



**Fund
Transformative
Climate Action
in Cities**

Total 2021 Funding: \$610K; Leveraged \$863K
Since Inception (2015): \$3.8M; Leveraged Over \$43.7M

Project Launch:
Dramatically Reducing Embodied Carbon in Europe

Game Changer Fund — \$500K Investment in 2021:

- Urban Bioenergy-Biochar (Lead: Boulder)
- Construction Materials (Lead: SF)
- Natural Carbon Offsets (Lead: Sydney)
- Circular Economy Research (Lead: Vancouver)

Projects Concluded:

- Final Mile in Denver & Vancouver
- Mobility Hubs in Minneapolis & Stockholm

**Exert Collective
Influence**

Across Europe

In consultation with European cities participating in the Embodied Carbon project, two sets of policy recommendations were drafted and submitted for consideration to the EU Commission:

- The Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- The Construction Products Regulation

Across the US

Leveraged US cities' collective voice and power to ensure federal funds supported and centered urban sustainability efforts

**Advance
Methodologies,
Standards &
Governance
Tools**

Request For Proposals: Climate Justice Tools

Launched to support members' development of climate justice planning evaluation tools to improve climate action outcomes

More to come in 2022

**Foster
Peer
Learning**

2021 Digital Annual Meeting: Shifting & Building Power
Conversations & workshops explored strategies for building power through new governance models that advance a just carbon neutral future:

- Community engagement approaches that improve inclusivity, equity and accessibility
- On-the-ground examples of climate justice in practice
- Place-based & sector strategies for carbon reduction

Peer Review of Vancouver's Climate Budget

CNCA gathered the cities of Amsterdam, Oslo and Stockholm for a two-hour session to review materials shared in advance and participate in our first digital peer review

"This was extremely useful for finalizing our indicators."
— City of Vancouver

"This further developed our thinking around climate budgets."
— Peer Reviewers

**Cultivate
Transformational
Leadership**

CNCA Transformational Leadership Training

CNCA fills an important gap among city leaders in their development as change agents by creating opportunities to connect them with their peers:

- In 2021 we launched a new leadership training series with 6 virtual gatherings for 19 sustainability leaders from CNCA cities across two geographical cohorts
- Participation of city staff that identify as members of a minority was encouraged
- Each session connected participants with a new expert on transformational leadership

**Help Cities
Communicate
More Effectively**

Community Engagement

Introduced community engagement strategies — e.g. Appreciative Inquiry — as part of new CNCA focus to involve the public in participatory decision making

Storytelling Workshops

Scaled up storytelling training across CNCA membership

Focusing on this personal & professional skill is a 2022 priority

Digital Storytelling

Rolled out new effort to raise awareness of member's game changing work, starting with Glasgow during COP26

**Prioritize a Just
Carbon Neutral
Future**

Climate Justice Committee

Convened to advise on opportunities to embed climate justice throughout CNCA programming

Project Conclusion: 100% Cities

Community-based organizations and cities were supported to co-create racially equitable renewable energy policies in King County, WA, Atlanta, and Washington, DC