonesia, a factory in Guangzhou or with local government leaders in the US – the social networks we cultivate become the bonds that keep us connected and give us hope. We’re changing the conversation to show people around the world what’s possible.
For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, ISC’s revenue totaled $16.6 million with expenses totaling $12.4 million. Revenue included multi-year grants for program activities in future years. Approximately $10.3 million – or about 83% percent – of our expenses were direct program services and subgrants to partners and local organizations. These numbers represent unaudited financial statements; the final, audited financial statements will be posted on our website (www.iscvt.org) in the spring of 2014.

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ISC BY THE NUMBERS

94 projects
27 countries
22 years

76 staff members

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PROGRAM STORIES: CONNECTING LEADERS IN THE US AND AROUND THE WORLD

In September, stakeholders convened for the final Resilient Vermont workshop to discuss and review draft recommendations, leading up to the release of Vermont’s Roadmap to Resilience in December.

“It is great for me to speak with peers from across the country and this Academy has provided opportunities to connect personally, and also to think about larger issues that focus on strategy. This strategic focus is superb.”
– Emily Barrett, Sustainability Manager, Cary, NC

“Truly a powerful few days with passionate people from around the country to change the regional food systems. Invaluable. Experience.”
– James Bosi, Manager, Sysco

In 2013, the US Program Team held 13 workshops for 773 people from 175 communities across the United States. We were tapped to lead Phase 2 of the HUD-funded Sustainable Communities Learning Network, piloted our first SCLA on Urban Food Systems, held workshops for our programs in the Gulf Coast and Southeast Florida, and offered our technical expertise to the Green Office Challenge in Houston. We also scaled up our network development by adding more communities to the Western Adaptation Alliance and launching the American Society for Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) to connect leaders across the US working on adaptation and resilience issues.

International Climate Leadership Academy: Urban Climate Adaptation for ASEAN Countries

Working as part of ICMA’s USAID-funded CityLinks™ program, ISC designed and implemented a Climate Leadership Academy in Jakarta for civil society leaders and municipal and national government officials from cities in seven ASEAN-member countries. The CLA focused on social, environmental and financial risks to urban infrastructure.

Scott Muller and Mike Crowley with participants from Palembang, Indonesia at the Climate Leadership Academy in Jakarta.
EHS+ Network

Bangladesh
ISC’s first EHS+ Center in Bangladesh – slated for opening early in 2014 – is located in Dhaka, home of the country’s rapidly expanding ready-made garment industry. With support from Walmart and the Swedish International Development Agency, this EHS+ Center will focus heavily on worker health and safety to initiate long-term solutions to the critical issues facing the industry.

India
This year, ISC opened an office in Mumbai, India, under the direction of Pradeep Nair, Country Director for India. We are rapidly staffing up in this office, and with the support of The Walt Disney Foundation, we will launch an EHS+ Center in late 2014. This Center will fill a need for industry focused, cost-effective, quality EHS training programs in India.

We expect each Center to train 2,000 factory workers annually in essential skills for EHS management and sustainability leadership, and become part of our global EHS+ Network.

Clinton Global Initiative
At the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting, President George Hamilton announced ISC’s plans to develop a network of EHS+ Centers across Asia, connecting EHS champions and offering curriculum, training and certification to bring factories into basic compliance and beyond – towards more sustainable and forward-thinking practices.

Institute for Sustainable Communities President George Hamilton with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: 2006-2013
SERBIA CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCACY INITIATIVE

Building a more democratic and prosperous Serbia

On April 2, 2013, we officially closed out our Serbia Civil Society Advocacy Initiative (CSAI) program with a ceremony, the “Initiative for the Future” at the Yugoslav Drama Theater in Belgrade. The ceremony, which gathered over 250 participants and featured several renowned speakers, celebrated the successful completion of 394 projects over the course of seven years. Each of these projects addressed wide-ranging issues such as human rights, social inclusion, youth policy, and government transparency & accountability.

The CSAI program created a culture of democracy in Serbia by engaging citizens in government advocacy, fostered strong partnerships among citizens, businesses and government, and created a safe, open environment for CSOs to advocate effectively for reform issues.

CSAI achieved effective advocacy and citizen engagement by providing grants to key implementing partners, and by giving technical assistance, training, mentoring and networking opportunities to thousands of civic leaders and activists across the country.

ISC is now looking forward to the next stage of building civil society in Serbia with the new Civil Society Forward project. We will work with 11 core partners to support their advocacy campaigns and mentor them along a path to direct funding from USAID.

CSAI: Tangible results

- Improved national and local advocacy and civic engagement at across Serbia
- Improved partnership and collaboration between CSOs, businesses, national and local government, and other stakeholders
- Strengthened organizational capacity, sustainability and effectiveness of a core group of CSOs and their networks
- Improved quality and quantity of philanthropic tools available to the civil society sector and increased local philanthropy

CSAI by the Numbers

- 7 years
- 237 organizations supported
- 14 million provided
- 83 policy & legislative reforms
- 108 tangible advocacy outcomes
- 1565 civic activists trained
- 394 projects

“I have not seen a program take such a deliberate and thoughtful approach to advocacy capacity.”

-Rhonda Schlangen, independent evaluator who specializes in advocacy

ISC Board chair Richard Paisner at Smart Kolectiv’s corporate volunteering award event in September, 2013.
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The Climate Innovation Fund provides seed capital to start new climate initiatives. At the end of Fiscal Year 2013, investments in the Climate Innovation Fund totaling $650,000 leveraged over $34 million in project funding.
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“Thank you for all your great work in the field of community-based sustainability. There is a huge need, and ISC is taking a great, multi-stakeholder approach! I wish more organizations would build bridges in the same way!”

-Anonymous
From Vermont to Vietnam, Bangladesh to China, ISC staff traveled the world in 2013.