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2020 - 2022 Implementation Phase Cohort**

**[Asian Pacific Environmental Network](#)**

**Location:** Richmond, CA; Oakland, CA

**Project Title:** Power to the Frontlines

**Project Description:** Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), in collaboration with RYSE Youth Center in Richmond, CA, will create a youth-led climate resilience hub that will: develop local community power and leadership for a Just Transition; serve as a focal point for community-building, social connection and services; promote renewable energy, emergency preparedness, and climate justice; and provide power during times of disasters. The hub, currently under construction, will create space for the type of healing, personal development, play, performance, art, innovation, and development of community-driven microenterprises that young people want and need for their health and well-being in the community.

**[California Indian Museum & Cultural Center](#)**

**Location:** Santa Rosa, CA

**Project Title:** Resilient Native Generations

**Project Description:** California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) will transform their property into a resilience hub that can operate and service the Native people of Santa Rosa/Sonoma County in times of climate emergency. CIMCC will equip its existing building with portable commercial air filtration units and solar power that will keep the center open during wildfire-induced power shutoffs. This will also include being able to power a California Traditional Foods Incubator and associated traditional food and cultural resilience education programs in the future. Additionally, CIMCC will create and deliver new programs on solar clean energy infrastructure alternatives and Native environmental stewardship aimed at increasing community capacity and spurring workforce development.

**[Eastside Community Network](#)**

**Location:** Detroit, MI

**Project Title:** LEAP Resiliency

**Project Description:** Eastside Community Network (ECN) and its partners will construct two pilot sites for resilience hubs on the eastside of Detroit that will serve as the impetus for community engagement and a demonstration that will be leveraged for influence and policy advocacy to ultimately provide long-term funding for a network of resilience hubs. The hubs will be outfitted with renewable energy to reduce utility costs, provide power during grid outages, and showcase technological advantages to the community. Storage for medical and emergency supplies will also be offered in instances of extreme climate or public health emergencies. Residents will be trained to support the hubs' operation when they are activated and responding to emergency situations.

**[Garfield Park Community Council](#)**

**Location:** Chicago, IL

**Project Title:** Garfield Park Resilience Project

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**Project Description:** Garfield Park Community Council will support emerging local leaders in taking a leading role in climate resilience efforts on the West Side of Chicago. Through significant infrastructure projects, including a fruit and nut orchard, carbon neutral housing, and clean energy projects, the project will add green space and storm water storage while engaging residents in a tangible example of climate resilience. The project will support the development of individuals who have stepped forward to steward neighborhood resilience efforts by providing them with additional training through conservation courses offered by recognized and successful programs in the City of Chicago.

**Healthy Community Services**

**Location:** New Orleans, LA

**Project Title:** Water Wise 7th Ward; Water Wise Treme; Water Wise Upper 9th Ward

**Project Description:** Healthy Community Services (HCS) along with its partners will further advance green infrastructure to tackle chronic urban flooding that is exacerbated by climate change in three neighborhoods in New Orleans: the 7th Ward, Treme and Upper 9th Ward. In total, the projects will capture 94,600 gallons of rainwater to mitigate localized, nuisance flooding. Additionally, the project will continue to nurture and grow the leadership and capacity of 81 residents that make up the current Water Wise Neighborhood Champions (WWNC) cohort, including offering the “Undoing Racism Training” that is hosted by the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (PISAB) and the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP).

**La Mujer Obrera**

**Location:** El Paso, TX

**Project Title:** Community-led Climate Resilience in the Chamizal

**Project Description:** La Mujer Obrera (LMO) will develop and implement leadership training for and by Barrio Chamizal residents in an effort to broaden the community’s knowledge-base while continuing to prioritize local knowledge and practices. Additionally, through three campaigns, Familias Unidas del Chamizal, a community group led by residents, is working to demand accountability from the primary agents who are causing this toxicity while also fighting for the rights of K-12 students whose education and health are being significantly impacted by their environmentally compromised schools and playgrounds.

**Power52**

**Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Project Title:** Green City

**Project Description:** Power52 Foundation will partner with a local anchor institution, the 21223 community, and the City of Baltimore to create a community resiliency hub equipped with rooftop solar and storage proving the ability to be off grid for 72+ hours during a manmade or climate disaster. The hub will include emergency lighting, fire alarms, a refrigerator, and localized heating and cooling systems. Talent, to install and maintain the resiliency hub, will be sourced from Power52 Foundation’s trainees - all unemployed individuals from low income communities in the immediate area, 65% of whom have spent significant amounts of time in jail

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or prison or had interactions with the criminal justice system that negatively impact an employer's decision to hire. Power52 Foundation will also lead community engagement and education efforts for the resiliency hub.

**[Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative](#)**

**Location:** Petersburg, VA

**Project Title:** Partnering for a Resilient Petersburg

**Project Description:** The Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative (VEJC) will convert a historic building, one of the few surviving Colored USO buildings still standing in the United States, into a Community Solar Resiliency Hub. The hub will provide residents with temporary gathering space to access electricity for critical services during a power outage. It will include selected exterior lighting and indoor lighting; electric water pumps, heaters (in winter), air conditioners (in summer); charging station for phones, computers and other electrical devices; medical device power packs (wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, ventilators, etc.); fixtures and outlets for public communication devices: TV, radio and satellite; and microwave / electric stove for heating food, refrigerator for medicines and perishable items. Additionally, VEJC will continuously conduct community needs assessments towards neighborhood sustainability.

**[Walnut Way](#)**

**Location:** Milwaukee, WI

**Project Title:** Innovations & Wellness Commons (The Commons)

**Project Description:** Walnut Way's Innovations & Wellness Commons (The Commons) is a resident-led commercial development in Milwaukee's Lindsay Heights neighborhood. The Commons will resource and nurture a vibrant network of health and wellness practitioners and small-business owners of color, as well as activate a Resilience Hub that establishes a temporary shelter for basic need resources during times of public emergency. This will increase the community's capacity to withstand a crisis by utilizing sustainable development, including solar with battery storage, stormwater management installations and energy-efficient electric and mechanical features. Additionally, job training and advanced learning opportunities are available for residents to gain solar, green infrastructure planning, organizing, and implementation skills.

**[We Stay/Nos Quedamos](#)**

**Location:** New York, NY

**Project Title:** Melrose Resiliency Master Plan

**Project Description:** Nos Quedamos will activate existing infrastructure and focus on community education, outreach, leadership development, organizing, and advocacy efforts to develop Resiliency Hubs at three community gardens in Melrose. The Resiliency Hubs increase community power and its ability to anticipate, accommodate and positively adapt to or thrive amidst changing climate conditions, while addressing environmental justice disparities through climate change policy. These hubs will be the first step towards our ultimate goals: community visioning, planning and advocacy, preservation and sustainable growth of affordable housing, land use and open space, and community resources.