## QUARTERLY REPORT

Q1 2024





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# OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE



QUARTER



13 Nonprofits Assisted



**18 Advocacy Engagements** 



11 Coalition Commitments Fulfilled



**496 Clean Energy Projects Funded** 



217,330.70 Kilowatts of Solar Supported



5.42 Megatons of Carbon Offset



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\$37,113,425.70 in Climate Advising



### NOTEWORTHY Q1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



These efforts would not be possible without the support and trust of our partners!

Continued supporting nonprofit organizations in their solar journey with our Solar Moonshot Program, thanks to our generous funders and partners

Successfully helped 3 solar projects go live serving nonprofits in Oceanside's Communities of Concern in partnership with Preserve Calavera and BQuest Foundation. Collectively these systems will save the nonprofits \$2 million.

Helped advance 2 more California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) rebate applications and projects for nonprofits serving Communities of Concern

Worked with coalition partners to launch a new San Diego effort to help Communities of Concern impacted by January floods rebuild their homes sustainably and efficiently.

Registered support for 8 bills in the California State Legislature to help advance clean energy and climate justice

Assisted the Sherman Heights Community Center in advancing a solar and storage project, which will increase clean energy literacy, resiliency, lower energy costs as well as improve the indoor and outdoor air quality. The Center will soon be a resilience hub for the communities of concern that it serves.

Received an invitation from the Governor's Office for the San Diego Climate Leaders Round Table

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# SOLAR MOONSHOT PROGRAM



We are in the fifth year of managing the <u>Solar Moonshot Program</u>, which helps nonprofit organizations switch to clean solar energy, providing much-needed funding for projects that would not have otherwise been built. Thus far, the Solar Moonshot Program has assisted 148 organizations across 28 United States, Puerto Rico and Rwanda, deploying 217,330.70 kW of solar and offsetting 5,416,810.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide. This is the equivalent of the amount of greenhouse gas from 13,438,259,919 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle, carbon dioxide emissions from 5,969,428,415 pounds of coal burned and carbon sequestered from 89,543,658 urban tree seedlings grown for 10 years. We are grateful to the generous funders of this program.

#### **Quarter 1 2024 Metrics and Grantees**

- 13 projects (3 completed, 10 in progress) across 8 states and our first international grant for a solar project in Rwanda was committed!
- \$530,702 out of \$1,000,000 committed to the program

Below is the list of the 14 impressive nonprofit organizations that will use solar savings to reinvest in their missions and communities while helping mitigate climate change with their solar projects this year:

- New Earth Recovery located in Mount Vernon, Washington
- Wafer Food Pantry located in La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Koinonia Farms located in Americus, Georgia
- Sauk Prairie School District located in Prairie de Sac, Wisconsin
- Buckhorn Children and Family Services located in Buckhorn, Kentucky
- Gustavus Adolphus College located in St. Peter, Minnesota
- Life Services Alternatives (Project 3) located in Campbell, California
- Land's Sake Inc located in Weston, Massachusetts
- Habitat for Humanity Virginia located in Virginia
- Kinvest Impact Foundation, located in Rwanda
- Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, located in Elkhorn, Wisconsin
- Sherman Heights Community Center, located in San Diego, California
- Hope Village Tiny Housing Alternatives Inc, located in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

### SOLAR MOONSHOT PROGRAM GRANTEE FEEDBACK



"We are longer be dependent on coal and gas, and we can demonstrate to all the thousands of guests who visit us each year that Koinonia Farm, 82 years after its inception, is still caring for Earth, the people who make this place their home, and all the guests, visitors, and neighbors who are part of Koinonia's life"

Elizabeth Dede, Developmental Assistant
 Koinonia Farm, Americus, GA



Photo credit:Koinonia Farms



Photo credit: Wafer Food Pantry

"Everyone at Wafer is so excited to finally see a solar array at our new facility! This will allow us to offset much of the environmental impact of storing, processing and distributing food at the pantry. It will also offset energy expenses, which allows us to be better stewards of monetary donations and support the mission of providing direct service to people in need."

-Erin Waldhart, Executive Director Wafer Food Pantry, La Crosse, WI

### **LOOKING AHEAD**





### **Continue Strong Climate Advocacy**

We are using our voices and resources to advocate for climate justice locally and statewide. We are continuing to track new climate bills in the California Assembly and Senate and have registered support for 8 bills that help advance clean energy access, remove barriers to adopting clean energy, hold the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) accountable, lessen utility influence and stop the abuse of ratepayer funds. We are continuing to push to advance a philanthropic loan guarantee concept for the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program through a CPUC proceeding.



#### Launch a local program to help San Diegans rebuild green

We are working with coalition partners to create a new local initiative to help Communities of Concern in San Diego who were severely affected by the January flooding events. Recognizing the need to rebuild, our coalition partners and HCSF want to help community members rebuild green, with more resilient infrastructure. This effort includes securing funding for the program, working with the city and the county to remove permitting fees and barriers as well as educating community members about this effort and available resources.



#### Assist with the Power San Diego campaign

We are assisting with the Power San Diego ballot initiative, which is an initiative to municipalize San Diego's utility system. While the campaign team woks on gathering signatures to qualify this measure to be on the November ballot, we have helped with organizing press conferences and contacting the media in order to increase public awareness.



#### Secure Funding for HCSF and Climate Programs

We are continuing to apply for funding for our climate programs in addition to general operating grants that can support our effective team's efforts on climate policy, advocacy as well as program and project management.

### THANK YOU!



Our impactful efforts wouldn't be possible without our amazing philanthropic and nonprofit partners!

We deeply appreciate your support, and we are proud of our collective impact, which is combating the climate crisis and reducing climate injustices.

Thank you for helping expedite a just and livable future.









For questions, feedback, partnership or donation inquiries, please reach out to our Executive Director, Tara Hammond: tara@hcs.foundation | 858-215-4483