

# Climate Investments In the San Diego Region





# San Diego Foundation

- Place Based Funder
- Assets \$1.5B +
- 2023 Grants \$130M +
- 50 years old
- Environment Program  
longest standing program
- Climate Initiatives have supported \$14M  
in grants







## Climate Initiatives

- \$14M+ invested in vulnerable communities impacted by climate change
- 51 climate change research studies funded
- 168 climate projects serving San Diego communities

# Report: San Diego Environmental NGOs

## Leading Climate & Environmental Action in the San Diego Region

The strengths and needs of the San Diego region's environmental

### ONLY 2% OF NONPROFITS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The San Diego region is home to over 12,000 nonprofits, and environmental nonprofits represent 2% of them in terms of number of organizations and revenue. This sector is very small considering that climate change presents a vast array of challenges to the region. Environmental nonprofits are working on the frontlines, engaging in community- and nature-based solutions to enhance our resilience to climate change. Additionally, they are organizing and advocating for government funding and policy change, building public-private partnerships, and raising community awareness about the issue.

2%  
Environmental nonprofits  
(296 organizations)

### CLIMATE CHANGE IS A TOP CONCERN, BUT FEW FOUNDATION GRANTS GO TO ENVIRONMENTAL NONPROFITS

San Diegans are increasingly concerned about environmental issues impacting our quality of life and climate change. In 2018, 3% of foundation grants were awarded to environmental organizations.

#### Top Concerns of San Diego Residents, 2022<sup>2</sup>

1. Housing
2. Wildfires\*
3. Climate change
4. Employment

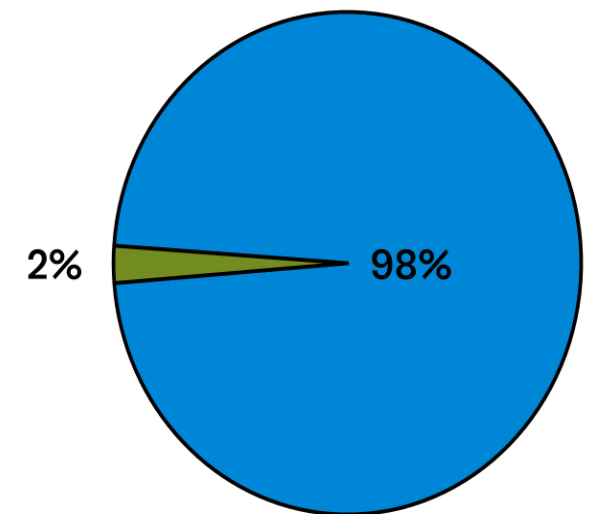
#### Foundation Grants Awarded to San Diego Nonprofits by Subsector, 2018



## Focus Areas of San Diego Environment Nonprofits

12,458  
Total Number of Nonprofits in  
San Diego County, 2020

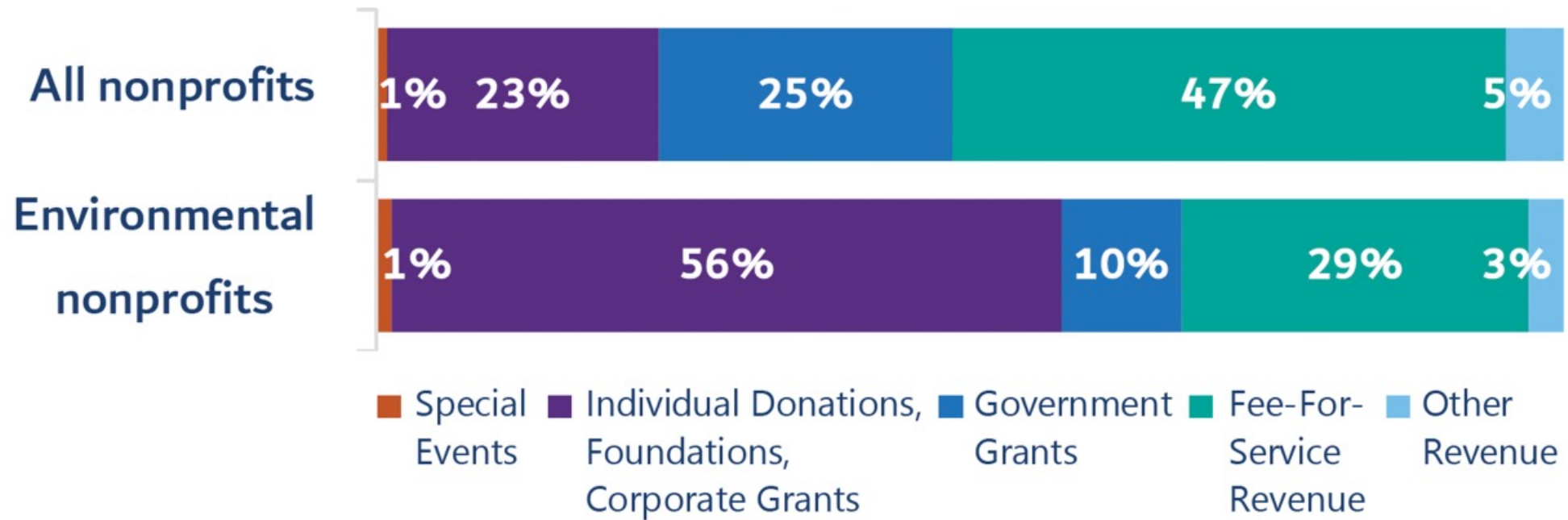
295  
Climate/Environment  
Organizations



Climate/environment nonprofits also represent an estimated 2% of San Diego Nonprofit Revenue



# Primary Nonprofit Revenue Sources, 2020





# Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity

Round 5 Transformative Climate Communities Grant Recipient

**\$22 Million TCC Funds + \$26 Million Matching Funds = \$48 Million Total**





# TCC In the News



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## San Diego Foundation, environmental coalition receive \$22 million

December 23, 2023

POLITICS

## SD Foundation, Environmental Coalition Granted \$22 Million for Barrio Projects



by Debbie L. Sklar  
December 18, 2023

## San Diego Foundation, environmental coalition granted \$22 million for barrio projects



By City News Service

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## \$22M grant to fund climate projects in San Diego's central historic barrios

The grant money will be leveraged with matching funds to invest a total of \$46 million in neighborhoods like Barrio Logan, Grant Hill, Mt. Hope, and others.



# New Model for Administering Climate Grants







# EPA Community Change Grant

- July: San Diego Foundation selected to receive ~\$20 M
- Aug-Dec: EPA Pre-Award Certification Process
- With EPA approval, funds obligated in early January



# RICCE Funding

**\$22 MM TCC Funds +  
~\$20 MM EPA Funds +  
~\$26 MM Matching Funds  
= \$68 Million Total**

# RICCE Partnership

## RICCE Project Area



## TCC Projects

- 1 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST  
- 2 TREE PLANTING 
- 3 HOLISTIC HEALTHY HOMES    
- 4 TRANSIT STOP IMPROVEMENTS  
- 5 CHICANO PARK MUSEUM RESILIENCE UPGRADES 
- 6 VIA VERDE ELECTRIC SHUTTLE 
- 7 PROJECT NEW VILLAGE 
- 8 BOSTON AVENUE PARK 

### Transformative Plans:

-  COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 
-  WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 
-  DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE 

## EPA Projects

- HOLISTIC HEALTHY HOMES    
- MTS ZERO EMISSIONS BUSES  
- CHICANO PARK MUSEUM RESILIENCE UPGRADES 
- VIA VERDE ELECTRIC SHUTTLE 

### Transformative Plans:

-  WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 



# Learnings and Challenges from the EPA CCG

**EPA application and pre-award process requires significant resources.**

**Federal requirements are burdensome for CBOs.**

**We are learning alongside EPA about these new programs.**

**Support from consultants/others with longtime government experience is key.**

# Thank You

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