

The Mobility Fund 2022 Overview

The United States is at a transportation crossroads: carbon emissions are exacerbating the climate crisis, and the systemic inequalities of our challenging transportation system deny millions access to mobility options.

Local support for just and sustainable transportation addresses the interlocking challenges of climate and inequality. With transportation as the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, the promotion of public transit, biking and walking is necessary to both reduce traffic volumes and increase mobility options for those who have the least access. Efforts to meaningfully influence how Americans view and utilize transportation must not be siloed.

Mobility advocates work tirelessly to bridge gaps in the current transportation system through strategic and concerted local activism tied to a national agenda. To make meaningful change, these groups need our trust and flexible support. Without funding efforts of local, regional, and national philanthropic organizations, we will fail to address these systemic inequalities in our communities. Community power building is particularly critical for underserved, underrepresented, and historically marginalized communities who have been excluded from decision-making on the policies and practices that impact their transportation choices. The [Mobility Fund](#) seeks to build community through a sustained and organized base of people to set agendas, change public discourse, inform decision-makers, and cultivate positive shifts in power.

Fund Goals:



Increase access to and use of active transportation modes and public transit



Support ongoing essential advocacy group operations



Foster cost and time saving collaborations to advance mobility initiatives within and across geographic regions

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Jan - June

July – Sept

Oct – Dec



2022 cycle begins

The fund's [indicators of success](#) are updated with current portfolio data after each round completes. Additionally, impacts and [lessons learned](#) from proposers, the fund's Advisory Team, and grantees are collected and reviewed to ensure the fund is being helpful and effective as it achieves its goals.

Fundraising +
Request For
Proposals (RFP)
launched

Proposals
submitted +
award decisions

Grants
announced +
funds disbursed

About the Fund

The Mobility Fund supports community-based advocacy around sustainable and equitable mobility through competitive grantmaking. To date, the fund has granted \$778,000 to 17 mobility advocate groups working to advance equitable mobility access and use in communities since its launch in 2020. Thus far, grant recipients have reported \$1,807,943 in additional leveraged funds, producing a 232.4% return on the Mobility Fund's investment. This fund is housed at [Global Philanthropy Partnership](#). It is supported by the pooled funds of trailblazing regional and national philanthropic foundations who are comfortable working at the nexus of equity and climate to transform broken systems. Fund processes are guided by an Advisory Team made up of local mobility advocates and national funders.

Funds can be used for:



**General Operating
Support**



Coalition Building



Advocacy Campaigns

Contact Susanna Sutherland (susanna@saenv.com) to discuss goals, strategy, and grant-making operations.