



# AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The [American Climate Leadership Awards](#) (ACLA) recognizes, rewards, and amplifies efforts to catalyze climate change advocacy, engagement, and action. In its third year, this year's finalists are an inspiring mix of youth, faith, elected officials, and community leaders from across the country. They have achieved success in building meaningful political resolve for climate action at local, regional, and national levels, in ways that are replicable, while demonstrating diversity, inclusion, and justice. Each finalist received \$10,000, and the runner-up GreenRoots and winner Schools for Climate Action received \$25,000 and \$50,000 respectively to continue their work. The winners were announced live at the American Climate Leadership Awards event on March 28, 2022, during the American Climate Leadership Summit.

American Climate Leadership Awards top 10 finalists Replication Guides offer a successful and stepwise model for you to replicate in your community. View + Download [HERE](#).

## ACLA 2022 Finalists

### [Alternatives for Community + Environment \(ACE\)](#)



In Boston, 70% of building emissions come from 4% of buildings. ACE partnered with the City of Boston and proved that it is possible to address greenhouse gas emissions and integrate Just Transition theory into policy, moving toward a regenerative economy grounded in the lived experiences of the people on the frontlines of pollution.

### [Climate Mobilization Project](#)



The Climate Mobilization Network leverages proven coaching, training, and peer-sharing strategies, unlocking organizers' power to: build broader, more effective movements; replicate learning from successful city- and county-level innovations; and center the most ambitious climate justice policies, building momentum for a collective climate movement.

### [Elected Officials to Protect America](#)



Elected Officials to Protect America's mission is to inspire and create solutions to the climate crisis by mobilizing veterans who are policymakers in partnership with frontline leaders in order to inspire governments at all levels to declare a climate emergency, and implement a climate emergency plan that: protects our security and health, enacts urgent solutions, ensures environmental justice, and creates prosperity in our communities.

### [Faith in Place](#)



The Faith in Place project organizes, empowers, and mobilizes people of faith to advocate for Illinois public policy that centers climate justice. Working with faith partners and Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition allies, they advocate for policy committed to renewable energy paired with investment in the communities that have not historically benefited from the transition to clean energy. In September 2021, these goals were enacted into Illinois law as the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

## GreenRoots **Runner Up**



GreenRoots co-convenes the MA Environmental Justice Roundtable which has come together to advance legislative and policy priorities to advance environmental justice and civil rights. One of the bills they've written and are advocating for would change the way energy generating facilities would be sited to be more democratic and responsive to environmental justice concerns.

## Healthy Community Services



Residents of New Orleans can expect homes, cars, and street flooding from more frequent, intense rainfall. Healthy Community Services uses the 3 E's method of engaging, educating, and empowering residents to make incremental changes to mitigate the impacts of storm waters.

## Power Shift Network



Power Shift Network is a vibrant network of collaborators who will help you grow your organizing skills, find funding, and amplify your impact. They believe the thing about climate anxiety is that the best way to overcome the anxiety is by taking action.

## Schools for Climate Action **Winner**



Schools for Climate Action is a free grassroots initiative engaging the education sector in climate justice. Students draft climate action resolutions from their templates, engage school boards to acknowledge climate change as generational justice and equity issues, and commit school districts to local climate goals.

## Wisconsin Green Muslims



Wisconsin Faith Communities for Equitable Solar Initiative, coordinated by Wisconsin Green Muslims, provides an opportunity to (a) address Islamophobia, discrimination, and structural racism, (b) advance solar energy through building interfaith relationships grounded in our collective values of love, light, and justice, and (c) advocate for energy democracy work that is community-based, solutions-focused, frontline, BIPOC and women-led, and justice-centered.

## Young Evangelicals for Climate Action (YECA)



The Climate Leadership Fellows Program equips young leaders to create projects that address unique needs in their communities. Since 2014, Christian fellows have spurred cultural, social, and institutional changes on college campuses by starting recycling and composting, hosting educational events, installing solar panels, creating clubs, and meeting with school administrators.