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Sustainable communities are possible — we know because every day, we see local leaders step up to do amazing things. They're changing the conversation to share **what's possible**.



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Message from the President

This is not the letter I planned to write as I shared ISC's accomplishments from 2019. In early 2020, the chaos and confusion wrought by the coronavirus have impacted us all in a big way. But I refuse to believe that they have derailed us, or diminished our achievements of the past. The pandemic has simply reminded us how important it is to strengthen our social fabric, look out for the most vulnerable among us, and prudently plan for the next crisis.



These activities continue to be at the heart of ISC's mission - so while the details of how we work may have changed in recent weeks, the meaning and purpose of our work has not. We continue to take inspiration from Greta Thunberg, who in 2019 challenged world leaders to move beyond words and commitments toward real action for climate mitigation and climate justice. "I want you to act," Greta said. "I want you to act like you would in a crisis. I want you to act like your house is on fire, because it is."

In 2020, we are getting a glimpse of how the world responds when it *knows and acknowledges* that it's on fire. In some cases, it's inspiring. In others, tragic. At ISC, we believe our best hope of transformation is at the local level. That's why we work with everyone from industry to city and community leaders to craft solutions that reflect the needs of the people on the ground.

As you read and reflect on these highlights from 2019, I encourage you to think of them as laying a foundation. In the aftermath of 2020, the world will have a lot of rebuilding to do, and ISC is here to ensure that this next phase takes us forward, not backward. We will continue to work tirelessly with our partners to keep climate, resilience, equity and the green economy front of mind, and to make sure that no one gets left behind.

Stay safe and healthy,

George Hamilton
President



2019 Highlights

ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON GREEN LOW-CARBON DEVELOPMENT

Changsha, Hunan | China

10TH SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Miami | Florida

COP24

Katowice | Poland

Oct.
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P4G Selects ISC Partnership to Scale Energy Efficiency Initiative

The Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Initiative is an international program designed to scale up clean energy and other green growth solutions. Through a highly competitive competition, P4G selected ISC's Energy Efficiency Alliance for Industry (E2 Alliance) for \$1 million in scale-up funding. Led by ISC and Energy Efficiency Services Limited, the E² Alliance will increase industrial energy efficiency in India by accelerating the adoption of more efficient motors in small and medium-sized enterprises. ISC's partnership will help remove institutional and financial barriers to switching out low efficiency motors with high efficiency models. Over the next two years, the E² Alliance expects to catalyze the procurement of 50,000 energy efficient motors (IE3 motors) and mobilize an estimated \$35 million in private sector investments.



Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative

The Kresge Foundation chose ISC to support the implementation of the community-based component of the foundation's new Climate Change, Health & Equity Initiative (CCHE). The new initiative will focus on finding equitable climate-resilience solutions that decrease health risks in urban, low-income communities across the U.S. The multi-year effort is intended to accelerate the work of community-based organizations and collaboratives as they seek to identify and implement policy solutions at the nexus of climate change, health, and racial equity. ISC will help Kresge manage the community-based initiative's 14-month planning phase, which includes grantmaking and technical assistance for future grant recipients.

Decarbonizing Growth Summit Promotes Industry-Led Climate Action

In partnership with The Mahindra Group, USAID, the MacArthur Foundation, and the U.S.-India Business Council, ISC hosted a major summit of India-based thought leaders on the topic of industrial decarbonization. India has made a tremendous commitment to reduce carbon intensity of GDP by 30-35% of 2005 levels, and industry participation will play a huge role in achieving that goal.

DISCUSSION ON RESILIENCE

Houston | Texas



EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW RAINDSCAPE

Detroit | Michigan



WORLD WATER WEEK

Stockholm | Sweden



Sept.
2019

Partnership for Resilient Communities Expands

Since 2016, the Partnership for Resilient Communities (PRC) has helped six community-based organizations (CBOs) to build long-lasting community resilience in communities of color throughout the United States. In the spring of 2019, ISC received a new three-year grant from The JPB Foundation to continue and strengthen the PRC – expanding the partnership to a total of 12 CBOs led by, and serving, people of color in cities within the United States. The announcement came on the heels of successful completion of the program's first phase.



The PRC seeks to:

- Support organizations led by, and serving, people of color to improve overall quality of life to foster economic opportunity and social and environmental resilience.
- Transform the fast-growing climate resilience field in the U.S. to be more inclusive, equity-centered, and community-led, which will lead to greater progress towards a resilient nation.

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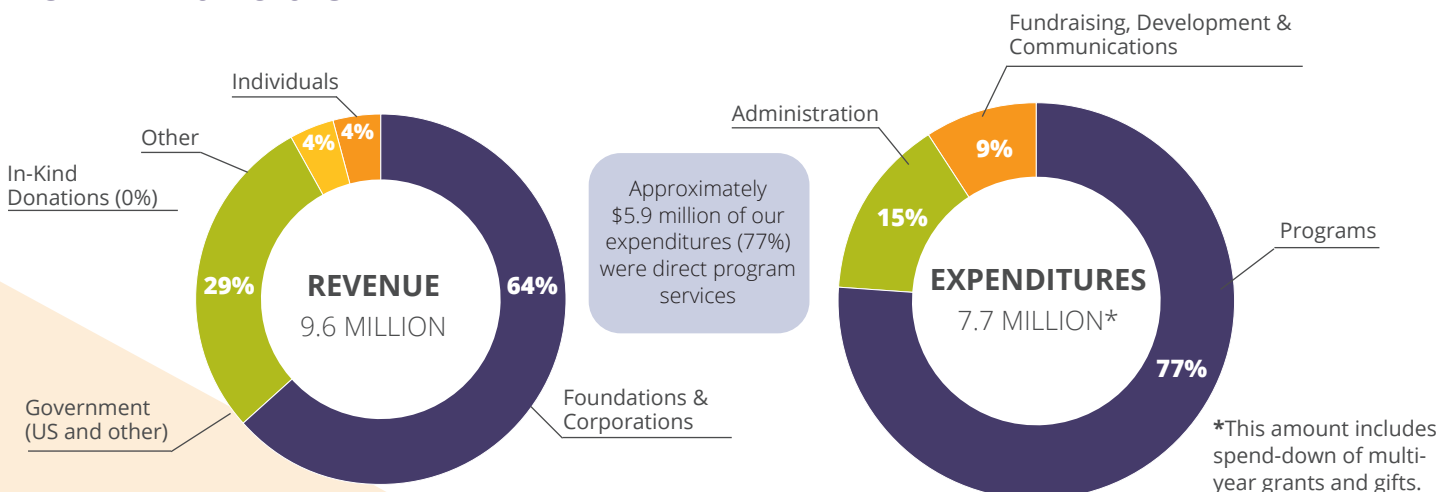
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